



## **WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH ~ 11-19-20**



- Tuesday, 11/24, Cohort B In Person Day, Cohort A is Remote (see below)
  - Wheelock Site Council Ballot Vote Deadline, 11/25 (see below)
  - Thanksgiving Break, 11/26 & 11/27; School Resumes 11/30
- Please Read Nurse Keigan's Very Important Illness Guidelines Below



**Don't Forget!**

### **Schedule Change for Cohort A & B Next Week**

Monday, November 23rd- Cohort A will attend in person/ Cohort B will attend remotely

Tuesday, November 24th- Cohort B will attend in person/ Cohort A will attend remotely

Cohort A/C will be in their classroom on Monday and in the LMC on Tuesday.  
Cohort B/C will be in the LMC on Monday and in their classroom on Tuesday.



**\*\*School Dismissal Manager Changes for Cohort B Day this Tuesday, 11/24 - Please Read**

Please take note that if you do not make changes to your Cohort B child's end of day plan for Tuesday, 11/24, we will be assuming your child's plan is the same as the plan they had on Thursday, 11/19. For example, if your Cohort B child's default plan is Bus 6, 7, 8 or 9 and you need them to be a pick up on Tuesday, you must update SDM or contact the office before 1:30 on Tuesday, 11/24. This would apply to default Walkers as well. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Beth DiGregorio or Mary Beth Reddy in the office at 508-359-6055.



Travelling before or after Thanksgiving break? Please be sure to update School Dismissal Manager with the reason why your child will be late or absent.

**Important COVID-19 Updates From The School Nurse**  
**Thanksgiving During COVID-19**



***School Site Council***



Thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest in being a member of our School Site Council. We need 2 parents per grade level. Here is the [ballot](#) with the names of the candidates. If you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Please vote by Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Thank you in advance for your participation.



**Reminder! End-of-Day Pick Up Times**

Our Pick Up lines have been working very efficiently! Effective Tuesday, October 20th, please note that we made slight tweaks to our Group 2 and 3 pick up times:

Group 1 (**Red Group**) 2:50pm

Group 2 (**Green Group**) 2:55pm

Group 3 (**Blue Group**) 3:00pm



### **Cold Weather Dress**

As the temperature continues to drop please ensure that your child is coming to school with the appropriate clothing for recess and mask breaks.



### **COVID Got You Down?**

**Due to demand, the Medfield Outreach office  
has decided to continue our Mental Health  
Drop-In Open Hours!**

Medfield Youth Outreach is offering weekly, confidential and free mental-health check ins.  
For more information, [click here](#).



### **Keeping Wheelock Parents Informed**

\*Brought to you by Medfield Cares About Prevention (MCAP)  
in partnership with the Medfield Police Department.  
Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information.



Our popular Chess Wizards program is back with a twist! Please see the [attached flyer](#) with information about participating in remote Chess classes.



### **Wondering Who to Contact?**

**Questions around curriculum?** Please contact your child's classroom teacher

**Questions about technology?** Email [gmailsupport@email.medfield.net](mailto:gmailsupport@email.medfield.net)

**Bus/Transportation questions?** Email Phyllis Montillo at [pmontillo@email.medfield.net](mailto:pmontillo@email.medfield.net) or contact Beth DiGregorio or Mary Beth Reddy in the Wheelock office.

**Medical questions/concerns?** Contact Aimie Keigan, R.N., B.S.N, at [akeigan@email.medfield.net](mailto:akeigan@email.medfield.net)



### **Mrs. Caulfield's Morning Announcements**

A quick way to find Mrs. Caulfield's morning announcements is via her [YouTube Channel](#).

They may also be found on classroom Virtual Notebooks as well.

Happy viewing!



**Assistants & Teaching/Nurse Substitutes Needed!**

We continue to need assistants, teaching substitutes and nurse substitutes at all levels in our schools! Wheelock is currently looking for assistants to work up to four days per week. Please apply on [SchoolSpring](#). If you feel qualified, please consider applying for either of these instrumental roles.



**\*\*School lunches will now be provided free of charge to all students as part of a federal grant until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. If your child brings a lunch from home, they may also order a milk, free of charge, if they choose.**



### **New Online Lunch Ordering System Has Begun -- Please Read!**

A new, online lunch ordering system has been implemented as of Monday, November 2nd for students at Wheelock and Memorial. Our Food Services Director, Caitlin Fahy, [sent information](#) to all Wheelock parents earlier last week regarding how to [set up your child's account](#) for online ordering and with details about how this will work and new, [interactive menus](#). Beginning Monday, November 30, 2020 we will no longer be taking lunch count in aspen. This will be the sole method of ordering student lunches.

### **Wheelock's Lunch Menu for the Month of November**

Wheelock's lunch menu is updated and complete for the month of November (subject to change).

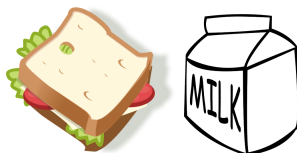
To check out what is being offered [click here](#).

Please discuss the menu with your child and remind him/her what they chose for lunch each day.

### **Special Dietary Accommodations for School Meals**

If you have a child who would like to participate in school meals and who has a food allergy, please contact our Food Services Director, Caitly Fahy, at [cfahy@email.medfield.net](mailto:cfahy@email.medfield.net). We also ask that you fill out the [attached form](#) and submit it to the Food Service Department.

Also as a reminder we do not serve anything that contains tree nuts or peanuts.



## Snack & Lunch In the Classroom

Due to changes in where students eat snack/lunch, please refrain from sending your student to school with the most common allergens (*peanut/tree nut foods*).



***Stay home when you are sick***

[Important COVID-19 Updates From The School Nurse](#)

[Thanksgiving During COVID-19](#)

[Please See Here For MPS COVID-19 Guidelines](#)

Stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Please be sure to **contact the school nurse with any symptoms or diagnosis of illness.**

Due to COVID-19, all persons in the schools are required to adhere to a number of measures to comply with the public health guidelines. These include, but are not limited to: staying at home when ill, washing hands often, wearing masks/face coverings (no gaiters or vented masks) and maintaining social distance.

## How we can prevent the spread of germs

- **Washing your HANDS** often with soap and water or an alcohol based hand sanitizer for **20 seconds**. Washing hands often under clean, running water can help prevent the spread of germs. For more guidance see the [CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands](#). If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.

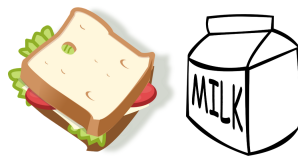


- **Wearing a MASK** -Wearing a cloth or paper surgical mask can help prevent the spread of germs.
- Per the Medfield Board of Health, no gaiters or masks with valves or vents
- **Keeping your DISTANCE** -Keeping a distance of at least 6 feet between others helps reduce the spread of germs.



## FLU SHOTS

Per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
 All students (hybrid and virtual academy) must now receive flu shots to attend school.  
 Please provide the school nurse with documentation by  
 December 31st, 2020



## SNACK & LUNCH IN THE CLASSROOM

Due to changes in where students eat snack/lunch, please refrain from sending your student to school with the most common allergens (*peanut/tree nut foods*)



## Nurse Substitutes Needed...Can you help?

Substituting will offer the opportunity to learn what school nursing involves and to interact with our wonderful students. The need is sporadic, but the rewards are great! A current Massachusetts RN license is required. Duties include: tending to the health needs of the students and staff, dispensing medications, and communicating with parents. A basic orientation is provided. Please speak to any of the school nurses for more information, contact the superintendent's office for an application or apply on [SchoolSpring](https://www.schoolspring.com).



Medfield School Nurses  
Have a Twitter account!

Please follow them @MedfieldNurses on Twitter for health updates and information.

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### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM MCPE:



### **HEROES UNDER THE MASK-*nominate a hero today!***

Our teachers and staff are working tirelessly to ensure our children's safety, social emotional health, educational progress, and happiness. This is your chance to recognize all the little and big things they are doing to make this unsettled time purposeful! Please take a moment to share the positive experiences your family is experiencing during this time by nominating a hero using [Using the Heroes Under the Mask Nomination Form](#). Nominations will be shared publicly so that we can celebrate the positive efforts as a community.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to see all the Heroes!





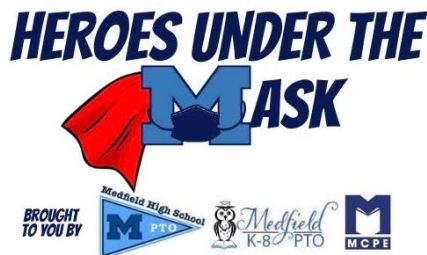


## **ANNUAL FUNDING DRIVE-going on now!**

The drive makes it possible for the PTO to operate and cover academic enrichment, classroom events, teacher appreciation activities and other school/class activities throughout the school year. Funds from this drive are dispersed evenly to all four schools based on the number of students per school. Therefore, you may send in one payment even if you have multiple children at different schools.

Suggested contribution of \$30 per child  
Pay by PayPal or Venmo (@MedfieldTownwide-PTO)  
Or checks made payable to Medfield K-8 PTO sent to:  
Medfield K-8 PTO  
P.O. Box 387  
Medfield, MA 02052

Or please visit [www.medfieldk8pto.com](http://www.medfieldk8pto.com) for more information. Contributions of any amount are accepted and are tax-deductible. Please consider asking your employer if they will match your contribution. Thank you for your continued support!



## **Want to Recognize Our Amazing MHS Staff?**

Our Medfield Public School teachers and staff are working tirelessly to ensure our children's safety, social emotional health, educational progress, and happiness. Together, the K-8 PTO, High School PTO, and MCPE are excited to launch the Heroes Under the Mask Campaign which celebrates the positive experiences that go above and beyond the normal role of teachers, staff and administrators. This is your chance to recognize all the little and big things they are doing to make this unsettled time purposeful! Please take a moment to share the positive experiences your family is experiencing during this time by nominating a hero using the *Heroes Under the Mask* [Nomination Form](#). Nominations will be shared publicly so that we can celebrate the positive efforts as a community.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see all the Heroes!

**ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:**



## Bay State Textiles

An easy fundraiser that generates \$100 per ton on textiles collected for the Medfield K-8 PTO, saves the town money on disposal fees *and* helps the environment! This is what you do:

1. Gather the items you were planning on throwing away or donating
2. Put them in a bag
3. Deliver the bags to one of the textile donation boxes located outside each school, the transfer station or Hinckley Pond.

Don't forget to invite your family, friends, & neighbors to participate!

Bay State Textiles will accept all CLEAN & DRY clothing, shoes, pocketbooks, linens, stuffed animals and accessories. Visit [baystatetextiles.com](http://baystatetextiles.com) for a detailed list of items.



the difference **1** can make.

## Box Tops

Start clipping those box-tops! Fun contests coming soon!

## DON'T MISS OUR UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Like us on Facebook: [Medfield K-8 PTO](https://www.facebook.com/MedfieldK8PTO), follow us on Twitter [@MedfieldK8PTO](https://twitter.com/MedfieldK8PTO)

And for more information and calendar of events, please check out our website [medfieldk8pto.com](http://medfieldk8pto.com) and email [medfieldk8pto@gmail.com](mailto:medfieldk8pto@gmail.com) with any questions.