

# Memorial School Weekly Email

## February 2, 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)

Monday, March 6th - Friday, March 10th - Read Across America Week (Details Coming  
Soon!)

Dear Families,

I hope you're having a great week and Happy Groundhog Day!. Some were hoping for spring. Others were hoping for a few more weeks of winter (and perhaps some snow to play in). Either way, the Memorial community is buzzing with excitement about Punxsutawney Phil's special day.

Next week brings some exciting celebrations as we recognize the 100th day of school for both our Grade One and Kindergarten students. This is a busy month as we celebrate Black History Month, Valentine's Day and President's Day.

We will continue to learn about the Nine Nice Mice with our theme this month being Friendship.



**FELIPE THE FRIENDSHIP MOUSE**

remembers that the friendlier he is the more fun he has.

February's Value of the Month is Friendship. Felipe will help us learn about what Friendship means! In Kindergarten, teachers will read The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. As a class they will discuss what the characteristics of being a good friend are

and then make their own rainbow fish! In First Grade, teachers will read Chester's Way by Kevin Henke. As a class they will discuss how each character was a good friend in the story. They will then create their own Friendship Plan of Action, which demonstrates ways to make a new friend feel included.

Home Links:

[Preschool](#)

[Kindergarten](#)

[First Grade](#)

### **Check This Out!**

It is my pleasure to share that over the next couple of months, students and teachers in first grade will be piloting new devices, touchscreen Chromebooks. Classroom teachers will have access to a total of 45 across the grade level and will be asked to use them with their students in both a small and whole group format under the guidance of our Technology Integration Specialist, Marissa Foley. Grade 1 students will be assigned a Google Suite account (no email access) that will streamline access to valuable learning materials and simplify the sign in process. At this time, students and families will not have access to their Google usernames and passwords. This account information will be given to them in 2nd grade for their use during their time in Medfield Public Schools, which is the same practice that is currently in place.

As you likely know, Memorial currently uses iPads in all classrooms. Students utilize a variety of instructional apps such as Lexia, Writing Wizard, Freckle, Reading AZ; to name a few. Teachers use these devices during centers, individual work time and at times, whole class lessons. Access to these learning resources as well as the iPads will remain throughout the pilot while simultaneously allowing students and teachers to explore the touchscreen devices to determine if they expand instructional capabilities for our age group.

We are grateful to be able to pilot these new devices and throughout the trial period will be collecting feedback to then determine future steps. I look forward to sharing the results with you later in the school year.



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:**

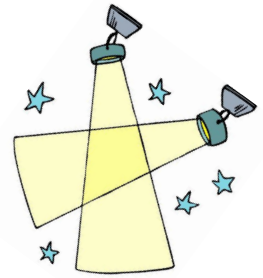
- ☑ Recognize the different kinds of feelings they can have when using technology
- ☑ Know what to do when they don't have a good feeling when using technology.

 [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

Happy February! Students have been working on gymnastic movement skills. Classes started off with a warm up game of mat tag, musical mats or sharks and minnows. Students then performed pencil rolls, log rolls and egg rolls with a partner across a mat. Students then demonstrated hand and foot movements through animal walks. Classes ended with students performing their favorite movements! They had a blast!!





In health classes, K and 1st grade students learned about taking care of their teeth. Students participated in an egg experiment, practiced brushing with our large teeth as well as plaque brushing! We also reviewed how to prevent getting sick by washing our hands. The next couple of weeks we will focus on taking care of our heart and how exercise is important for our bodies.



### [LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE](#)

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

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## FROM THE CAFETERIA

Memorial LOVES Sprinkles!



## February Lunch Menu



# MEDFIELD K-8 PTO FUNDRAISER



It's time for the big game, and [Ribpublic BBQ](#) is happy to be accepting orders for pickup on Super Bowl Sunday from 3-5PM (just in time for kickoff!)

In addition, [Ribpublic BBQ](#) is excited to be donating a portion of all proceeds to [Medfield K-8 PTO](#) in a Fundraiser to help support all of their amazing efforts!

Last year we SOLD OUT before the deadline....so [PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW](#) for pickup on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 12th.

Pickup is at our Medfield location at 26 Park Street, Sunday, February 12th from 3-5PM. Choose from Ribs, Pulled Pork, Smoked Chicken, Corn Bread, Coleslaw or 3 meal deals! ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED AND PLACED BY FRIDAY, February 10th AT MIDNIGHT (or before we sell out).

Quantities are limited, and WE WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY.

Please place your orders now to help support this amazing organization!

You DO NOT need to be from Medfield to order!

## MCPE Update - Week of February 6, 2023

Trivia Night is just around the corner!



This favorite Medfield event is a fun way to enjoy a night with friends while supporting our Medfield schools, teachers, and students. All proceeds benefit MCPE, which provides system-wide support and academic enrichment for Medfield Public Schools through grants for the development of innovative programs, curriculum, and enrichment. Check out some MCPE Grants in Action on FB!

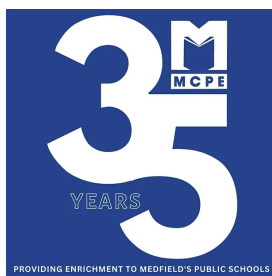
<https://www.facebook.com/MCPMedfield>

Trivia Night is next 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 (dinner included, cash bar). Team captains [register teams here](#).

We're painting the town blue!



MCPE is celebrating its 35th Anniversary! During this anniversary year, we are asking every household in Medfield to consider making a donation to MCPE. **Each residence that makes a charitable contribution of any amount will receive a blue bow placed on their mailbox.** You can showcase your support for Medfield Public Schools by donating to [MCPE's 35th Anniversary Appeal](#) and proudly displaying a blue ribbon, helping us paint the town blue!



This year, we are partnering with our schools to fund [five ambitious projects](#) that will make a real difference in our students' educational experience. Without MCPE, many of the educational enrichment tools and professional development opportunities that differentiate Medfield Public Schools and make our students' academic experiences truly unique would simply not be possible, as they are outside the school budget. Over many years, MCPE has brought innovative and rewarding initiatives to students in all five public schools. From Numicon kits and Passport Club in our elementary schools to a disc golf course and pickleball at the middle and high schools, every single child that comes through the Medfield public school system benefits from grants funded by MCPE. Please join us by [making your MCPE 35th Anniversary Appeal gift today!](#) Let's paint the town blue!



**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](mailto:uflindsay@gmail.com) for more information and learn about Destination Imagination at [destinationimagination.org](http://destinationimagination.org).