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Noteworthy Information from your [Personalized Learning Coaches](#).

1. Announcing Magic School AI Enterprise Version



Natick schools have partnered with MagicSchool AI to provide you and our staff with this exciting and powerful platform! [Get Started HERE Today!](#)

Why MagicSchool AI?

1. **Teachers are overworked and burnt out.** More than four in ten K-12 teachers in the U.S. (44%) say they "always" or "very often" feel burnt out at work—outpacing all other industries nationally. (Gallup)
2. **MagicSchool's AI can save you hours of time**, by helping lesson plan, differentiate, communicate with families, and so much more!
3. **MagicSchool is the leading AI platform for educators** with over 1M users and growing!
4. **MagicSchool is easy to use** so you can get started right away.

If you haven't already tried **Magic School AI**, now's the time! [Get Started HERE Today!](#)

2. March is Digital Learning Month - IT'S ALL ABOUT AI!



Throughout March, our [PL Coaches](#) will host workshops on using **Magic School AI** to improve teaching and integrating AI tools for student learning. As technology becomes essential in education, it's crucial to teach students safe and responsible AI use. The workshops will explore creative ways to use AI for K-12 education, stressing ethical use, data privacy, and critical thinking. Please join us in preparing students for a future where they can responsibly utilize AI's potential.

Teacher Leaders and Department leads, please sign up for a time that your PL Coaches might run a workshop for your team when it is convenient for you during the month of March. This could be faculty, team, or department meetings, before, during or after school. ***Please reach out to your PL coach to schedule a time for a workshop.*** Workshops can be from 30 - 60 minutes long depending on how much time you are able to devote with your team. *In addition to AI workshops, educators can request workshops on any of Natick's online systems / platforms including the 2024 Super Power Tools (SEE BELOW). We will work with you to schedule the training when it can best serve your team members.*

3. The 2024 Super Power Tools.

We have revised the list of **Natick Superpower Tools for 2024**. The tools selected maximize classroom student engagement, agency and teacher Universal Design for Learning (UDL) practices that support learner variability through flexible methods and means. Click on the image below to learn more about each tool! Also check out the **Accessibility Chart** that shows the features of each platform.



[PDF of Natick's Superpower Tools 2024](#)

4. Other Noteworthy Updates for February.

Student Identity and UDL - [Blog Post](#), Pamela Chu-Sheriff January 22, 2024

"If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going."

- Maya Angelo

Black History Month Resources

Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history. The PL coaches lead by Nili Bartley have compiled the following resources for teachers to support this month's study and celebration.

[Black History Month Resources for Elementary](#)

[Black History Month Resources for Middle School](#)

Reading is FUNDamental with SORA! - If you haven't heard by now all of the Natick school libraries have purchased licenses for [SORA](#) in addition to the [MLS Commonwealth Ebook Collection](#). This new collection of 60,000+

ebooks, magazines and audiobooks is an amazing resource for all faculty and students grades PK-12. Not only has it allowed us to expand our library collection, SORA's language support and accessibility features will remove any access barriers our special needs and language learners have! ***If you want to learn more about how to access this new collection, please reach out to your school librarian today!***

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Common Sense Education - Use media to start important conversations about AI with students. [Article](#)

Nearpod February Tips - [Newsletter](#)

Newsela February Tips - [Newsletter](#)

Paper Reading - Build Student Literacy Outcomes

Encouraging students to not only practice reading—but genuinely enjoy it. By encouraging students to read aloud and giving educators visibility into which students completed their reading as well as how much they read, Paper Reading effectively drives independent reading habits. Here is a [Video](#) on how **Paper Reading** works.

Dive into a month of adventure with Paper Reading!

[February Paper Reading Calendar](#): Explore and assign daily readings effortlessly for Elementary and Middle School.

*We hope you seize the opportunity to immerse your students in a month-long adventure of discovery and knowledge. With **Paper Reading**, every day sparks a new opportunity for exploration and learning and provides teachers with immediate data-driven feedback*

