Wheelock Newsflash ~ 1-21-21

- 2/2 - Cohort A Report Cards Go Home
- 2/4 Cohort B Report Cards Go Home & Cohort D Sent Electronically
- 2/15-2/19: February Vacation
- Please Read Nurse Keigan's Very Important Illness Guidelines Below

Synchronous Learning Attendance

We have been receiving many inquiries about how to handle late arrivals, dismissals and absences for students on their virtual, synchronous days. If a student in Cohort A or B is virtual/synchronous and will be late, absent, needs to be dismissed, etc., you may easily update School Dismissal Manager with the child's plan - just as you would on an in-person day.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office.

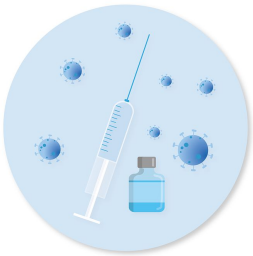
CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Strategies for Student Well-Being & Engagement with Learning

Please Join Us For A Challenge Success Virtual Family Webinar:

"Navigating School During Uncertain Times"

A Webinar for Medfield and Medway School Families (all ages welcome)
Tuesday, January 26th at 7PM
To sign and up and learn more information click here.



FLU SHOTS - UPDATE!

As of 1/15/21, DPH announced that due to the low number of FLU cases in MA, they are no longer requiring students to have a FLU vaccine to attend school.

Wondering Who to Contact?

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

Questions about technology? Email gmailsupport@email.medfield.net

Bus/Transportation questions? Email Phyllis Montillo at 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

COVID Got You Down?

Due to demand, the Medfield Outreach office has decided to continue our Mental Health Drop-In Open Hours into 2021!

Medfield Youth Outreach is offering weekly, confidential and free mental-health check ins for adults and students. For more information, click here.

Cold Weather Dress & Recess

As the temperature continues to drop, please ensure that your child is coming to school with the appropriate clothing for recess and mask breaks. Also, now that we have snow on the ground, this clothing should include snow boots and snow gear. It is of particular importance this year during recess as we have classes assigned to specific locations on the playground for social distancing purposes. We want to avoid any wet feet and clothing to make the transition back to the classroom as comfortable as possible! Finally, make sure that student gear is labeled with your child's name as well. Thank you for your cooperation!

Wheelock's Lunch Menu for the Month of January

Wheelock's lunch menu is updated and complete for the month of December (subject to change). To check out what is being offered click here.

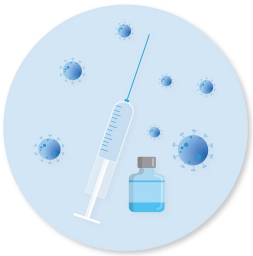
**School lunches will now be provided free of charge to all students as part of a federal grant until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. If your child brings a lunch from home, they may also order a milk, free of charge, if they choose.

Wheelock School Morning Announcements

A quick way to find the morning announcements is via her YouTube Channel.
They may also be found on classroom Virtual Notebooks as well. Check it out as our 3rd graders are the Morning Announcers!
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.



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akeigan@email.medfield.net or by phone: 508-242-8577

Important Covid-19 Resources and Guidelines

12/9/20- Current COVID-19 Updates From The School Nurse

Massachusetts Covid-19 Travel Orders

COVID-19 Travel Reminders

Important COVID-19 Updates/ Recommendations From The School Nurse

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.

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.

Medfield School Nurses
Have a Twitter account!

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

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Medfield K-8 PTO

Make a Difference! DONATE

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
BROUGHT TO YOU BY Medfield High School PTO Medfield K-8 PTO MCPE

Want to Recognize Our Amazing MPS 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 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, 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.