

LEADING the NATION

Hingham Middle School to South Sudan

Hingham Middle School set a goal last year to raise \$15,000 to drill a well in South Sudan, which has been fully realized! The All-School Read program started in the summer of 2016 when every student and every faculty member read *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. This book inspired the school community to help bring clean water to a village in South Sudan. Fundraising efforts included a clothing/houseware drive, sixth graders (now seventh graders) raised over \$10,000 with Read Across America, the fundraising committee sold water bottles, and a fun Walk/Run for Water was held in May. These efforts culminated with a well drilled in February of this year by the organization, Water for South Sudan. So many students and their families went above and beyond to help make this dream a reality; thank you to everyone.

The next All-School Reading book will be announced this June!

Local village members celebrate the opening of the well funded by Hingham Middle School.



A close-up of the well in South Sudan.