

Memorial School Weekly Email

October 5, 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 6 - Elementary Spirit Day - Medfield Spirit

Monday, October 9th - No School - Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 11th - Parent Webinar - 4:15 PM (see info below)

Tuesday, October 31st - Halloween Parade - 9:15 AM

Tuesday, October 31st - Early Release (Professional Development)

Monday, November 6th - Picture Retake Day

Dear Families,

Tomorrow is a PreK-5 Spirit Day and the theme is Medfield Spirit!

Participants are encouraged to wear Medfield gear or blue/white.

This week we celebrated National Custodian's Day. We are so grateful to have Mr. Bob Bond and Ms. Janine Soldicich as part of our Memorial family. They work diligently to maintain a clean and safe environment for our children, families and staff each and every day and always do so with a smile. Thank you!!



Cooperation Lab at Boston College - Participation Opportunity



Cooperation Lab at Boston College Research Participation: Information for Parents

Dear Medfield Public Schools families,

My name is Sophie Riddick—I am a proud Medfield graduate (Class of 2018!) and am currently employed as a researcher in the Cooperation Lab at Boston College, a research group directed by Dr. Katie McAuliffe. I am part of a team of developmental psychologists interested in how social cognition and behavior develop in children. We're particularly interested in how cooperation develops in childhood.

With the permission and support of the Medfield Public Schools, we will be visiting **this fall**. Participating students between the **ages of 5 and 10** will have the opportunity to take part in a **10-15 minute study**.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, your child will (1) be introduced to the task by a researcher, (2) be asked if they want to participate and, if they say yes, (3) participate in a task aimed at investigating how the means by which children acquire resources affects their willingness to share them. Specifically, children will obtain tokens either with or without themselves or their parents "working" for them (child "work" = drawing lines on paper; parent "work" = filling out forms). They will then choose how to distribute those tokens between themselves and another child, and answer some questions about why they made their decision. At the end of the study, your child will get to trade their tokens for a prize (e.g., a small toy or art supply). We design the studies to be fun and engaging for children. These activities are most interesting for participants (and work best for us!) when children don't know what we're studying before they participate. So, if you would like to discuss the study goals with your child, we would be grateful if you could wait until after they have participated. When we finish working with the children at the Medfield Public Schools, we will put together and share a flyer that describes the study and shows some preliminary results in aggregate from all the children who participated.

If you would like your child to participate, we ask that you complete the electronic version of the consent form, which can be found by clicking [here](#). We will be at the Memorial and Wheelock schools for several weeks in November and December and ask that you please fill out the form **by October 26th** if you would like your child(ren) to participate. If you have more than one child who would like to participate, we'd kindly ask that you complete the online form separately for each child. There is also an option for you to attend the study session to watch your child participate. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to me directly at sophie.riddick@bc.edu.

All data collected as part of this research are **confidential** and data are anonymized prior to analysis and publication. We ask your permission to video record the testing session. Video recordings are stored in a secure server that is only accessible to trained members of our lab who have completed research ethics training. Video recordings are not required. If you'd like your child to participate but do not want videotaping to take place, simply mark "no" to the video question on the consent form. Please note that if you **do** consent to video recording, the camera would be set up behind your child and focused on the table so as not to capture their face. Our data and video handling and storage procedures have been approved by the Boston College Institutional Review Board which is part of the Office for Research Protections.

If you have any questions or would like a PDF version of the consent form, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at sophie.riddick@bc.edu or Katie McAuliffe at mcaulig@bc.edu. Please visit www.bccooperationlab.com if you'd like more information about our lab's research. Our lab would be delighted to have your child participate.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Sophie Riddick

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Boston College

Upcoming Webinar

We are excited to invite you to an upcoming Principal's webinar focused on the important topic of social competencies in the three Elementary Schools. This webinar aims to provide valuable insights and strategies to support your child's social development, both at school and at home.

Date: Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Time: 4:15 p.m.

Zoom Link:

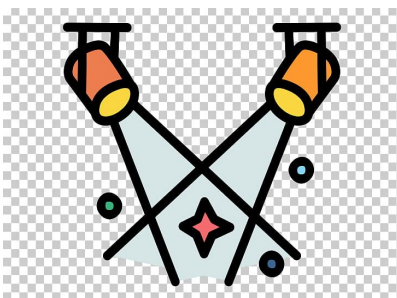
<https://medfield-net.zoom.us/j/83639135038?pwd=UU5tdlZ0YzR6eIZBV1lzTEloNCtyZz09>

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Can't make it at that exact time? No worries! We understand that schedules can be busy, so we will be recording the webinar for your convenience. The recording will be made available for families who are unable to attend the live event.

We encourage all parents and guardians to join us. If you have a specific question you would like addressed, please share it on this [form](#) by Monday, October 9th.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. We hope to see you on October 11th.



SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

From the Library

It has been a wonderful start to the year in the Memorial library! My name is Anne Farrahar and this is my sixth year as Memorial's librarian. Prior to that I worked at Medfield High School as an English teacher. Dorothy Redding, the library teaching assistant, has worked at Memorial for ten years.

We have loved meeting all of our new students and welcoming back the returning ones. The best part of our job is getting to share our love of reading with Memorial's students. They get so excited to recognize their favorite books and discover great new stories on our shelves!

Kindergarten and first grade students have library class every other week. We always read a story together, do an activity connected to the story, check out new books (that students can choose themselves), and have a little free choice time at the end of class. During this time, some kids choose to sit and read their library books, while others like to color or play with the toys we have

in the library. Preschool students come to the library with their teachers and get to hear mystery readers, check out new books, and play. We love when they visit!







Sometimes kids get nervous about forgetting their library books, but they never need to worry. They can just bring their books in the next day! We love seeing what books kids choose to bring home and share with their families. Right now, we are noticing a lot of kids checking out book series, including:

- *Press Start* by Thomas Flintham
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Crabby* by Jonathan Fenske
- *How to Catch...* by Adam Wallace
- *Owl Diaries* and *Unicorn Diaries* by Rebecca Elliott
- *Dragon Masters* by Tracey West

We are looking forward to the rest of the year! Feel free to email me (afarrahar@email.medfield.net) with any questions.



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MEMORIAL SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Monday, November 6, 2023

More information to follow.



The Memorial School is seeking a full-time special education teaching assistant (M-F 8:15-3:15). Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Bilsborough at 508-359-5135 or via email at mbilsborough@email.medfield.net.

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Some happy diners and
our breakfast helpers



We are excited to welcome Miss Rebeca to our
kitchen staff!!

October Lunch Menu



SAVE THE DATE

**Medfield
Elementary
Literacy Night &
Book Fair**

Thursday, October 26, 2023

5:00-8:30PM

Memorial School

More details to come...

**Come join us for a fun night that celebrates reading! There will be interactive activities, guest readers, and a great book fair shopping experience with books from our own Park St Books.
(20% of book sales will go back to our schools.)**

Also, the Hot Dog Wagon will be on site to make dinner easy that night!