

Memorial School Weekly Email

January 5, 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, January 11th - 9am - Memorial School PTO Meeting

Friday, January 13th - Hero Spirit Day - Dress Like Your Hero (more info coming soon)

Monday, January 16th - No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Tuesday, January 24th - Early Release Day (Professional Development)

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful break.

Our first few days back this week have been super; filled with excitement and great learning. Knowing that getting back into daily routines can be challenging after a vacation, I'm so proud of the kids for doing such an amazing job. Thank you to all of our families for your efforts to make the transition a smooth one.

There are many things happening in January. Please take a peek below for a quick glance.

Hero Day is coming!. On Friday, January 13th, PreK-5 students and staff will be invited to dress up like their hero. In class, students will be learning that a hero is someone who is special because of the brave, good or kind things that they have done.

Starting next week, students in Kindergarten and Grade One will be participating in our second administration of the **DIBELS** assessment. The DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment consists of quick tasks to help monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. Data results from the assessment are used to inform classroom and individual instruction.

The Memorial School PTO will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 9 AM in the staff lounge. All are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Registration packets will be accepted beginning on January 17th. See below for additional information or visit the [Memorial School website](#).

CHOOSE TO BE NICE®



CAMERON THE COURAGEOUS MOUSE

always chooses to be nice, even in the most difficult situations.

January's Choose To Be Nice value of the month is Courage. Cameron will help us learn about what Courage means this month! Preschoolers will

In Kindergarten, teachers will read Sheila Rae, The Brave by Kevin Henkes. Classes will discuss what everyone does to show courage and bravery. In First Grade, teachers will read Brave Irene by William Steig. Classes will illustrate how each student shows courage and bravery and create a class book.

Please click here to access the At Home Activity Kits.

[Preschool](#)

[Kindergarten](#)

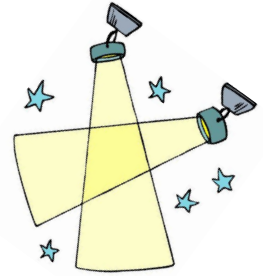
[Grade One](#)



SPECIALISTS SPOTLIGHT

From PE/Wellness

Students had a great time leading up to the holiday break in P.E. classes. They were able to take part in winter activities such as Floor and Broom Hockey, Reindeer Scooter-Sleigh pulling, and "Elf Tag". Now that we are into the winter season, students are still asked to wear sneakers on PE days. If boots are worn, sneakers can be brought to school in a separate bag or backpack. As we bring in the new year we are looking forward to activities such as partner and group problem solving challenges, yoga, and rhythmic dances.



Mr. Grace and Mrs. Gelinas



Spirit Day

On Friday, January 13th, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we will be celebrating "Hero Day". Students are encouraged to dress up as their "Hero". We will have a whole school assembly and one student from each first grade classroom will read about their hero.

Links from the School Nurse

Mrs. Maguire's December Newsletter

Covid Guidelines

Announcements, health procedures, forms and more!



FROM THE CAFETERIA

This pizza is
delicious!



A special THANK YOU to the cafeteria for providing milk cartons to build
Gingerbread Houses in one of our preschool classrooms!



January
Lunch
Menu

Kindergarten pre- registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open and will close on January 6, 2023. We ask all families to please pre-register as it assists us with our planning. The pre-registration link can be found [here](#). Thank you in advance for your help with this process.

Kindergarten registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be available on the website beginning on January 17th. Once you have completed the registration packet, please print it and either deliver it to the Memorial School where you can place it in the drop box at the main entrance between 8AM - 4PM (M-F) or mail it to the address below. Please note that we must receive your packet either in the drop box or it must be postmarked as of February 10, 2023 for your child to be included in the full day kindergarten selection process (if needed). Families will be notified of acceptance or need of a selection process by March 3, 2023. If you do not have access to a computer or printer, please contact Irene McNeil at 508-359-5135.

Medfield's Destination Imagination organization is looking for volunteers to be appraisers at either of the regional tournaments (March 4th in Medfield or March 12th in Beverly). It is the perfect opportunity for someone 18 years or older (and out of high school) who would like to spend the day praising the accomplishments of each dedicated and hugely creative Destination Imagination team and awarding as many points as possible. It is truly a fun day spent enjoying the creativity of students in grades 3-12 and is a great community volunteer opportunity for anyone- college students, retired folks, those who have previously participated in Destination Imagination, etc.). Contact uflindsay@gmail.com for more information and learn about Destination Imagination at destinationimagination.org.



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