

Memorial School Weekly Email

December 7, 2023

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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,

Happy Hanukkah! Wishing warmth and light to all who celebrate this Hanukkah season.

Early Release Day

As a reminder, next Tuesday, December 12th is an early release day due to staff professional development.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found collection remains quite sizable. Please see the blurb/video below for additional information regarding the items that we have as we will be donating all remaining items on December 22nd.



Memorial School Spirit Week is Coming...

Students and staff are invited to join in any or all of the following activities during the week of December 18th.

Monday (12/18) - Wear something that shows off a winter character (Grinch, Olaf, snowman, reindeer, elf...).



Tuesday (12/19) - Merry & Bright - wear something bright, sparkly, or shiny.



Wednesday (12/20) - Wear a festive sweater or shirt!



Thursday (12/21) - Mad About Plaid! Wear your favorite plaid shirt, plaid scarf, and/or plaid hat!



Friday (12/22) - 'Twas the Friday before winter break and all through the school, the staff and students were in PJ's (or comfy clothes), looking so fresh and so cool.



Winter Parties

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

Miss Kate's MWF Class - December 20th

Miss Kate's TTh Class - December 21st

Mrs. DeGeorge and Miss Christine's Classes - December 22nd

Kindergarten and Grade One - December 22nd

SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

From the Music Room



Dear Parents,

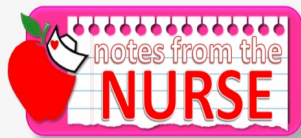
We are off running and dancing in the music room. Let me explain. Grade one is working on a piece of music that will be infused into a story called *Run Turkey Run*. The story is about a turkey who does not want to become Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey is constantly running and hiding from the farmer, and the turkey hides in funny places. First, the turkey tries to be a pig and hides in the mud pit. When that doesn't work, the turkey tries to be a duck in the pond. Next, the turkey sticks his head in a feed bucket trying to be a horse. The turkey finally runs from the farm and hides in a pine tree which does the trick. The farmer does not see the turkey and runs right by. In the end, the farmer and his family eat grilled cheese sandwiches for Thanksgiving.

The music that the students are learning for the story has two sections. Part of it is challenging. In the lesson, the students are learning the difference between a song and a chant. They are playing rhythm patterns on instruments for the first time. They are learning the difference between beat and rhythm and working with dynamics for the first time. They are doing well and we should be done with the lesson within the next couple of weeks.

Kindergarten is learning a Native American Song called, *Wearing my Long-Winged Feathers*. The piece is in English. With it they are learning two Native American dances and playing a steady beat on instruments for the first time. One of the instruments that the students are playing is a Native American Gathering Drum.

That's all for now. Happy holidays to everyone. Until next time. . . .

Mr. R



MRS.MAGUIRE'S NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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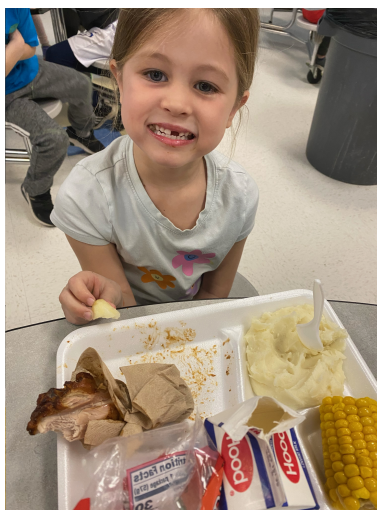
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NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Our breakfast helpers from preschool!



Happy Diners!



December Lunch Menu

Please Check Out Our Lost and Found Videos!

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

Please [click here](#) 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:

Please click on the links below for the new lost and found items:

Items found during the week of November 20th and November 27

Items found during the week of December 4th

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

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

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!



The FUNTASTIC AND HIGH-FLYING Harlem Wizards are returning to Medfield High School, Wednesday, January 31st 2024 at 7pm!!

This event promises to be high energy, fun-filled, great for kids and adults and will guarantee to put a smile on all your faces!

Extremely talented basketball players will play against your teachers from all Medfield District Schools. (We say 'play', but we all know they'll run circles around them in a very entertaining way!!)

The event is a fundraiser for the Medfield High School PTO, to help raise funds for scholarships, deserving awards, inspirational speakers, grant requests to enrich classroom experiences and so much more.

Please help support us by purchasing tickets to this great show, bringing the whole community together.

Tickets would make great **Holiday Gifts** giving you all something to look forward to in the New Year!

[TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE](https://www.harlemwizards.com) - Hurry before they sell out! Thank you for your 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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Thank you!