Wheelock Newsflash 2021

September 30 - October 7, 2021

Message from Mrs. Caulfield

It is so hard to believe that October is right around the corner. It has been such a wonderful month of learning and growing. The students have been working very hard each and every day. The learning I observe as I visit classrooms is engaging and exciting. The students are also working really hard with expectations in the hallways, bathrooms, lunchrooms and other areas of the building. I have been impressed with the progress I have seen. We have another extremely busy month coming up. As we know, weather in New England can be very fickle. Keeping that in mind, and please make sure children are dressing appropriately as we do go out to recess each day. Another important aspect of school readiness is getting a good night sleep and eating a nutritious breakfast. Thank you so much for your continued support in making the home/school connection. Have a wonderful week.

Dates to Remember: Upcoming Week at a Glance

- **10/1 - Grade 3 Plimoth Patuxet Museum Permission Slip Deadline**

Medfield Public Safety Drawing Contest!

Calling all artists! Medfield Public Safety is looking for students to create a drawing that highlights proper public safety protocols.

School Resource Officer, Paul Treggiari, along with other members of the Medfield Police Department, will choose the winning drawings. The chosen drawings will be made into magnets and displayed on the back of Medfield police cruisers. Winning students will also have their picture taken with the drawing displayed. Click **here** for the drawing sheet and more information. We will also have hard copies of the drawing sheet in the office for those who are unable to print one.

How to submit: Hand in provided drawing sheet to classroom teacher with completed information

Deadline to Submit: Friday, October 15th

Important Information for the upcoming week

Plimoth Patuxet Museum Field Trips are Back!

Please keep an eye out in your third grader's backpack for Plimoth Patuxet Museum permission slips. We kindly ask that you return payment and permission slips no later than October 1st.

If you misplace the permission slip you may find it here. The Plimoth schedule will be:

10/12 - Lynn/Newton/Parker

10/13 - Callahan/Cawley/Trikoulis

10/14 - Kuehl/Sheehan/Watson

****Rain or Shine!**

We will be looking for chaperones for the trip. More information will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, make sure your Cori is up-to-date by calling the office. It will be needed to volunteer for these exciting field trips!

Mark Your Calendar! Grade 3 Rocky Woods Experience Dates:

11/2 - Kuehl, Sheehan, Watson

11/4 - Callahan, Trikoulis, Newton

11/5 - Cawley, Lynn, Parker

11/8 - Rain Date

More information is coming soon!

School Site Council

What is a school council? A school council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers, community members and, at the secondary level, students, required to be established by each school pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 59C. We generally meet monthly. A School Site Council (SSC) works together to develop and monitor a school's improvement plan.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to run for the Site Council.

Please take a few minutes to vote using the: Wheelock Site Council Ballot 2021

Thank you in advance.

F.A.S.T. Athletics Super Sports Program Offering

Our popular after school offering is back for this Fall!

This 5 week program will offer a myriad of sporting games and all ability levels are welcome. First class begins October 27th and the deadline to register is October 21st.

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the program and how to register.

Digital Sign Off Reminder

Reminder! Please make sure you have completed the Medfield Public School Digital Online Sign-off that was emailed to all parents at the beginning of the school year. If you would like to be included in your classroom directory, please complete this form as soon as possible. The form can be found here.

Got Baby Wipes?

We are in search/need of baby wipes for lunchtime. If you have any to spare we'd love to have them! Please send them in marked for the "Main Office".

Thank you to those families who have already donated!

DIBELS Testing - Grades 2 and 3

Students in both 2nd and 3rd grade will be assessed using the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Assessment beginning next week. The DIBELS is administered individually and some of the sections are difficult to score when students are wearing their mask. During these specific sections, students will briefly remove their masks to complete the task. Please note that masks will be removed for no more than 3 minutes throughout the assessment and that distancing will be observed during this time.

Are you able to help out at lunch and recess in October?

Please see PTO's October **Sign Up**.

In order to volunteer **you must have** a valid Cori on file. If you are unsure if your Cori is valid please call the office at 508-359-6055. Please provide at least three days to process your paperwork before your volunteer date. We have attached a Cori form **here**. Please complete the paperwork and bring directly to Wheelock office with a valid photo ID (driver's license or passport). We also will need many volunteers for Plimoth Plantation and Rocky Woods so the sooner you have your Cori on file, the better! Cori's are valid for three years across all MPS Schools.

SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

Music

It's been all songs and games in the music room this month. In September the big focus is on rhythm and beat. We've been playing name games that challenge students to improvise a rhythm and create a movement using their name. Both grades have been singing songs, chanting rhymes and this week students have demonstrated their ability to recognize and decode the rhythm patterns in those activities which is step 3 of our 12 Steps of Musical Literacy. Grade 2 students have been enjoying a partner dance/mixer called *Welcome All My Friends* which supports beat awareness, pitch development, singing skills as well as providing a wonderful way to practice interacting socially with friends. Grade 3 students have been enjoying an American folk song and dance called *Down the Ohio* which provides an experience with beat organized in groups of three. We read and sang along to a beautiful book called *Your Name is a Song* and experimented with creating a melody to go with our own names. Please reach out to me at estover@email.medfield.net with any questions. I am always happy to hear from you. ~ Eithne Stover

PIN 2021

Below, we've included a link to a virtual slide deck of pre-recorded presentations from each staff member at Wheelock introducing themselves and sharing a little bit about them. You will also see videos from our support staff, MCPE, the K-8 PTO and the SEPAC. An important message from the Elementary School Project is the first slide you will see. Happy viewing! Wheelock School PIN 2021

Lunch PIN Numbers

We would greatly appreciate it if you could help your child(ren) memorize their Pin Number for their lunch account. This will help lunch run much smoother. Should your child not remember their lunch PIN please reach out to our Food Services Director, Caitlin Fahy. (cfahy@email.medfield.net) Thank you in advance!

*****Wheelock's lunch menu******

Wheelock's menu is updated and complete for the month of **September** and **October** (subject to change).

MCPE

The rumors are true! MCPE has a number of exciting events planned for this year that we hope you will attend. First up, **Fall Fest**!! We will be back, in person, at the German Club on Friday, November 5th, so save the date.

Update from Nurse Keigan

Please reach out to Nurse Keigan with any illness or COVID-19 related questions or concerns. She can be reached at:

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

Please fill out your student's Emergency Health Information Form if you have not done so already.

Student Emergency Health Information Sheet

COVID Resources

Consent Form For Testing At School

Current COVID Illness Guidelines

Tickets go on sale on our website this Sunday!

Medfield K-8 PTO

BOOst someone's SPIRITS this Halloween by "ghosting" them with a lawn sign!

Memorial, Wheelock, and Dale PTO's are selling lawn ghosts to spread some Halloween happiness this October.

Yard signs are 22" high by 15" wide, made of high-quality, weather-resistant Corex, and include lawn stakes.

Each lawn ghost also has a place on the back for your little goblin to write their name ("You've been Boo'd by_____") so you can "ghost" all of your friends to share in the excitement of the season!

Lawn ghosts are $15 each and proceeds will be split between **ALL 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** (funding activities for students and teachers.)

Please Venmo DaleStreetPTO and make sure to include your name and your email address in the comments. We will hold ghost pick-up sessions on 10/1, 10/8, and 10/15. (Further details on times and locations to come.)

Get your ghosts before they VANISH!

Quarantine Info For COVID Close Contacts

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Got Questions?

Medical questions/concerns?

Contact Aimie Keigan, R.N., B.S.N, at akeigan@email.medfield.net

Questions around curriculum?

Please contact your child's classroom teacher

Bus/Transportation questions?

Email Phyllis Montillo at pmontillo@email.medfield.net or contact Beth DiGregorio or Mary Beth Reddy in the Wheelock office.

10/1 - Abigail T.

10/2 - Noah P.

10/4 - Hannah W.

10/7 - Juliana B. & Oliver S.

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On March 11th, Medfield's School Committee approved the **academic calendar** for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Be sure to check it out.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

***Please do not allow students out of your vehicle until you see a staff member at *8:10 am*. We do not have staff on duty before this time. This is for your child's safety.**
***Students should disembark and embark vehicles through the driver's side closest to the sidewalk.**
***Please make sure your name plaques are displayed in your driver's side windshield during dismissal.**
We appreciate your assistance with this!

Interested in Knowing What's Going On In Our Community?
Check **here** for our Community Notices and for information about MPS's website flyer posting process.