

# Memorial School Weekly Email

## September 7, 2023

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 13th, 5-7 PM - Memorial Open House

Friday, September 15th - Elementary Spirit Day - Patriots Spirit Day

Tuesday, September 19th - Memorial Picture Day

Monday, September 25th - No School - Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 27th - Rainbow Run (rain date 9/28)

Dear Families,

The '23-'24 school year is off to a great start! We had our first fire drill of the school year this morning and it went very well. Students and staff are working hard and I'm so proud of everyone's efforts. Thank you to all of our families for your support.

### Open House

Next week, we are looking forward to our Kindergarten and Grade One Open House. Our format has changed this year and we are excited to announce that students and their families are welcome to attend. On Wednesday, September 13th, families with last names beginning with A-L are invited from 5:00 - 5:45 PM. Families with last names

beginning with M-Z are invited from 6:00 - 6:45 PM. These times have been set to assist with parking given the anticipated attendance. Thank you for your understanding.

Families should plan to go to their child's classroom to begin the night. In the classroom, guests will receive information as well as a scavenger hunt form that will provide opportunities for families to learn about their child's classroom, explore daily schedules and routines, and meet a variety of Memorial staff members (i.e. special subject teachers, school nurse, etc...). In addition, representatives from the PTO, MCPE and SEPAC will be available to share information about each of these amazing organizations. We hope to see you there!

### **PreK - 5 Spirit Days**

Throughout the school year, Memorial, Wheelock and Dale Street Schools will participate in PreK-5 Spirit Days centered upon a variety of themes. These days are meant to bring our schools together in a fun way and participation in these days is optional.

Our first Spirit Day is scheduled for next Friday, September 15th and our theme is Patriots Spirit Day. All participants are encouraged to wear Patriots gear or red, white and blue.

### **Attendance Reminders**

Families are reminded that our school day for K & 1 students begins at 8:25 AM. Morning routines are very important. Please be sure that your child arrives at school on time. If your child is going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please notify the Memorial office.

In the event that your child is not able to be in school due to illness or another reason, please utilize School Dismissal Manager or call the absence line (508) 242-8504 to let the school know that your child will be out. For additional information, please refer to the Elementary Handbook Attendance policy (shared below).

### **Attendance**

All children are expected to be in attendance each day unless they are ill, a family emergency arises, or for a religious observance. Children returning to school after a communicable disease and/or five consecutive days absent must also have a doctor's note and report to the school nurse before returning to the classroom. Parents of children who are absent (6 or more unexcused days per term) will be contacted by the principal.

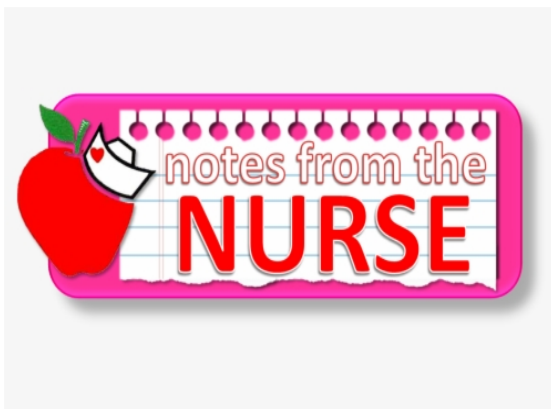
### **Sample Excused Absences**

1. Medical/dental appointments or verified illness (notification from practitioner due within 5 school days after the absence, and must contain dates of illness/visitation)

2. Religious holiday
3. Chronic illness document by a treatment provider/primary practitioner
4. Suspension
5. Extenuating circumstances determined by the administrator

***Sample Unexcused Absences***

1. Family vacations
2. Absences resulting from competitions, fatigue and/or other activities
3. Illness not requiring a doctor's attention



Mrs.Maguire - SCHOOL NURSE

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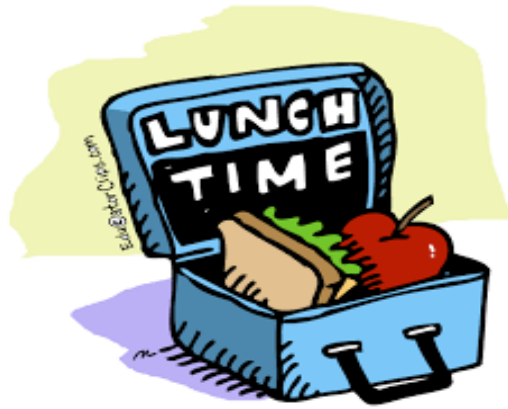


Mark your calendars!

School Picture day is Tuesday,  
September 19th! Please click [here](#) for  
more information

## FROM THE CAFETERIA

Please see the link below for this month's school menu and stay tuned for lunch time photos!



## September Lunch Menu



### Message from the Guidance/School Psychologist's Office

As a member of Memorial School, please know your child may be invited by a peer to occasionally join a small group for snack or lunch in the guidance office. The purpose of "Snack Pack"/"Lunch Bunch" is to learn and practice friendship/prosocial skills with peers in a social setting. Students typically enjoy the games, discussion and small group setting. For the lunch bunch, students may bring or buy lunch, will be escorted to and from lunch and will not miss any recess. If you DO NOT want your child to be allowed to be a guest please click [here](#) and complete the decline form. There is no need to complete a form if you wish for your child to have the opportunity to be a guest. Thanks! Cal Estes/School Psychologist & Kathy Bockhorst/School Counselor.

## PTO Announcements

### **Interested in becoming a Room Parent?**

Go to [medfieldk8pto.com](http://medfieldk8pto.com), click on your child's school and fill out the Room Parent Volunteer Form by **September 15**. Room Parents help communicate information to parents regarding PTO initiatives and teacher needs. Room Parents also coordinate all class parties and teacher gifts. If you have questions, please reach out to Claire Pickering ([clairepick@gmail.com](mailto:clairepick@gmail.com)).