



WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH 2022



January 13, 2022 - January 20, 2022

Message from Mrs. Caulfield

Greetings Wheelockians! I hope everyone enjoyed our first Snow Day! I hope it gave you a day to relax and rejuvenate! There really is something magical about a Snow Day. We are looking forward to having Hero Day tomorrow. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we will be discussing what a hero is, who are some modern day heroes, and who is "your" hero. It is hard to believe we are approaching the half-way mark in the 2021-2022 school year. Although this year has been a year like no other, it has been wonderful to see students in school, learning, and thriving. Thank you for all of your support from home!



Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

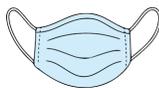
- **1/14 - Spirit Day! Dress as your Favorite "Hero" in honor of MLK, Jr.**
 - **1/17 - No School; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
 - **1/25 - Early Release at 11:45am; Teacher Professional Day**

**** Due to last week's snow day, the last day of school will now be June 17, 2022**



School Dismissal Manager Updates

Please remember to update School Dismissal Manager by 8:30am if your child will be late or absent. This ensures that we get important information to our nursing staff in a timely manner. If your student is ill (and even if you may have already had a conversation with our nursing staff), please provide detail in your SDM update. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Proper Mask Wearing on the Bus

It is important that ALL students are wearing their masks properly at all times when riding the school bus. Masks should fit securely over the nose at all times. Please have a conversation with your child(ren) regarding the importance of this. The bus drivers have been instructed to “write up” students who are not adhering to the mask guidelines. Also, the nurse’s office has a limited supply of masks so please be sure to pack an extra mask in your child’s bag. Thank you for your cooperation.



Lunch/Recess Volunteers



Thank you so much to all of the Lunch/Recess volunteers. We truly would not be able to do it without you! We are looking for “new” volunteers to add to our regular volunteers. Please see the [sign up genius](#) if you are able to volunteer. If you would like to split the “shift” with a friend or neighbor, please feel free to do so.

** You may or may not be assigned to the lunch and recess your child is attending.

** Keep in mind that volunteers will be both indoors and outdoors. The weather is chilly so we strongly suggest you bring a warm coat!

Please provide at least three days to process your paperwork before your volunteer date. We have attached a Cori form [here](#).

An Important Message from Nurse Keigan

Thank you to our amazing families who have worked so hard to keep our school and community healthy. As we enter into cold and flu season I ask that families please review the [MPS Illness Guidelines](#)

A few other helpful reminders:

1. Please be sure to keep your child home if they are sick. If you are unsure if they need testing to return I am more than happy to help answer those questions. I can be reached at akeigan@email.medfield.net or 508-242-8577
2. Please be sure to send your child to school with a well fitting mask and a couple extra in case one gets lost or dirty.
3. Students that are considered “in school” close contacts may participate in the Test and Stay Program. Student’s in this program should follow [MA DPH Quarantine Guidelines](#) **when not** in school. Students that are considered close contacts **outside of school** are **not** eligible for the Test and Stay Program.

Again, thank you for your continued support as we navigate these ongoing unprecedented times together.



Exciting News! Food Services Now Offers Breakfast at Wheelock!

Like lunch, breakfast will be free for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Please see the [attached letter](#) from our Food Services Director, Caitlin Fahy, with the new breakfast menu and more information. This new offering began earlier this week on January 3, 2022.

DO YOU LOVE TO PLAY CHESS OR WANT TO LEARN?



Our popular Chess Wizards program is back starting Tuesday, 1/18. For more information and to register please see our [flier](#).



The 2022 Grade 3 testing dates will be as follows:

ELA on Monday & Tuesday, April 4th and 5th

Math on Monday & Tuesday, May 9th and 10th

Please refrain from scheduling any appointments or travel, if possible, on these days.



INDOOR RECESS MATERIALS



A Note from Wheelock's PTO . . .

The amazing teachers at Wheelock are in need of indoor recess materials! Please sign up to donate gently used or new item(s). Donations can be dropped off to Lisa LaForte at 210 Pine Street or your child can drop the item(s) in the collection box in Wheelock's front lobby. Donations should be dropped off by **Wednesday, January 26th**.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094dafae2babf85-wheelock>



Ms. Hevey is looking for volunteers to come in during their child's library class to help check out books, re-shelve books and other projects. Please keep in mind that you must have a [valid Cori](#) on file in order to volunteer. Please call the office to confirm your Cori status.

Find your child's class [Sign Up here](#).



SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT...

PE/Wellness

Happy New Year, Wheelock! We have kicked off 2022 with balance stations and volleyball skills in our physical education classes. For balance stations, students rotated through a variety of activities that allowed them the opportunity to practice balancing on different bases of support. In volleyball, students worked on volleying the ball upward with consecutive hits and working with partners to send the ball over the net. For both of these units, we reinforced the importance of working hard and never giving up, even if something is tricky at first!



In our wellness classes, we began introducing the Wheelock Standards of Behavior, designed to help us be successful learners and to build a strong school community. So far we have taught, modeled, and practiced being respectful of ourselves and others. Be sure to ask your student how they can be respectful of themselves and others at home, too!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us- mkeleher@email.medfield.net and nstevens@email.medfield.net. ~ Marissa Keleher and Nick Stevens



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

Wheelock's lunch [menu](#) is updated and complete for the month of January (subject to change).

As mentioned above, check out Wheelock's exciting, new [breakfast menu](#)!



Medfield Food Cupboard Needs

The Medfield Food Cupboard is in need of the following items:

- Cooking oil
- Spam/Canned Meat
 - Baked beans
 - SpaghettiOs
 - Dried Fruit
 - Hearty Soup
- Laundry soap

If you are able to donate please have your student bring the items to the shopping cart located in Wheelock's front hallway. Thank you!



The H.U.G. Program (Help Us Greet)
We are very excited to launch the HUG program to help greet families that join us during the school year! We all know how difficult it can be to move to a new town and start school so we want to help make that transition easier for our Wheelock Families. You can sign up to be a Mentor Family for one of our incoming Families. If you are interested please fill out the form [HERE](#)
Medfield K-8 PTO is excited to announce a year-round

MEDFIELD SPIRIT WEAR STORE!



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](#)

Please note that Pooled Testing has been moved to Wednesdays.

COVID Resources

[Consent Form For Testing At School](#)

[Current COVID Illness Guidelines](#)

[Quarantine Info For COVID Close Contacts](#)



Thanks to local business Day St Sports, we have answered the question – where can I find Medfield Spirit Wear?

Over 100 options currently listed, All proceeds will be donated to the individual school K-8 PTOs.

Shipping is taking about 3 weeks, so please plan ahead for the holiday season.

[Medfield Spirit Wear Link](#)

Please send questions to medfieldk8pto@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

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Mask Requirement

As you know, there is a **Mandatory Mask Requirement** for all students, staff, and visitors while in the building at Wheelock School. This includes any volunteers and parents dropping off or picking up their child(ren). There will be a “sign in/out” station located directly inside the front door which will include masks, hand sanitizer, and the sign in/out sheet for students. It is our goal to keep all students, staff, and visitors safe. Thank you for your support with this.



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.



Happy Birthday

1/15 - Emily F.

1/18 - Luca C. & Teddy S.

1/20 - Nora C.



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 flier posting process.

On March 11th, 2021, Medfield's School
Committee approved the [academic calendar](#) for
the 2021-2022 school year. Be sure to check it out.