



# WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH 2022



March 3, 2022 - March 10, 2022

## Message from Mrs. Caulfield

Greetings Wheelock families! I hope you had a wonderful vacation and are adjusting to the return to the school routine. We are working on expected school behaviors here at Wheelock. The standard we are working on for this week and next week is "Respect". We are looking for students to exhibit respectful behavior in classrooms, the hallways, our cafeteria, and at recess. When a student is "caught" showing respectful behavior, they will be recommended for a "Good News Phone Call Home". We started this initiative on Monday and we have already made 8 calls this week. I would love to make many more calls home. Ask your child what they plan on doing to exhibit respectful behavior. Have a wonderful week!



## Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

- 2/28 to 3/4 - Read Across America Theme Week (see below)
  - 3/3 - Elementary Term 2 Ends
- 3/8 - Wheelock PTO Meeting at 7pm (rescheduled from 3/9/22) in person or via Zoom; Zoom link to be sent next week
- 3/9 - Wheelock School Site Council Meeting at 3:30pm



## WHEELOCK IS CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA

This past Monday we were so excited to kick off a month of celebrating books with Read Across America Spirit Week. We've got our final spirit day tomorrow, Friday, March 4th.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## Fine Arts Night: Art Show Prep Volunteers Needed!

We are looking forward to another fabulous Fine Arts Night here at Wheelock which will be held on Wednesday, May 4th. But, in order to make it the huge success that it's always been, we need your help! Please see the [attached link](#) to sign up and help Ms. Babin prepare, mount and set up art work for the show.

We have many slots available beginning in mid-March!



## **"Custodians Keep Medfield Covid Clean & Safe" Service Project A Special Thank You to Our Amazing Custodial Staff!**

On March 1st, 2021, the Medfield Strong service group brought the Floral Heart Project to the Medfield schools to recognize all that was lost at the hands of COVID-19. This year, Medfield Strong would like to recognize and personally thank our custodians, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Spence and Mr. Stanley for all of their hard work keeping our school safe and clean. Throughout the past two years, these custodians have worked tirelessly and without fanfare. They have truly gone above and beyond and we want them to know how much we appreciate all they've done for the students of Ralph Wheelock Elementary School.

Keep an eye out for posters in the lobby for each of our awesome custodians starting next week. We ask you to take a minute to write a quick thank you note on each poster. Additionally, we will be giving each custodian a personal thank you note and gift.



### **Screening**

Yesterday, March 2nd, Nurse Keigan began conducting the state mandated health screenings of hearing and vision. She will be working through all 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms over the next few weeks. You will only be notified if your student has results outside of the normal range. Please let Nurse Keigan know if you have any concerns about your child's hearing or vision or if you would prefer that your child not participate in the screening.



### **Lunch/Recess Volunteers**



Thank you so much to all of the Lunch/Recess volunteers. We truly would not have been able to do it without you! Now that we are all eating in the Cafeteria, we will only need 1 parent volunteer per day. This is a great opportunity for you to come and help out during recess and lunch. A new sign up genius will be created to reflect the new volunteer opportunity.

Again, thank you for your continued support!

*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 continue 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](mailto: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.

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

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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](#).



### **Smart Watches, Fitbits, and Cell Phones**



We have noticed an increase in the number of students who are wearing/bringing smart watches and phones to school. We have also had students receive texts and alerts throughout the day on these devices. This is very distracting for the student, teacher, and classmates. If your child has a smart watch or phone, please put the device on silent during the school day. If you are unable to do so, we are strongly recommending that your child not wear/bring the device to school.

MASSACHUSETTS

MISS *Amazing*

Save the date! Massachusetts Miss Amazing is coming to Medfield High School for its ninth annual event! Miss Amazing's mission statement reads, "Miss Amazing provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to build confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment." Join us in supporting this goal and giving these girls and young women an opportunity to shine. This full-day event is Saturday, April 9th, 2022 and the show will be held in the Medfield High School Auditorium at 6 PM. If you want to volunteer with the event, you can sign up to be a buddy, half day volunteer (helping hand), or a right hand man online at <https://missamazing.org/volunteer/>. If you know a girl or young woman who might want to participate in this event, refer them to the Miss Amazing website so they can learn more! Sign up a participant at <https://missamazing.org/participate/>. See you there!



## Mask Requirement

As you may be aware, the Medfield School Committee voted to change the Mask Requirement from mandatory to optional. Beginning 2/28/22, masks will be optional at Wheelock School. If a visitor or volunteer has not received a vaccination, they will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask while in the building. We will be working with staff and students regarding everyone's personal decision.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.



## SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT... World Languages



### **Mandarin:**

For the last couple of weeks, we finished telling each other the name! For the cultural highlights, we did arts and crafts for Chinese New Year and made red envelopes and tiger lanterns! We explored the Winter Olympics including Mascot, Winter Olympic sports. We also learned some vocabulary for Valentine's Day!

### **Spanish:**

Over the past few weeks, we've learned about friendship and why it is important to take care of our planet. Each student decorated a Valentine's card to give it to someone special. In addition, we identified the three R's for recycling and stated facts about each one of them, as well as the different characteristics of the recycling process.



### **\*\*\*Wheelock's lunch menu\*\*\***

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

We have also made some slight changes to Wheelock's new breakfast menu.

Be sure to check it out [here!](#)

Due to a federal funding grant from the USDA, all breakfasts and lunches served are free of charge for the 2021-2022 school year.



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.*

**REGISTER NOW**

**GOING TO BEE**

**MARCH 24TH**

**GRADES 2-5**

**SO MUCH FUN!!!**

Thank you to our sponsor:



Don't forget to sign up for the MCPE Spelling Bee to enjoy all the fun!

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

**High School Auditorium**

**Grades 2 & 3: 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Grades 4 & 5: 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Gather your TEAM of 2-4 kids and register here:

<https://www.medfieldcoalition.org/spellingbee>

or take a look at this year's new SOLO speller option. If two or more solo spellers sign up from the same school, we will combine the spellers into a new team. See the SOLO speller info here:



**Happy Birthday**



- 3/4 - MacKenzie B., Tobey S.
- 3/6 - Marshall B., Timothy C., Ryan D.
- 3/7 - Stavros A.
- 3/8 - Nikolaos P.



**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](mailto:akeigan@email.medfield.net) or by phone:  
508-242-8577**

**Please note that Pooled Testing is on Wednesdays.**

**COVID Resources**

**[Consent Form For Testing At School](#)**

**[Current COVID Illness Guidelines](#)**

**[Quarantine Info For COVID Close Contacts](#)**

<https://www.medfieldcoalition.org/solo-spelling-bee>

Thank you to our event sponsor:

Medfield Orthodontics



More info available at [www.medfieldcoalition.org](http://www.medfieldcoalition.org)

Thinking about applying to MCPE but not quite sure what we do? It's pretty simple! This all volunteer group raises money through a series of community events and then we grant the money to fund Teacher Requested programs, curriculum, and enrichment for the Medfield Public School system. Apply here:

<https://www.medfieldcoalition.org/volunteer-application-form>



### 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

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# Got Questions?

## Medical questions/concerns?

Contact Aimie Keigan, R.N., B.S.N, at

[akeigan@email.medfield.net](mailto: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](mailto:pmontillo@email.medfield.net) or contact Beth DiGregorio or Mary Beth Reddy in the Wheelock office.



## 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.

\*When we are lining up indoors in the morning, please have your child enter the gym door and report to the :

Cafe- Grade 2

Big Gym- Grade 3

\*Please make sure your name plaques are displayed in your driver's side windshield during dismissal.

We appreciate your assistance with this!



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

**MEDFIELD SPIRIT WEAR STORE!**



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](mailto:medfieldk8pto@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!

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