

# Memorial School Weekly Email

## June 8, 2023

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, June 14th -Transition Day

Thursday, June 15th - Early Release & Last Day of School

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that the 2022-2023 school year is coming to a close and that this is our last newsletter for the year. On behalf of the Memorial Staff, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support and partnership. We are so fortunate to get to work with your children every day and have loved watching them grow throughout the year. For our families moving on to Wheelock next year, we will miss you and wish you all the best. For our families returning to Memorial next year, we will see you soon. Our first day of school for Grade One students will be August 30th, our Kindergarten students will join us on September 5th and Preschool students will start on either September 5th or 6th depending on their program. Have a great summer everyone!

#### Transition Day Reminder

Transition Day for current K & 1 students will be held on Wednesday, June 14th. First grade students will ride the bus over to Wheelock where they will meet their new teacher and classmates before returning to Memorial for the remainder of the school day. Kindergarten students will join their new first grade teacher and classmates for a brief time before returning to their K classrooms for the remainder of their day. Welcome emails from your child's new teacher and a Flip video invitation will be shared with families on Wednesday afternoon. Details regarding the Meet & Greet format/date for our incoming kindergarten children and their families in late August will be shared separately.

### Thank You!

Thank you to our 22/23 PTO board members (Danielle Tata, Kelly Behbehani, Jenny Shaw, Katherine Weisse, and Meredith Lambert) for all of their hard work this year. We are so incredibly grateful for all that you have done to support our students and staff. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who have supported fundraisers, programs, and classrooms throughout the year.

We would also like to thank our 22/23 parent and community Site Council members (Meaghan Boudreau, Laura Zaks, Kristin Martin, and Cathleen Farrell) for all of their work and contributions throughout the year.

This week the K-8 PTO provided lunch for our staff. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We would also like to thank all of our chaperones who assisted with PreK-1 field trips this year. We couldn't do it without you!

### Progress Reports

Progress reports will be available for viewing on the Aspen Parent Portal on Thursday, June 15th at 11:30 AM.

### Mrs. Caulfield's Visit

On Wednesday, Wheelock Principal, Mrs. Caulfield, visited with the Incoming Grade 2 class. She shared information about the school, answered student questions, and read a story that kept the kids highly entertained.

## **SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT** **Art**

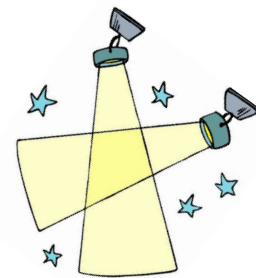
We kicked the year off with a creative start in the art room! Kindergarten and first grade students worked hard to create some amazing works of art.

We rounded out the year with a spectacular art show displaying all of the incredible artwork produced by our students this year! A HUGE thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped us set up (and disassemble) for the art show!

A heartfelt goodbye to all my students headed to Wheelock next year. You will be missed.

I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone after the break. In October we will start to explore paint and messier materials. Feel free to email me at any point with questions about art class. [tbabin@email.medfield.net](mailto:tbabin@email.medfield.net). Happy summer!

Tracey Babin





## **LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

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

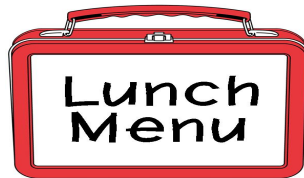
COVID GUIDELINES

Announcements, Health Procedures, Forms and more!

## **From the Cafeteria**



## June Lunch Menu



## A Message From The Library



Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered in the library this year and to everyone who has returned their books already!

For anyone with books still at home, please feel free to send them in over the next few days. Please reach out to Anne Farrahar ([afarrahar@email.medfield.net](mailto:afarrahar@email.medfield.net)) with any questions.

### Summer Reading

Are you looking for fun ways to keep reading and writing happening in your home this summer? Check out our [summer literacy website](#) where you can find curated resources to support you and your family of readers all summer





long! Click [here](#) for a short presentation about the Summer Reading Challenge.

Here are some additional [ideas](#) for summer reading for any students entering Memorial or Wheelock in the fall! We are so excited for you to spend some time enjoying good books this summer. Happy reading!

## PTO Happenings

### **THANK YOU, MEMORIAL FAMILIES!**

The Art Show Lottery ticket raffle was a HUGE success! Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$2,420.00 towards new Playground Equipment for our school!

Chubbs and the Hot Dog Man will be donating a portion of their profits to the Memorial School PTO as well. Don't forget them this summer when you need a snack!



As in past years, the PTO is partnering with 1st Day School Supplies to get all your school supplies for your student for next school year. All name-brand supplies will be packaged individually for your student. Items will be shipped to the school and ready for your child on their first day. A portion of the proceeds supports PTO programs throughout the year. Don't delay - the sale ends July 1st!

[https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school\\_zip=02052](https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/list.php?school_zip=02052)

### **MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**It's the moment you've all been waiting for: a PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE!**

This summer, we have the first installation for our new Memorial Playground! As a reminder, due to budget and time constraints, we have decided to fundraise and install our playground on a rolling yearly basis to make sure the families that donate can also play!



**This is our FIRST new piece of equipment, which will be installed this summer: the Volta Inclusive Spinner! This will be installed along with special paths that will allow children of all abilities and mobility to access the equipment.**

**Thank you to ChildScapes for working with us and making our dreams for an inclusive playground for Memorial School a reality! Thank you to MCPE as well, who generously donated \$20,000 towards this year's installation. We did it, Memorial School families! Congratulations on an incredibly successful year of fundraising!**



# THANK YOU



The Teacher Wishlist Book Drive Fundraiser  
was a great success!

- \*Over \$10,000 raised
- \*Over 700 books bought and delivered
- \*Over \$2000 in book gift cards issued



**WITH THANKS FROM OUR HAPPY READERS,  
TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS**



Memorial Elementary and PreK  
Wheelock Elementary  
Dale St. Elementary



## **Mabel's Labels**

The Memorial PTO has started a new fundraising effort  
through **Mabel's Labels**! We get 20% of each Label

Packet bought if families use the code "Memorial School PTO" when they shop.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

## SEPAC

### Connect!



Meet newly elected Co-Presidents Katherine & Melissa

- Tuesday, **June 6th at 11 am**, at Blue Moon
- Wednesday, **June 7th at 7 pm** at Blake Middle School Library

Sign up for the **Parent/Caregiver Connection Group** for parents and caregivers of children with Down Syndrome. email [sepac@email.medfield.net](mailto:sepac@email.medfield.net)

### Celebrate!



Join us Tuesday, **June 13th** at **Hinkley Park** at **5 pm** to connect with other families and celebrate another school year. SEPAC will provide popsicles. Please RSVP using the QR code.