

# Memorial School Weekly Email

## October 12, 2023

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Monday, November 6th - Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, November 8th - Early Release (Conferences) - No PM Preschool

Thursday, November 9th - Early Release (Conferences) - No PM Preschool

Friday, November 10th - No School (Veterans Day)

Dear Families,

Thank you to all who were able to join us yesterday for our first principal's webinar of the school year. Yesterday's presentation was entitled Student Well-Being and it was the first in our Supporting Students Series. Topics addressed included the CASEL standards (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning), Strategic Plan connections, Bullying and Harassment protocols, and available resources. Please click [here](#) to view the webinar in its entirety. Should you have a topic that you would like addressed in an upcoming webinar, please reach out ([mbilsborough@email.medfield.net](mailto:mbilsborough@email.medfield.net)).



### **Halloween Parade**

On Tuesday, October 31st, the Memorial School will be having its annual costume parade. At 9:15 AM, Memorial students and staff will exit out of the main entrance, take a left towards the library, walk around the building, through the main playground and back towards the bus loop.

Classes will re-enter the building through the main doors and return to their classrooms. Guests are invited to join us outside along the route to enjoy the parade. We ask that you please do not park in the bus loop and if parking on Adams Street, please park only on the fence side.

### **Costumes**

As our parade will be first thing in the morning, all children are invited to wear their costumes into school. Please note that **NO weapons are allowed, nor should children wear masks that cover their entire faces.** We encourage you to help your child choose a costume that is appropriate for school. We have many young children who can be easily scared and we want this time to be enjoyed by all. Once the parade is over, children will change out of their costumes for the remainder of the school day. If your child's costume will not fit in their backpack, please send your child with a well-labeled bag for its return trip home.

### **Party In A Bag**

Parties will be held following the schedule below and families are asked to please send their child in on their party day with a "Party in A Bag" for the snack portion of the party. For those of you who are new to this type of celebration, please see below.

- Find a brown paper lunch bag or a similar type bag
- Invite your child to decorate their bag or simply write their name on the outside
- Send your child's bag in on the day of their party with a few of their favorite food items. Some examples could include:
  - Juice box or mini water bottle
  - Small salty snack
  - Fun sweet snack (cupcake, cookie, candy)
  - Additional item could be a piece of fruit, a small yogurt, or any additional healthy snack



### **Party Schedule**

October 26th - Wood (T/Th)

October 30th - Wood (M/W/F)

October 31st - PreK (DeGeorge, Dardia), Kindergarten & Grade 1

### **Fall Teacher Conferences**

Teacher conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th with each day being an early dismissal for Memorial students. Fall conferences will be held in-person, however a virtual option through Zoom will be available upon request. Teachers will be reaching out directly to families to schedule a conference time. We are looking forward to meeting with you and value your partnership.

## SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

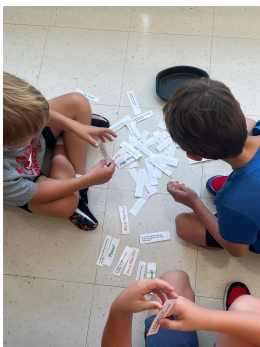
### From the Wellness Department

Students have been having fun learning how to move safely while in the gym. Students have been learning the rules to some of Memorial School's favorite warm up games such as noodle tag, color tag and musical spots. It is very important that students learn how to move safely without bumping into people or objects. Students also worked on balancing skills in small groups with various equipment like turtle critters, balance boards, walking stilts and obstacle courses. This past week, classes participated in a few kicking activities such as 6 goal soccer and rainbow goal scoring! Please remember to have your child wear sneakers on their PE days as well as comfortable clothes. Many students work up a sweat, so dressing in layers is always a great idea!



Kindergarten and 1st graders were introduced/reviewed what they will be learning in health class this year. Students are encouraged to be respectful to all by listening, following the rules and to be kind to all. Both grades are currently in their safety units. During these lessons, students learn about fire safety, calling 911, school and bus expectations, and pedestrian safety. All very important life skills!

-Mr. Grace & Mrs. Gelinas





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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. Bilborough at 508-359-5135 or via email at [mbilborough@email.medfield.net](mailto:mbilborough@email.medfield.net).





## NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Happy Fall!

Our friend will need a name - contest information to come !!



October Lunch Menu





## MEMORIAL SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY

**Monday, November 6, 2023**

THIS IS FOR ANY STUDENT WHO:

- ❖ was absent on the original picture day
- ❖ was not satisfied with their portraits

If you would like to have your child's picture retaken you must return your complete package to the photographer on Retake/Makeup Day. **Please remember to remove the class group photo from your package.** Your child will be re-photographed and a new portrait package will be printed for you.

If your child was absent or forgot his/her envelope on picture day, please contact the school office and request that a new order form be sent home with your student. Your child's picture will be taken and your package will be printed from the order selection on your new order form/payment envelope.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT LIFETOUCH CUSTOMER  
SERVICE AT:**

**(508) 946-0777**



Did you know that [MCPE \(Medfield Coalition for Public Education\)](#) is a great way to support Medfield Public Schools? For 35 years, MCPE has raised money from the Medfield community to provide system-wide support and academic enrichment for all five schools in town, with particular attention to academic needs that exceed the parameters of the school budget. We do this largely through community-wide events, like the Fall Fest coming up later this month! Just last spring, MCPE awarded more than \$21,000 in funding for six exciting grants, including the four at Memorial that your child could be benefitting from today. Keep an eye out for future events this year so that you can support projects like these, too!!

- Memorial is expanding 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 purchased 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 is establishing 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.
- 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.



# ELEMENTARY LITERACY NIGHT & BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023  
5-8:00 PM-BOOK FAIR, 5:30-7-LIT NIGHT  
MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Interactive Reading  
Activities

Raffles!  
Guest Readers

PARK STREET BOOKS RUNS THIS  
BOOK FAIR AND WILL GENEROUSLY  
BE DONATING 20% OF SALES BACK TO  
OUR SCHOOLS.

...and The Hot Dog Wagon serving up  
easy dinners for the fam!!







## PTO NEWS

Our next Memorial PTO meeting is scheduled for **October 25th** at 7pm via Zoom.

Did you miss the September PTO meeting? You can access Memorial PTO meeting minutes on the Medfield K-8 PTO website! <http://www.medfieldk8pto.com/>

## ALSO COMING UP.....



Memorial PTO is hosting a...

# VIP HALLOWEEN PARADE EXPERIENCE RAFFLE

2 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

- DESIGNATED FRONT ROW PARKING THE MORNING OF PARADE
- CUSTOMIZED STARBUCKS ORDER WAITING UPON ARRIVAL
- HALLOWEEN PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH STUDENT

**October 31st, 9:15am @ Memorial School**

Ticket Prices:

- \$5 for 1 ticket
- \$10 for 3 tickets
- \$20 for 7 tickets

You can purchase tickets via PayPal:  
<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/MemorialPTO>

Please write your first and last name in the Paypal Comment along with Halloween Raffle.

