

Memorial School Weekly Email

November 2, 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

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)

Friday, November 17th - PreK-5 Spirit Day - Disney Day

Wednesday, November 22 - Early Release (Thanksgiving) - No Preschool

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

Dear Families,

What a week it's been! The excitement of the Halloween parade, parties, and anticipated nighttime festivities had the halls buzzing at Memorial on Monday and Tuesday! Thank you to all who were able to come see the kids in their amazing costumes with smiles that brought so much joy to us all. We are incredibly grateful for your presence and for all of the volunteers who helped organize and run the classroom parties after the parade. It was a great day!

The Memorial Staff would also like to express our sincere thanks to our PTO who

provided yummy treats for all to enjoy! Thank you!!



As a reminder, next Wednesday (11/8) and Thursday (11/9) are teacher conference days. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 AM on both days. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing your child's progress.

For those of you conferencing in-person, please be sure to check out our Lost & Found display in the lobby for any items that may belong to your family. As a reminder, labeling your child's items is strongly encouraged as it helps us to quickly return coats, hats, mittens, sweatshirts and water bottles to their rightful owner. Thank you in advance.



SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

From the Art Room

Hello Parents,

The art room has been pretty spooky lately getting ready for halloween!

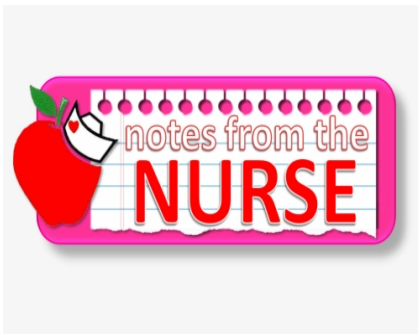
Kindergarten created some textured pumpkins after reading *The Bumpy Little Pumpkin*, by Margery Cuyler. Students used plastic textured plates underneath their drawings to create some amazing textured rubbings.

First graders learned about primary and secondary color mixing this month. They were given only red, yellow, blue, and white paint to choose from. The first week we worked "wet on wet" where students painted one rectangle each primary color, or white and then mixed another on top to make a secondary color. The following week we read a story about the

connection between color and emotion. Students were asked to paint "wet on dry," while showing a different emotion into each rectangle.

If you haven't already, don't forget to send your kids in with an art smock. Feel free to email me at any point with questions about art class. tbabin@email.medfield.net

Tracey Babin



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NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA



Please welcome *Seeds*, along with our *Name the Pumpkin in the Kitchen* contest winner!

A Happy Lunch Group



November 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

Lost and Found

If you are missing any items, please feel free to drop by and check out the lost & found bin. It is filling up quickly with sweatshirts, coats, hats, water bottles, etc. The bin is located in the Main Office.



Please note all items that are not claimed by the end of the day on Friday.
December 22nd will be donated to charity.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP LESSONS

Memorial School -- Trimester 1

Kindergarten:
Media Balance is Important

Grade 1:
Pause and Think Online

Students will be able to:

- ☆ Know when and why to take breaks from device time.
- ☆ Consider the feelings of people around them, even when engaged in fun online activities.

Key Vocabulary:
balance
device

THE DIGITAL CITIZENS

THINK WITH YOUR HEAD

LISTEN TO YOUR GUT!

BALANCE WITH YOUR ARMS!

FEEL WITH YOUR HEART

MAKE GOOD TRACKS WITH YOUR FEET

STAND UP WITH YOUR LEGS

Students will be able to:

- ☆ Understand the importance of being safe, responsible, and respectful online.
- ☆ Learn the "Pause & Think Online" song to remember basic digital citizenship concepts

Key Vocabulary:
online
pause

Our internet safety lessons are off to a great start this month!

👂 Click here to watch the lesson videos: [KINDERGARTEN](#) or [GRADE 1](#)

Want to continue these important conversations at home? Use these family activities and discussion prompts that go along with our lessons:

[KINDERGARTEN](#) or [GRADE 1](#)

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Support the Memorial Playground Project by shopping Minted!



Like last year, we are partnering with Minted to help us fundraise for the Memorial School Playground. Using our unique code FUNDRAISEMEMORIALSCH, you can get 20% OFF all your Minted card & gift purchases—and for every order placed, Minted will donate 15% back to the Memorial PTO.

To participate, simply visit www.minted.com to start your shopping. Apply code FUNDRAISEMEMORIALSCH at checkout to claim your 20% discount. Minted will track every purchase made using our code, and we'll get 15% of the proceeds donated back to Memorial School PTO.

Please feel free to share this code with friends and family—the more people shop Minted using our code, the more we earn! Last year, we raised over \$800 for the playground using this code. Your contribution will make a BIG difference!

Thank you!



Memorial PTO: **Subcommittee Volunteers Wanted!**

In an effort to broaden our work at Memorial School and involve more families, the PTO is creating some new subcommittees. (See below for a description of each).

We anticipate a variety of volunteer opportunities ranging from: planning meetings, event day help, procurement of goods, publicity, potential fundraising, etc. We understand that everyone has limited time, but if you would like to volunteer in any capacity, even if you can only commit an hour or two, we strongly suggest you provide your email. Please click on the link below to provide us with your information by **November 15th**.

<https://forms.gle/p6f8bmNNNo15Q5C37>

Family Fun Committee- Plan family events at Memorial School (paint night, movie night, trunk or treat, first-grade celebration, etc).

Beautification Committee- Work to improve the school to create an environment that instills pride for students, families, and staff.

Fundraising- Plan sales and events to raise money for the playground, student enrichment, field trips, teacher appreciation, etc.

Literacy Night and Read Across America Week- Help plan the K-5 Literacy Night in the fall, and work with the school librarians to coordinate decorations, publicity, and events for Read Across America week in March.

Student Assemblies- Research student assemblies/traveling enrichment programs to bring to Memorial and create proposals to present for approval.

Kindergarten T-Shirts- Help design, order, and distribute t-shirts for the class of 2036. (should have a current kindergartener).

Rainbow Run- Work with the town wide PTO to plan the Rainbow Run in the fall of 2024 (should have a current or incoming kindergartener).

School Supply Kits- Work with the current School Supply Kit Coordinator to order

and distribute school supply kits. (Most of the work is done in June and August).

Thank you for your patience as we work toward re-establishing our volunteer committees post-covid.



K-8 PTO Fundraiser with Ribpublic

Treat yourself to a No-Cook Sunday and order from Ribpublic!

**Order online using the link below and pick up at 28 Pleasant St in Medfield
(Church of the Advent) from 4 - 6PM on **Sunday, Nov. 12th.****

**[https://ribpublicbbq.com/product-category/online-food-orders/medfield-k8pt
o-fundraiser-nov12/](https://ribpublicbbq.com/product-category/online-food-orders/medfield-k8pt
o-fundraiser-nov12/)**

**As always - a huge shout out to Ribpublic for always supporting the K-8
PTO!!**