<u>Memorial School Weekly Email</u> <u>November 30, 2023</u>

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, December 12th - Early Release (PD day) - No PM Preschool

Friday, December 22nd - Early Release (No PM Preschool) Monday, December 25th - Friday, December 29th - No School (December Vacation)

Monday, January 1st - No school (New Years Day)

Dear Families,

Thanks to our amazing PTO, <u>Mr. Ken the Music Man</u> routinely visits our preschool classrooms throughout the school year engaging our youngest learners in music and movement activities. Check out a few of the adorable photos from his most recent visit.



Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 report cards for Kindergarten and Grade One students will be available to families via the Aspen portal on Friday, December 8th after 3 PM.

<u>Professional Development Day - Early Release</u>

On Tuesday, December 12th, Memorial students will be dismissed early due to staff professional development scheduled for the afternoon. Teachers and instructional assistants will be involved in a variety of activities including data analysis, ELA and Illustrative Math activities.

Preschool Registration 2024

Preschool registration for the 2024/2025 school year will be coming soon and letters will be mailed to eligible families in mid-December. In response to previous waitlists for our 4-day programs and dwindling enrollment in our 2 half-day and 3 half- day programs, our offerings for the upcoming school year will include 4 half-day and 4 extended-day sessions only. For additional information, please visit our website.



SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Farrahar love teaming up to teach Memorial students about technology! We have started digital citizenship

lessons with the goal of seeing each K-1 class at least three times this school year. All Kindergarteners have already had their first lesson about media balance. Students learned about why we balance our online and offline time and loved sharing what activities they like to do when they're not using technology.









First graders are focusing on being safe, respectful, and responsible with technology. We want students to practice these skills, so we asked them to use Memorial's Bee-Bot robots in small groups. Students had fun coding their Bee-Bots and did a great job remembering how to use them from kindergarten.









We are looking forward to continuing our learning about internet safety this year! Be on the lookout for information in the Memorial Weekly Email about our upcoming lessons.

Want to continue these important conversations at home? Use these family activities and discussion prompts that go along with our lessons: <u>KINDERGARTEN</u> or <u>GRADE 1</u>. Feel free to reach out to Marissa Foley (marissafoley@email.medfield.net) or Anne Farrahar (afarrahar@email.medfield.net) with any questions.

Thank you to MCPE for continuing to fund our robotics initiative at Memorial School!



LINKS From the School Nurse: Mrs.Maguire's November Newsletter

SCHOOL NUTSE WEBSITE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, HEALTH PROCEDURES, FORMS <u>and</u> more!

ILLNESS GUIDELINES
COVID GUIDELINES

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NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Our Fabulous Breakfast Helpers!







Cinnamon Roasted Chickpeas and Fresh Veggies to roast!!





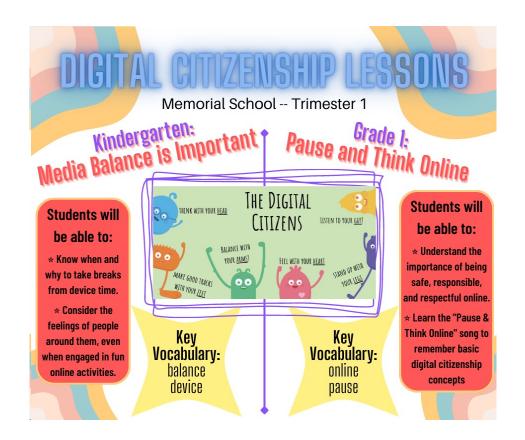






December Lunch Menu

TECHNOLOGY NEWS



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

Missing any Items? Take a look at our Lost & Found and Claim your item!

Please <u>click here</u> to see a video of our lost and found items as of 11/16/23.

Below you will find lost and found items that were turned in after November 16th:



<u>Click here for new lost and found items for the week of November 20th and November 27.</u>

If you see any item(s) that belong to your family please fill out the attached <u>Lost & Found Claim Form</u>. Once the form is submitted we will make sure the item is returned to you.

<u>Please note all unclaimed items will be donated to charity on Friday, December 22nd.</u>

<u>REMINDER</u>: 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!



Join us on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, 2023 for "SPAGHETTI

and Snowballs!"

Get your tickets now as we bring back this favorite holiday tradition! Guests will enjoy a spaghetti dinner (with or without sauce and/or meatballs) and an ice cream dessert, music performed by Medfield students, and photos with Olaf from Frozen. 7th & 8th grade music students will be your servers for

the evening and all three elementary school principals will be at the 5:15pm dinner. There will also be a bake sale, gift basket raffles, and many more fun surprises.

Choose between two dinner seatings: one at 5:15pm, and another at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each (plus a small processing fee) and only 250 tickets are available for each seating. The first seating is already 60+% sold out and the second seating is close behind! Don't miss your chance to join the fun, see your friends, and support the Medfield music program!

Tickets for Spaghetti & Snowballs are available here:

https://www.ticketsource.us/medfield-music-association

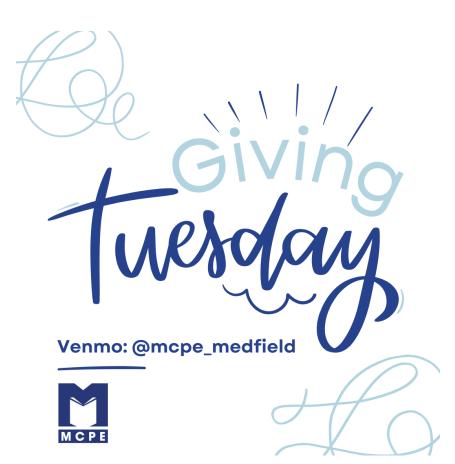
This event is brought to you by the Medfield Music Association (MMA) and proceeds benefit the music program in all Medfield Public Schools. <u>Please follow us on facebook</u> for updates.

Would you like to volunteer? This event takes so many helpers to pull off. Sign up as an event helper, a baker for the bake sale, or a shopper to fill the raffle baskets using the signup genius here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AADA822AA8-45674067-spaghetti#/



Giving Tuesday is this week! Coming on the heels of Thanksgiving and its spirit of gratitude and giving, Giving Tuesday is a day to come together and give back to our communities through charitable giving. No matter what day it is this week, we hope you will consider making a special donation to support MCPE and our mission to enrich Medfield Public Schools. Gifts of all sizes will help MCPE fund grants for special projects at every school in Medfield. Your generosity truly makes a difference in our town and for our kids! Tax-deductible donations can be made through the MCPE Venmo account - @mcpe_medfield. Thank you for your continued support!







Memorial PTO - Cookie Decorating Fundraiser!

The Memorial School PTO is once again partnering with local baker Second Slice Sweets for a holiday cookie decorating kit fundraiser for the Memorial School Playground Project.

Cookie decorating kits will be

delivered to your home on either Monday, December 11th or Thursday, December 21st, just in time for the upcoming half-days! (You can indicate your date preference on the order form).

Cookie decorating kits will include 8 cookies (2 of each: a snowman, a gingerbread man, a star, and a snowflake), 3 bags of colored frosting, 1 bag of white frosting, and various colored sprinkles.

Allergy Information: Cookies do not contain nuts, but they are NOT made in a nut-free kitchen. A gluten-free option is available.

The cost for one kit is \$35. You can pay by Paypal (https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/MemorialPTO) or check made out to Memorial PTO.

Quantities are limited, so get your orders in early using this form: https://forms.gle/HXsWnULGskNFSdYt6

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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!