

Memorial School Weekly Email

March 2, 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, March 3rd - Term 2 Closes

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

Thursday, March 9th and Friday, March 10th - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal

Tuesday, March 14th - Staff Professional Development - Early Dismissal

Tuesday, March 21st - Literacy Night & Book Fair

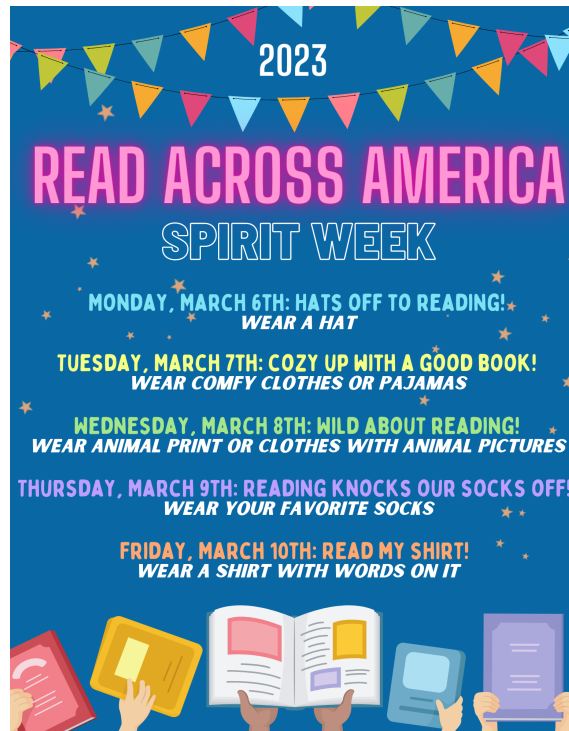
Friday, March 31st - No School (Professional Development)

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a wonderful vacation week.

- It is my pleasure to announce that Tanya Bureau has been hired as the part-time Administrative Assistant in the Memorial Office. Tanya started on Monday of this week. Welcome!
- As a reminder, the Medfield Public Schools will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week March 13-19. We are excited to have Jothy Rosenberg, author, speaker, entrepreneur and founder of the Who Says I Can't Foundation visiting with the Kindergarten and Grade One students on Thursday, March 16th. If you are interested in ordering an autographed copy of one of Mr. Rosenberg's books, please complete the attached form that was sent via email to all families on February 28th and return it to your child's classroom teacher no later than tomorrow, **Friday, March 3rd along with a check made out to the Who Says I Can't Foundation.**
- We are so excited for Read Across America Week, which starts the week of March 6th! Students will see the school decorated, enjoy fun read-alouds, and celebrate how much we love books and reading! Click here for information

about all the fun [dress-up days](#) Medfield's preK-Grade 5 students can choose to participate in or see below..



PRIA THE PATIENT MOUSE

remembers that by having patience she can accomplish anything.

March's Choose To Be Nice Value of the Month is Patience and Pria will be helping us learn about what it means to be patient.

In **Preschool**, teachers will read I'll Wait Mr. Panda by Steve Antony and Waiting is Not Easy by Mo Willems.

In **Kindergarten**, teachers will read Leo The Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus. As a class they will make a chart about all of the things we can learn if they are patient.

In **First Grade**, teachers will read The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss. As a class they will plant their own seeds and chart the growth of the seeds over time. They will discuss how the seeds grow at different rates and how the students felt when being patient for them to grow.

Here are our Home Link activities so you can help reinforce this important value at home and in the community as well!

[Preschool](#)
[Kindergarten](#)
[Grade One](#)

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 9th and Friday, March 10th.. If you have not yet signed up for a conference time, please be sure to do so. Classroom teachers are communicating directly with families as to available times.

Delay of Opening

If school opening is delayed due to weather conditions, bus routes will start one or two hours after the usual time depending on the length of the delay. All students should board buses 1 or 2 hours after the usual start time. There will be no AM kindergarten or AM preschool classes that day.

Preschool Cancellation, Delay and Early Release Policy

If Medfield Schools are canceled, the preschool is also canceled for the day. In the event of a delay of opening, the AM Preschool sessions will be canceled. The PM students should arrive at their usual time, 12:15. Children who attend the Extended Day Preschool program should arrive at school at 11:30. Dismissal times will remain the same.



LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

MRS. MAGUIRE'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

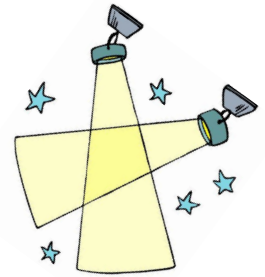
COVID GUIDELINES

**Announcements, Health Procedures, Forms and
more!**

SPECIALISTS SPOTLIGHT

From the Art Room

Our Kindergarten artists were inspired by the read aloud, “Deep Down Underground” and they drew images of what is happening above ground and below. They really enjoyed the process of our collaborative art unit. We reconfigured our classroom, threw on the smocks and worked together to create something beautiful! Focusing on painting circles or hearts, our artists created huge murals that are currently featured in the library!



First graders created their own “Water Lily Pond” paintings inspired by the work of Claude Monet. They used watercolors to create their pond, tissue paper and construction paper to create lily pads and flowers and finally modeling clay to make some happy pond creatures like frogs, ducks and more! Then they took on a brand new task of Printmaking. This practice is challenging and pushed our artists to persevere after each print. We used foam boards as our printing plates and block printing ink to print onto construction paper.

In Art Exploration, our artists created their own snow, using shaving cream, baking soda and a little white vinegar. We created paintings featuring our snow that were styled after “The Snowy Day” by Ezra Jack Keats. We also worked together to paint a stunning window mural in the front vestibule of our school.

For more art updates & photos,
please visit my website.

<https://sites.google.com/email.medfield.net/artwithmsfoley/home>

As always, feel free to email me with any questions! I hope to hear from you!

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Happy Creating!
Tricia Foley



FROM THE CAFETERIA

Prepping fresh veggies!



March Lunch Menu

Medfield Elementary Literacy Night and Book Fair

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023

TIME: 5:30-8 PM

LOCATION: Dale Street School

Come bring your family and join us at our annual Elementary Literacy Night and Book Fair. Fun interactive reading activities planned through the night, special guest teachers reading their favorite books, and exciting raffles too!!



Park Street Books will be setting up an amazing book sale with new releases and kid favorites across the grades, including PreK.

Jim James is generously giving 20% of the book fair sales back to our PTO, so it's a great way to update your home library while giving back to the schools. More details to come!

We are launching a month-long **"Memorial Class Library Stock Up Event"** where we will be collecting donations to buy books off Teacher Wishlists. Use this SignUp Genius link to donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dafab2ba5f58-memorial#/>

A MESSAGE FROM MEMORIAL PTO

The Memorial PTO wants YOU!

The PTO is looking for some awesome new members for our 2023-24 board. Specifically, we are searching for a new Kindergarten President, Vice President, and Treasurer. No experience necessary - just a desire to get involved and help support our students and staff! Please contact danielletata@gmail.com if you want more information. We would LOVE to have you!

The next Memorial PTO meeting will be next Wednesday, 3.8, at 7 PM via Zoom. We can't wait to see you there!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://medfield-net.zoom.us/j/84911524199?pwd=c2lIL1hVQ1VsS3VlQkxBcVhGWw5aUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 1152 4199

Passcode: 975738

MCPE March Madness Bracket Challenge



The annual rite of Spring known as March Madness is around the corner. MCPE is sponsoring a bracket pool to benefit the [MCPE 35th Anniversary Appeal](#)! This year, you can watch hoops while supporting Medfield Public Schools. Win win (if you're lucky!).

[Click here](#) to sign up now. Brackets will be available to complete in the evening on March 12 and must be completed by 12:15pm on March 16. It costs \$20 per bracket to play and there will be cash prizes, including \$500 for the winning bracket! Please feel free to share the pool with friends, family, and colleagues, near and far. The more participants we have, the more our schools and kids will benefit!

Volunteer with MCPE

**Are you looking for a way to give back to Medfield Public Schools?
Join the Medfield Coalition for Public Education!**



MCPE is an independent non-profit organization founded to provide system-wide support and academic enrichment for the Medfield Public Schools through grants for the development of innovative programs, curriculum, and enrichment. MCPE is led by a volunteer board that works throughout the school year to organize community-wide fundraising events and make grants to teachers and staff at all five Medfield Public Schools.

We're recruiting new board members to start in the 2023-24 school year! If you are interested in becoming an MCPE board member, we would love to hear from

you. We're looking for candidates who can commit to a 3-year term, attend board meetings once a month, and have an active interest in enriching kids' education in Medfield schools. This year, we have specific needs for treasurer, publicity/social media, events/fundraising, and website. All skill sets are welcome, and we strive to have a board with diverse backgrounds.

Learn more and apply here: <https://www.medfieldcoalition.org/volunteer-information>

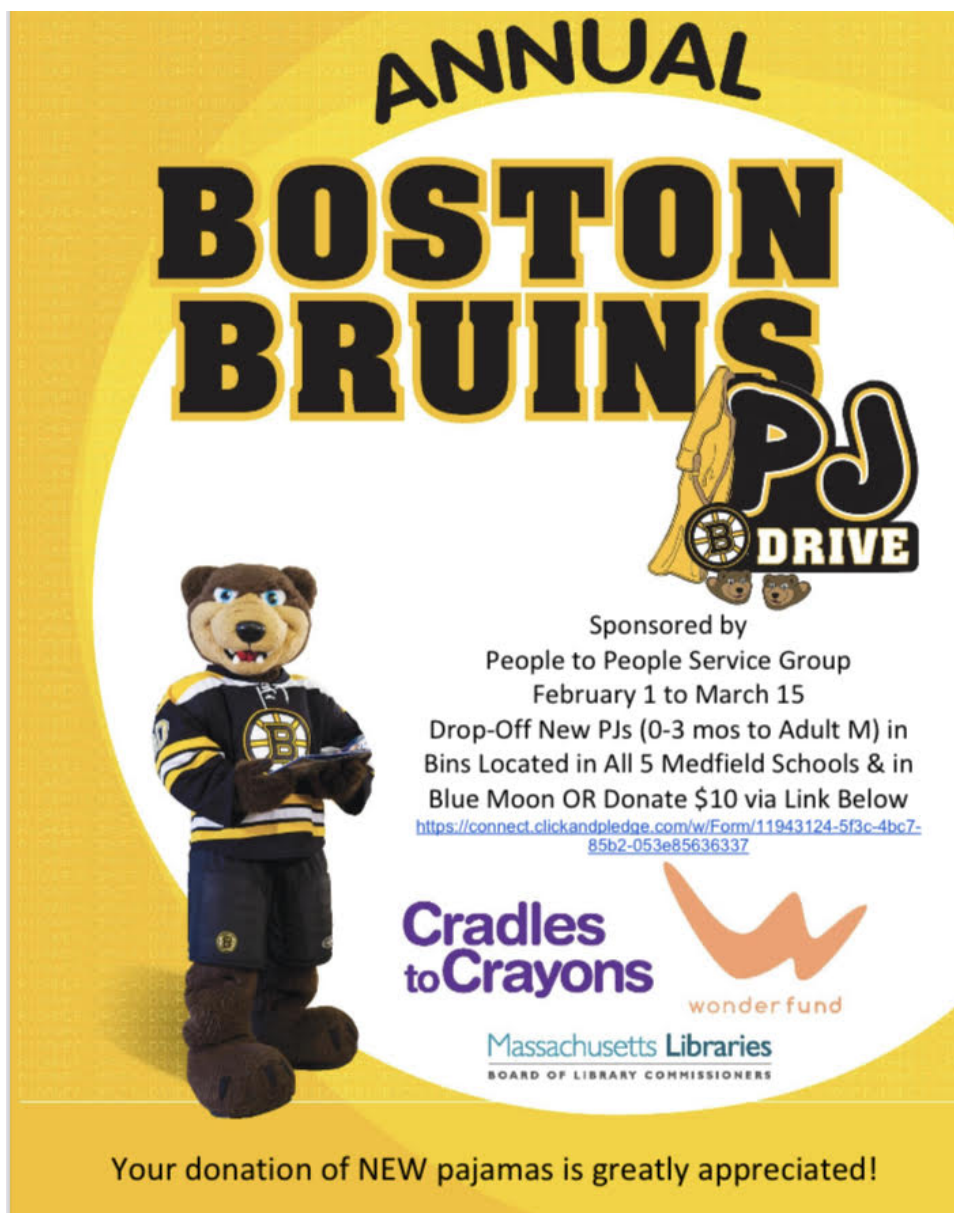
Cradle to Crayons Annual Bruins PJ Drive

People to People, a community service group of MHS 10th graders, is collecting donations of new pajamas (sizes 0-3 mos. through Adult M) to support the Cradle to Crayons Annual Bruins PJ Drive. With your help, we can help reach the collective goal of 10,000 PJs for Cradles to Crayons and Wonderfund. Cradles to Crayons works to fight children's clothing insecurity in various states and raises awareness about this crisis



nationally. The Wonderfund works to provide children involved with the MA Department of Children & Families the opportunities, experiences, and essentials that every child deserves. Please see flyer for more information. You can drop off donations in one of the

5 boxes, or donate via this [link](#).

Every \$10 donated will purchase 1 pair of PJs. Thank you for your support of this great cause!




**ANNUAL
BOSTON
BRUINS**



Sponsored by
People to People Service Group
February 1 to March 15
Drop-Off New PJs (0-3 mos to Adult M) in
Bins Located in All 5 Medfield Schools & in
Blue Moon OR Donate \$10 via Link Below
<https://connect.clickandpledge.com/w/Form/11943124-5f3c-4bc7-85b2-053e85636337>

**Cradles
toCrayons**



Massachusetts Libraries
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Your donation of NEW pajamas is greatly appreciated!