

Memorial School Weekly Email

December 14, 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

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,

Next week is Memorial School Spirit Week! 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

Winter Concert

On Friday morning (prior to the parties) Memorial students will attend a winter concert thanks to the Medfield High School Music Department.

Did you know...?

The Medfield Public Schools has proudly participated in the State Seal of Biliteracy program since 2019 and so far has awarded 136 state seals to our graduating seniors beginning with the class of 2020. The languages honored have included Spanish, Portuguese, Latin, French, Mandarin Chinese, Lithuanian, and Japanese. Students earn this honor upon their graduation from high school. They must demonstrate proficiency in English by attaining a score of 472 or higher on the ELA MCAS and a score of Intermediate High in each domain of the second language: Reading, Writing, Speaking,

and Listening. The assessment in the second language must be approved by DESE.

Full guidance can be found on the state seal website:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/biliteracy/>

The Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy program was signed into law in 2017 for the following reasons:

- Encourage students to study and master languages;
- Certify attainment of biliteracy skills;
- Recognize the value of language diversity;
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
- Provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for the attainment of high-level skills in languages;
- Prepare students with skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society; and
- Strengthen intergroup communication and honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community

While the seal itself is a graduation award, it helps us to verify and honor the diversity of languages and cultures within our community. To develop high-level skills in any second language can require hundreds of hours of immersion/ exposure. Therefore, we want all families to be aware of our participation in this program.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ellen Toubman, department chair for World Languages and Cultures at 508-359-4367 ext 11015 or one of the school principals.

The class of 2023, State Seal of Biliteracy (at the time of graduation)





SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

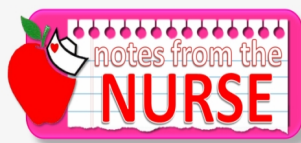
From the Art Room

Kindergarten started some “Ish” sculptures this fall. After reading the book *Ish*, by Peter H. Reynolds, students created model magic sculptures that were creatively imperfect. We created ish- cats, ish-cars, and ish- people. It was so fun to see what ish-ideas they picked for their sculpture!

Kindergarten and first graders also started making pinch pots. We read the folk tale, *Clay Boy*, and then created our vessels. Students learned how to take a chunk of clay, turn it into a ball, and rotate your hands while pinching the inside of the form to create a pot. Clay is always one of the highlights of the year!

As always, don’t forget to send your kids in with an art smock to leave at school for art day. Feel free to email me at any point with questions about art class.

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Mrs. Maguire's NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NURSE WEBSITE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, HEALTH PROCEDURES, FORMS
and more!

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

COVID GUIDELINES

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NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA



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

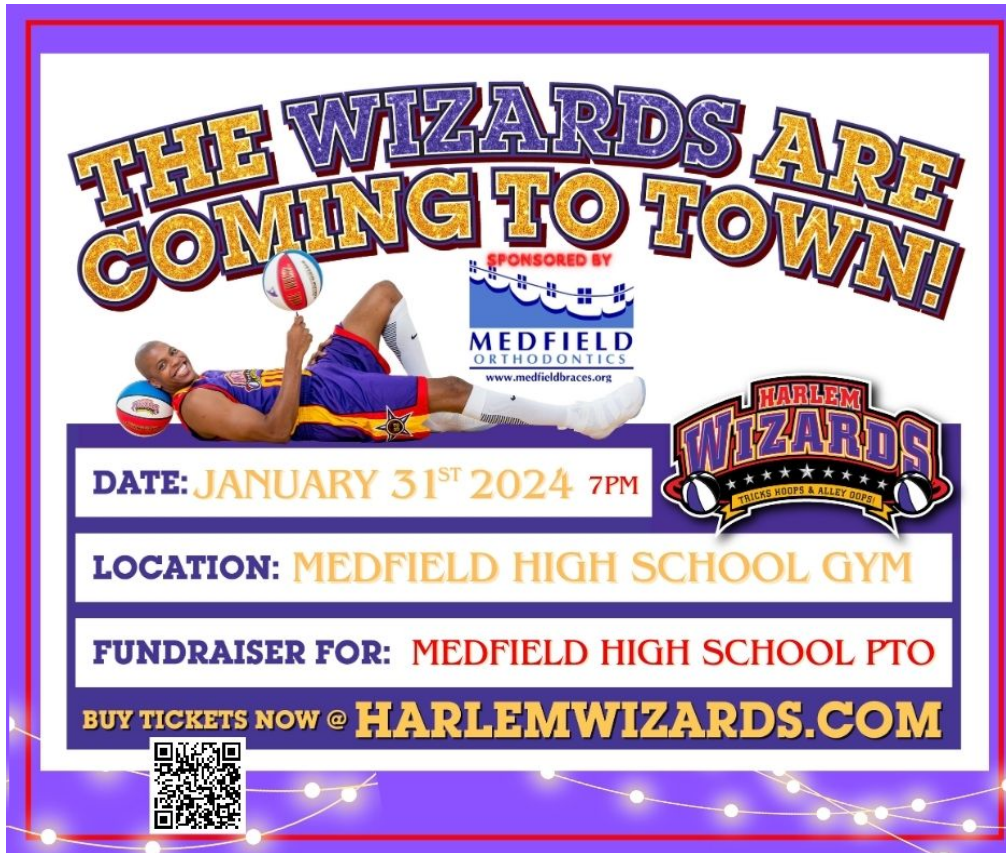
Items found during the week of December 4th

Items found during the week of December 11th

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.

Your kids can also be part of the half time game by purchasing the **Player Court-side package** and get to meet and greet the players. Such an awesome unique experience for them!'

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.

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Thank you!