

Newport Mill Middle School
Take A Stand Tuesday Announcement Structure
Take A Stand Tuesday – Weekly Morning Announcements

During morning announcements we spend time talking about the character trait of the month. Music is played to introduce the announcement and then continues in the background during the announcement. (This helps attract students' attention. Feedback indicates this is effective.) We use Bob Marley's song "*Get Up, Stand Up*" specifically the chorus which says

Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!
Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!
Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights!
Get up, stand up: don't give up the fight!

There are three different types of *Take A Stand* Announcements to incorporate other events that happen later in the day as part of the character education program.

1. **Video Tuesdays** – On these days there is a role-play video (starring staff and students) that demonstrates how that trait can be practiced at school.
2. **Character in Action Lesson Tuesdays** – On these days the students will be having a Character in Action Lesson. These lessons have been created in collaboration with the department presenting the lesson and are related to their curriculum. In the announcements we notify students as to subject will be teaching the lesson
3. **Take A Stand Advice Tuesdays** – On these days we share a quote, some advice or a way to practice the character trait of the month in daily life.

Including student voices: There are two ways that we incorporate students into these announcements.

1. Students do our daily announcements everyday, so they read part of the Take A Stand Tuesday announcements.
2. We incorporate something the students have written previously, a piece of advice, or a comment they may have given during one of the Character in Action lessons.

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Month: April
Character Trait: Respect

Video Tuesdays

Adult Staff reads: Good morning Newport Mill Middle School. Today is Take A Stand Tuesday and after announcements there will be a short role-play for you to watch on respect. Now let's hear what a Newport Mill student had to say about showing respect.

Student reads:

A Newport Mill Student said: "I think I showed respect to my friend because I got so mad I felt like slapping her, but I just talked to her about it instead"

Adult Staff reads: Another great way to take a respectful stand!

Character in Action Lesson Tuesdays

Adult Staff reads: Good morning Newport Mill Middle School. Today is Take A Stand Tuesday and you will be having a respect lesson this week in your Social Studies class. Now let's hear what a Newport Mill student had to say about showing respect.

Student reads:

A Newport Mill Student said: "Respect is not misbehaving when you have a substitute teacher."

Adult Staff reads: Another great way to take a respectful stand!

Take A Stand Advice Tuesdays

Adult Staff reads: Good morning Newport Mill Middle School. Today is Take A Stand Tuesday and here is today's Take A Stand advice.

What is popular is not always right. What is right is not always popular. Can you Take a Stand and choose what is right instead of choosing what is popular?
Now let's hear what a Newport Mill student had to say about showing respect

Student reads:

A Newport Mill Student said: "I was respectful when someone's books fell to the floor because another student had pushed them off his desk and I helped him get his stuff instead of kicking it around."

Adult Staff reads: Another great way to take a *respectful* stand!