

Memorial School Weekly Email

January 21, 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

*Friday, January 22nd - **Kindergarten Only** - No School
(Professional Development Day)

Principal's Message

Dear Memorial Families,

It's official! On Monday, January 25th our Kindergarten students in Cohort A, B, and C will be returning to in-person learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are so excited for their return and appreciate all the efforts that went into making this a possibility. This four day schedule will be in place for the weeks of January 25th and February 1st and beginning the week of February 8th, Kindergarten students will return on Wednesdays for a half day from 9-12:30.

This week marks our first week of synchronous learning for our Grade One students. I'm so proud of our staff and students as they continue to adjust to this new instructional method. We are working daily to rectify any technical issues and appreciate your patience. Overall Day 2 has been very successful!

Grade One will be returning to in-person learning every other Wednesday, following a rotating Cohort schedule beginning February 10th. More information will be coming soon.

Kindergarten Registration is now open! Information and forms can be found on our [website](#); including a link to the Parent Information Webinar. Registration packets can be dropped off in the dropbox that is located outside the main entrance to Memorial Monday through Friday during school hours. Registration packets can also be mailed directly to the school via the address below.

Memorial Elementary School

2021/2022 Kindergarten Registration

59 Adams Street

Medfield, MA 02052

All registration packets must be received or postmarked by Friday, February 12, 2021 to be included in a FDK selection process (if needed).



The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is removing the requirement for flu vaccination for attendance in childcare/preschool, primary, secondary and postsecondary education. Preliminary data show that this has been a mild flu season to date, presumably as people have received their seasonal flu vaccine and have been adhering to mask-wearing and social distancing due to COVID-19. Given the intensive Commonwealth-wide efforts regarding COVID-19 vaccination, DPH wants to alleviate the burden to obtain flu vaccination and focus on continuing our COVID -19 vaccination efforts.

DPH continues to strongly recommend that everyone age six months and older receive their seasonal flu vaccine each year.



A MESSAGE FROM MEMORIAL PTO...

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 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!

HEROES UNDER THE MASK-*nominate someone today!*

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 Using the Heroes Under the Mask Nomination <https://forms.gle/LZPP54oZ15ANGbg8> 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:

Gather the items you were planning on throwing away or donating

Put them in a bag

Deliver the bags to one of the textile donation boxes located outside each school, the transfer station or Hinkley 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 for a detailed list of items.



DON'T MISS OUR UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Like us on Facebook: [Medfield K-8 PTO](#), follow us on Twitter [@MedfieldK8PTO](#) And for more information and calendar of events, please check out our website medfieldk8pto.com and email medfieldk8pto@gmail.com with any questions.



NEWS FROM MCPE

Join us! MCPE is looking for new board members—men and women from the Medfield community with various skill sets and interests who want to have a voice in the improvements that reach our classrooms! Board members do not need to have kids currently in the school system—just a desire to support and enrich the Medfield Schools. Board members will serve a 3-year term and attend meetings one evening a month during the school year. The time commitment required to join the Board can be organized to fit the schedules of both stay-at-home and working parents. Interested? We'd love to hear from you! Apply here by March 8th: <https://www.medfieldcoalition.org/volunteer-application-form>

