

Memorial School Weekly Email

December 1, 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, December 1st - Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Webinar (see below)

Monday, December 19th - December 23rd - Spirit Week

Friday, December 23rd - Early Release Day (No PMK Preschool)

Monday, December 26th - Friday, December 30th - No School (December Vacation)

Monday, January 2nd - No School (New Years Day)

Dear Families,

December is here and excitement is in the air! As we continue to *Choose to Be Nice* (see below for December's theme), the Memorial School will be having a **food drive** to support the Medfield Food Cupboard. Collection boxes will be located in the lobby. Please consider sending in items with your child or if it's convenient, please stop by the school between 8-3:30 to drop off items. Currently the Cupboard is in need of the following items, but any shelf-stable, unopened and unexpired items are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

- Individually portioned snacks
- Vegetable oil
- Sugar
- Spices
- 100% juice
- Canned pasta
- Jelly/jam
- Ensure or Boost

The **Lost and Found** bin is growing!!! If you are in the area and would like to stop by to check to see if anything belongs to your family, please feel free to do so. We will continue to return labeled items to their owners, so labeling your child's items as you deem appropriate would be greatly appreciated. Any hats, mittens, sweatshirts, etc...that are not claimed by December 23rd will be donated.



ALEX THE ACCEPTANCE MOUSE

is always accepting of others' differences.

December's **Choose To Be Nice** Value of the Month is Acceptance. Alex will help us learn about what Acceptance means this month! In Preschool, classes will be reading Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev and talking about how we are all alike and different. In Kindergarten, teachers will read The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane Derolf. Classes will make a mural of their self-portraits. In First Grade, teachers will read It's Ok to Be Different by Todd Parr. In class, students will illustrate themselves sharing what makes them different and unique.

[Preschool Activity Book](#)

[Kindergarten Activity Book](#)

[Grade One Activity Book](#)



School Bus Safety Reminders

This week, I reached out to our classroom teachers to ask them to revisit bus safety with the children in their class. Specifically, I asked them to remind the kids of the importance of moving directly to the sidewalk when exiting the school buses in the morning. Our drivers and staff members who are greeting the children in the morning remind the kids daily, but sometimes the excitement of seeing their friends can be distracting. As the safety of our children at Memorial is our first priority, I'm reaching out to ask that you continue these conversations at home. Thank you in advance!

Memorial School

2023/2024 Kindergarten Registration



If your child is eligible for Kindergarten for the 2023/2024 school year please join us for the [Incoming K Parent Information Webinar](#). Access to the webinar link can be found on our website. All students who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2023 are eligible for Kindergarten.

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION WEBINAR

Thursday, December 1, 2022
6:00pm

During this meeting you will hear about our full day and half day kindergarten options, registration procedures (including the selection process), tuition, and kindergarten screening. We hope you are able to join us, but if not, please note that the webinar will be recorded and posted on the Kindergarten Registration Page on Friday, December 2nd.

Library & Technology

Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Farrahar have loved helping students learn about digital citizenship this fall! Kindergarteners have focused on media balance, and first graders are learning about being safe, respectful, and responsible with technology. The first graders had the chance to use Bee-Bot robots this month, and kindergarteners will do so in the coming weeks during library class.





We are looking forward to continuing our learning about internet safety this year! Be on the lookout for information in the Memorial Weekly Email about our upcoming lessons.

Want to continue these important conversations at home? Use these family activities and discussion prompts that go along with our lessons: [KINDERGARTEN](#) or [GRADE 1](#). And if your children want more practice coding with Bee-Bots, they can use this link for a web resource: <https://beebot.terrapinlogo.com/>

Feel free to reach out to Marissa Foley (marissafoley@email.medfield.net) or Anne Farrahar (afarrahar@email.medfield.net) with any questions.

Thank you to MCPE for continuing to fund our robotics initiative at Memorial School!

FROM THE CAFETERIA



December Lunch Menu

[Links from the School Nurse](#)

[Mrs. Maguire's November Newsletter](#)

[Covid Guidelines](#)

[Announcements, health procedures, forms and more!](#)



A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee welcomes the community to join us for an informal conversation on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the conference room (lower level) at Medfield Public Library (468 Main Street).

Two school committee members will be available to meet with the public to discuss any topic related to the schools. Because only two committee members are present, the session is not an official School Committee meeting and therefore open dialogue is permitted (more than two members would constitute quorum and then require an official business meeting and set agenda as per Mass. Open Meeting Law).

Please fill out this form - <https://forms.gle/EFjBJkAZ2yfPQfJP7> before attending. This will give SC members an opportunity to get additional info on potential discussion topics.

Please email scchair@email.medfield.net with any questions.

Hope to see you there!



MEMORIAL SCHOOL COOKIE DECORATING KIT FUNDRAISER

The Memorial School PTO is partnering with local baker Second Slice Sweets for a holiday cookie decorating kit fundraiser for Memorial School!

Quantities are limited, so get your orders in early using this form:
<https://forms.gle/63YYqvHhBTS2qjKM6>

Cookie decorating kits will be delivered to your home on either Monday, December 12th or Monday, December 19th. (You can indicate your preference on the order form).

Cookie decorating kits will include 8 cookies (2 of each: a snowman, a gingerbread man, a star, and a snowflake), 3 bags of colored frosting, 1 bag of white frosting, and various colored sprinkles.

Allergy Information: Cookies do not contain nuts, but they are NOT made in a nut-free kitchen. A gluten-free option is available.



The cost for one kit is \$30. You can pay by Paypal or check made out to Memorial PTO. Payment must be made by December 5th for December 12th deliveries or December 12th for December 19th deliveries.

Thank you for supporting the Memorial School PTO!



Pixie Lane Memorial Playground Fundraising Opportunity!

When you shop Pixie Lane with Jen Ostroff from 11/4-12/4, 20% of all sales will be donated to the Memorial School Playground. Check out the fun and comfortable designs for the entire family as you begin your holiday shopping this season and support the new playground!

Head to <http://shop.pixielane.com/jenostroff> or email Jen at pixielanejenostroff@gmail.com to get started on your shopping today!

When you make a purchase, please email Jen and let her know you are with Memorial School.

And if you want to host an event, please contact Amy Gilmore at amybgilmore@gmail.com – we would love someone to facilitate an in-person event!

Thank you for your support!

Support Memorial Playground fundraising by shopping Minted!

This year, we're partnering with Minted to help us fundraise for the Memorial School Playground, and we need your help to reach our goal.

Using our unique code **FUNDRAISEMEMORIALSCH**, you can get 20% OFF all your Minted card & gift purchases—and for every order placed, Minted will donate 15% back to our organization. With high-quality products designed by independent artists, like custom photo gifts, holiday cards, tote bags, stationery, and more, Minted has meaningful gifts for every special occasion.

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Minted will track every purchase made using our code, and we'll get 15% of the proceeds donated back to Memorial School. Please feel free to share this code with friends and family—the more people shop Minted using our code, the more our organization earns!

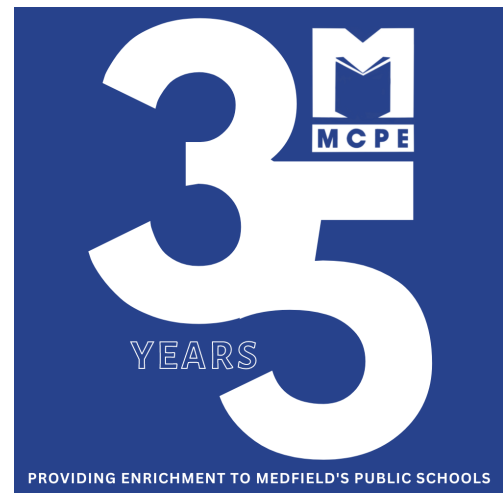
Thank you for supporting the Memorial Playground Committee! With just 8 orders so far, we have raised \$292.32 towards the playground! Your contribution is making a BIG difference!



THANK YOU to those of you who attended the 2022 MCPE Fall Ball. What a party! At the Fall Ball, MCPE announced its [35th Anniversary Appeal](#) - a special campaign that happens every five years to raise additional funds for Medfield Public Schools. This year, we're asking the Medfield community to come together in raising \$100,000 to support each school's


"Reach for the Stars" projects. [Check out this video](#) that features the administrators of all five Medfield schools discussing these special projects. MCPE, through the generosity of the Medfield community, has spent the past 35 years supporting the Medfield Schools - we cannot wait to make the five ideas in this video a reality with your help! We hope that we'll have your support as we work toward our goal of funding all five of these important and much-needed improvements to our schools. Please consider [donating today](#).

THANK YOU!



Class of 2024 Fundraiser



Hi everyone, the class of 2024 student government are selling wreaths!!!! They are only \$35, and you can pick which color bow! It's the perfect way to celebrate this season while still supporting our class, and the upcoming events. We will also be doing free deliveries to purchases in Medfield, or they can be picked up in early December at the high school. To purchase one, fill out the form linked below  ... Make sure to get one and tell your friends and family about it. [Wreath Order Form](#)