

# Memorial School Weekly

## Email March 16, 2023

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 13th – Friday, March 17th – Neurodiversity Week

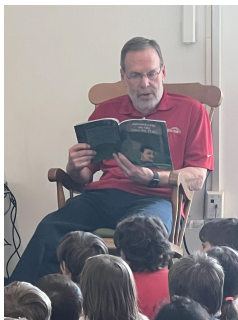
Tuesday, March 21st – Literacy Night & Book Fair

Tuesday, March 21st – World Down Syndrome Day

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

Dear Families,

Thank you to all for joining us either in person or via Zoom last week for parent/teacher conferences. We are so grateful for your partnership. As a reminder, Term 2 report cards will be available for viewing via Aspen at 3 PM on Friday, March 17th.



Jothy Rosenberg visited with our Kindergarten and Grade One students today. He shared his book Adventures on the Can Do Trail and then spoke with the kids and answered several of their questions. He touched upon being an author, his prosthetic leg, competing in open water swims between Alcatraz and San Francisco, biking between Massachusetts and New York and several other activities that he enjoys. Our Kindergarten and Grade One students were an awesome audience and we are so grateful that Mr. Rosenberg was able to join us.

### Mark your calendars...

On March 29th at 4:30 PM, the elementary principals will be hosting a parent webinar on the student placement process for the 2023-2024 school year. We will review the specifics of the placement process and also speak about the parent input letter including dates and recommended content. We hope that you can join us, but recognize that the day/time may not work for all families. As a result, we will be recording the webinar and will share the link with

families who may wish to review or view it at their convenience.

Please click this URL to join.

<https://medfield-net.zoom.us/j/83942137985?pwd=RUVzTXIHMktVNTQ3Q1UrN0NEMIVlQTO9>

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## Movie Night

The School Committee and the Medfield Energy Committee are co-sponsoring the movie "Catching the Sun" on solar energy. Solar energy is an important part of Medfield's Climate Action Plan. Learn how the transition to solar power is taking shape in many diverse communities.

The movie will be shown twice - Monday night March 27th at 7pm in the Medfield High School auditorium and again on Sunday April 2nd at 1pm in the Medfield Library meeting room. Please join us.

## SPECIALISTS SPOTLIGHT

### WELLNESS

Hello from the Wellness department! We have been having a ton of fun moving our bodies and exploring with different types of equipment. Students practiced their hand eye coordination with a large nerf ball. Students tried to bounce and catch, toss and catch individually and also with a partner. Students played "shooting stars" where they tried to throw the ball into a basket or through a hula hoop to get points for their team. We even had a few days where we were able to get outside and do some sledding, shoveling, snowman building and sled pulling in the big field.



In health class, both kindergarten and first graders will learn about all types of food and what foods go into what food group. Students are encouraged to try new foods and to be a helper in the kitchen. I am starting to collect grocery store flyers for an upcoming project, so feel free to send them into school for Mrs. Gelinas! Thank you!

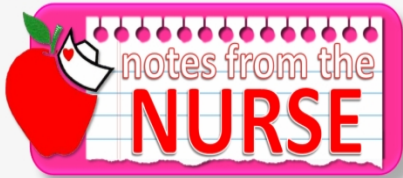


### LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

MRS. MAGUIRE'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

COVID GUIDELINES

ANNOUNCEMENTS, HEALTH PROCEDURES, FORMS AND MORE!



## From the Cafeteria

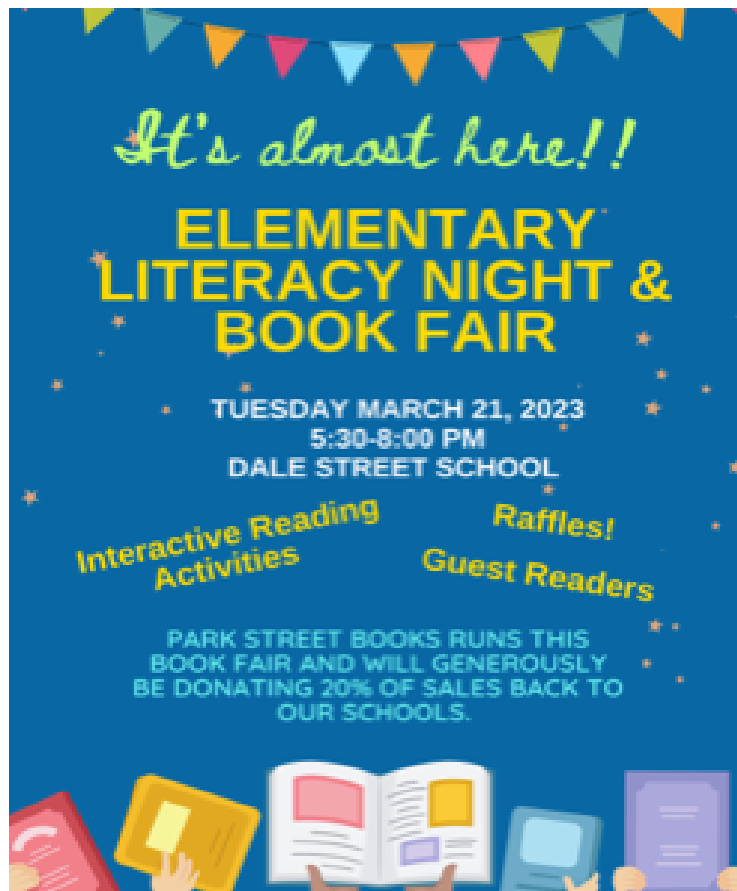


A ❤️ on our apple!



## March Lunch Menu

**The Medfield Elementary Literacy Night and Book Fair is next week!!**



Come bring your family and join us at our Medfield Elementary Literacy Night and Book Fair. Fun interactive reading activities planned throughout 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. Come get some new books and support our schools!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Book Fair**

If interested, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAB2BA5F58-book>

**Library Stock Up Event:** As a reminder, we have launched 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#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dafab2ba5f58-memorial#/)

## A MESSAGE FROM MCPE



MCPE is thrilled to award more than \$21,000 in funding for the six exciting grants below in its second 2022-23 grant cycle. Thank you to the generous Medfield community for continuing to support MCPE and all five Medfield Public Schools! Please consider donating to the MCPE 35th Anniversary Appeal today to help us raise \$100,000 for important projects at each of our schools. [Click here](#) to donate and learn more about what your gift today will support!

- **Memorial** will expand its library of Jump Rope Readers (decodable books that benefit children who struggle with reading) that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. Through rich discussions that will happen while being engaged with Jump Rope Readers, students will develop into reflective community individuals at Memorial, in Medfield, and in their future.
- **Memorial** will purchase a Gaga Ball Pit - a much-anticipated and inclusive game that will be used by the entire school community. The Memorial PE closet will be updated with new shelving and organization supplies, allowing for safe and effective storage of new equipment.
- **Memorial** will establish a lending library of classroom sensory learning tools for teachers to access for students in need. Sensory tools are helpful for all students and provide them with opportunities to receive organizing sensory input that will assist with behavioral and emotional regulation to support learning throughout the day.
- **Wheelock** will purchase a Book Vending Machine. Students will have various in-school opportunities to earn tokens to be used in the vending machine to “purchase” chapter and picture books, generating excitement for reading and rewarding positive behavior.
- **Wheelock** will also purchase an interactive electronic whiteboard for the gymnasium that will allow for technology integration and more engaging lessons in Wellness classes, enhancing student participation and motivation.
- **All five Medfield schools** will benefit from funding for Mental Health Baskets at nurses’ offices that will allow our nurses to respond to the increase in the number of student visits for mental health concerns. Each nurse’s office will be provided with a basket of tools that, after an initial assessment, students can use to help manage their stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues that may arise during school hours.

## NEWS FROM SEPAC



Mark your calendars for **World Down Syndrome Day Tuesday, March 21st** and wear your **crazy or mismatched** socks!

## Parents Guide to Children with Autism

### Things you can do to help

- Dim some or all of the lights in your house
- Be aware they often need more attention than other kids you may have
- Sometimes they just want to be left alone
- Ask your kid with autism to tell you more

### Overall

You should try to help your kid with Autism. There are many things that I could not fit in this guide. I tried to put in the basics. I hope you learned something that could help you be a better parent for your kid. Help to uncover the secret of Autism for the whole world. Your kid with Autism should be able to teach you more.

### A Guide for parents that have kids with autism



Written by Michael Rea

### Wrong Name

Lots of people call Autism ASD, this stands for Autism Spectrum Disorder. I feel like the name of the disorder does not fit this condition. I call it Autism Spectrum Difference. I feel that is a better name for this condition. Autism is helpful in many ways. It does not make a kid worse. Difference is more descriptive of this condition.

### Senses

Kids with Autism are likely to have sensitive noses, eyes, ears, touch and possibly taste.

You should be careful with...

Loud Noises

Bright lights

Lots of different noise at the same time

Bad Smells

Something that may help in loud places is providing headphones playing white noise.

### What to expect

These are a few things you should expect but all kids are different. How many of these match your child?

- Big reactions to small problems
- Strong urges to do bad things even when it is a bad idea
- Emotional when there are loud noises or lots of different noises.
- Don't like bright light
- Hard time focusing on things they don't want or do not like.

# JOIN US!

## TOPIC: HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

3/21 @7 PM BLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

GUESTS: MEREDITH BECKER & STEPHANIE WORTHLY

### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- IF MY CHILD NEEDS PULLOUT SERVICES IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOW WILL IT GET FACTORED INTO THEIR SCHEDULE AT SCHOOL? CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE FLEX BLOCK IS?
- WHAT DO ACCOMMODATIONS LOOK LIKE IN COLLEGE? MY CHILD WILL NO LONGER BE ON AN IEP, WHAT SUPPORTS WILL THEY BE GIVEN AND HOW WILL IT BE MEASURED?



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## 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](mailto: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>

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