

Memorial School Weekly Email

January 26, 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 8th - Early Release Day - No PM Preschool (Professional Development)

Monday, February 20th - Friday, February 24th - No School (Winter Vacation)

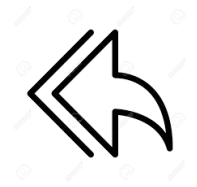
Dear Families,

This week marked the half-way point of the 2022-2023 school year. Wow! Over the next couple of weeks, we'll be celebrating the **100th Day of School** in Grade One (February 6th) and Kindergarten (February 9th). The growth that Memorial students have made from the beginning of the school year is truly extraordinary and deserves to be celebrated; not only on the 100th day but everyday! Congratulations to all of our learners who continue to work so hard!

Preschool progress reports will be available to families via Aspen on Friday, January 27th at 2 PM. Please see the email that was sent to preschool families on Wednesday, January 25th for additional information.

In recognition of **Valentine's Day**, our classes will be celebrating with parties (specific dates below). As we have done throughout this year, we will be having a "Party in a Bag". Please have your child decorate a paper lunch bag in a Valentine's theme. Once decorated, fill it with a few of your child's favorite food items and send it in on the day of your child's party. Some examples: mini water bottle or juice box, small salty snack, fun sweet snack, etc... "Party in a Bag" provides an opportunity for all to enjoy a special treat while helping to keep our students with food allergies safe. To this end, we are

asking that any Valentine's cards sent in from home do not include a food item. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Any additional information regarding classroom specifics will be communicated directly by classroom teachers.

Party Schedule

February 13th - Miss Kate's MWF Preschool Class

February 14th - Miss Christine and Mrs. DeGeorge's Preschool Classes, Miss Kate's TTh Preschool Class, all Kindergarten and all Grade One Classes

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP LESSONS

Memorial School -- Trimester 2

Kindergarten: Pause for People

Grade 1: How Technology Makes you Feel

Students will be able to:

- ☑ Understand why it's important to be aware and respectful of people while using devices
- ☑ Use the Pause, Breathe, Finish Up routine as a self-regulation strategy for transitioning from technology to face-to-face interactions.

THE DIGITAL CITIZENS

THINK WITH YOUR HEAD

LISTEN TO YOUR GUT!

BALANCE WITH YOUR ARMS!

FEEL WITH YOUR HEART

MAKE GOOD TRACKS WITH YOUR FEET

STAND UP WITH YOUR LEGS

Key Vocabulary: pause
frustrated

Key Vocabulary: pause
uncomfortable

Students will be able to:

- ☑ Recognize the different kinds of feelings they can have when using technology
- ☑ Know what to do when they don't have a good feeling when using technology.



[Click here to watch the lesson videos: KINDERGARTEN or GRADE 1](#)

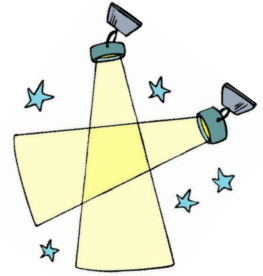
Want to continue these important conversations at home? Use these family activities and discussion prompts that go along with our lessons: [KINDERGARTEN](#) or [GRADE 1](#)

SPECIALISTS SPOTLIGHT

From The Library

This month, students have been learning about the Caldecott Award in library class! We talked about how this award is given to illustrators of picture books and reviewed the criteria used to select winners. Then, we looked at some past winners as a group. Kindergarten classes read *This is Not my Hat* by Jon Klassen, and first grade classes read *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen.

Next, students had the chance to look at past winners from throughout the years independently and evaluate if they believed the books should have won the silver or gold medals. They had such great ideas to share!





Right now, students are also designing their own special medals and looking at some potential winners for this year's Caldecott Medal, since the winners will be announced on Monday, January 30th.

During library class, students have the chance to vote on which book they think should win this year. Some early favorites are *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise and *Ice Cream Face* by Heidi Woodward Sheffield. Whatever book gets the most votes from Memorial's students will get a special medal placed on the front cover to let everyone know it is a Memorial favorite!

Feel free to reach out (afarrahar@email.medfield.net) with any questions.



LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Maguire's January Newsletter

COVID GUIDELINES

Announcements, Health Procedures, Forms and
more!

FROM THE CAFETERIA



February Lunch Menu





GET CREATIVE AT MEMORIAL PAINT NIGHT!

The Memorial PTO is proud to announce that we are again partnering with Studio 109 and Patti Allen to offer a fun Paint Night! This event will be held in the Memorial School cafeteria at 6 PM on Friday, February 3rd. The cost is \$50, and this includes one canvas and all paint materials for an adult and student to share. We will be painting a cute Valentine's Puppy, pictured below. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AACAB23A3FC1-memorial1>



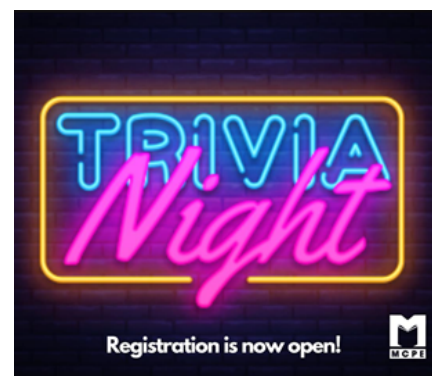
This is such a fun event! Join us and get creative while supporting Memorial School!



MCPE UPDATE

MCPE Trivia Night is back! Join friends new and old on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 PM at AvaLena's Bar in Millis. Teams of 4-6 adults will join other competitors and a professional trivia host for a fast-paced, humor-filled evening. The cost is \$40/person, which includes a dinner buffet. Trivia Night sells out quickly, so text your buddies, come up with a memorable team name, and [sign up now](#)! All proceeds from this event will support Medfield Public Schools.

All proceeds benefit Medfield Coalition for Public Education, an independent, non-profit organization funded to provide system-wide support and academic enrichment for the Medfield Public Schools through grants for the development of innovative programs, curriculum, and enrichment. Be sure to [join MCPE's email list](#) for event announcements and follow us on social.



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.