

# Memorial School Weekly Email

## December 21, 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)

Monday, January 15th - No school (Martin Luther King Day)

Dear Families,

It's been such a fun week filled with special days and activities. Thank you to all who supported our Spirit Days. The excitement of the kids at this time of year is contagious and we're looking forward to wrapping up the week tomorrow with Pajama Day, a Winter Concert performed by members of the Medfield High School band and chorus, and many winter parties. As a reminder, Friday is an early release day and there will not be any afternoon preschool.



Thank you to our amazing PTO and volunteers who provided the Memorial Staff with a delicious lunch on Tuesday. We are so grateful for the numerous ways that our families continue to go above and beyond.

As we prepare to wrap up 2023, I would like to wish you all the happiest of holidays. Enjoy the break and we will see you on Tuesday, January 2, 2024!

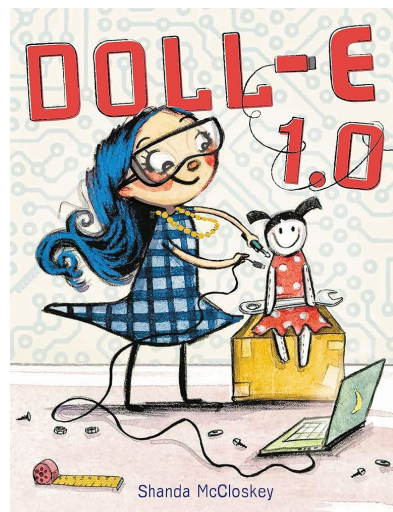




## SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

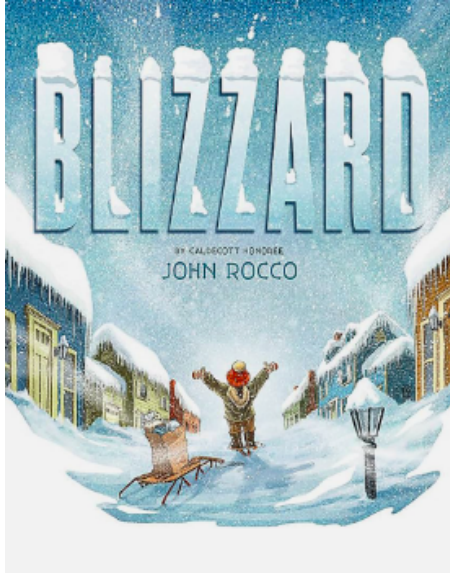
### From the Library

December has been a busy month in the library! Kindergartners started off the month by learning to code our Bee-Bot robots as part of the nation-wide [Hour of Code](#) initiative. They loved pressing buttons on the Bee-Bots to tell their robots where to go. Students did such a great job helping each other, making plans, and learning from mistakes during this hands-on activity!

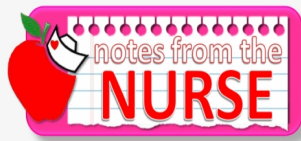


First graders have already used the Bee-Bots, so we tried something new: a fun coding [game](#) on the library Chromebooks. They had a great time beating the different levels of the game, and they loved the story we read, *Doll-E 1.0*, which is about a girl named Charlotte who turns her doll into a coding project.

With winter coming at the end of December, we also started reading some great winter stories, including *Blizzard*, by John Rocco (a true story about the author's experiences during the Blizzard of '78), and *Twinkle, Twinkle, Winter Night*, by Megan Litwin, which showcases all the beautiful sights of December indoors and outdoors.



I hope all of you have time to relax and read some great books over winter break! Feel free to reach out ([afarrahar@email.medfield.net](mailto:afarrahar@email.medfield.net)) with any questions.



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## NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA



### Our Lucky Tray Winners!



### January Lunch Menu



News from



Thank  
you!



We appreciate the Medfield community's amazing support during 2023, helping fund so many important projects and capping off the year with **\$40,500 in grants awarded** across all five schools in the first grant cycle of the '23-'24 school year.

[medfieldcoalition.org](https://medfieldcoalition.org)

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We appreciate all of the amazing support from the Medfield community during 2023, helping fund so many important projects and capping off the year with **\$40,500 in grants awarded across all five schools in the November 2023 grant cycle**. Thank you Medfield! This was the largest grant cycle in recent memory, and we are thrilled to say that all the money raised with your help during Fall Fest has already been reinvested in our schools. Check out some of the incredible things your generosity is bringing to our schools this year:

- **At Memorial School...** New decodable texts to enrich the reading experience in school and at home *plus* new Phonetic Awareness tools for Kindergarten, intended to

foster literacy development among our youngest readers.

- **At Wheelock School...** New slant boards for student use to facilitate better handwriting and increased attention *plus* 3-D Doodle pens for the Wheelock MakerSpace that will provide students an avenue for creativity and allow students to make projects they can take with them.
- **At Dale Street School...** New “Read, Ride and Rejuvenate” stationary bicycles in the library to give more students the ability to move during their day, helping with focus and emotional regulation *plus* additional flexible seating options for fourth grade that allow students to participate fully, collaborate, and engage in critical thinking.
- **At Blake Middle School...** additional tools for the Blake MakerSpace like a large-scale printer and a button maker *plus* a new professional development opportunity at Blake and the High School focused on community empowerment through inclusion.
- **At Medfield High School...** A new TV production/video studio that will be used by students to create content that can be shared within the school and the town at large via Medfield TV and the department’s YouTube channel.

Attending events like Fall Fest isn’t the only way you can support MCPE! Community donations throughout the year are also critical so that we can fund more projects in future grant cycles. As a designated non-profit organization, donations to MCPE are tax-deductible, and you can contribute either at our website [medfieldcoalition.org](http://medfieldcoalition.org) or through Venmo: mcpe\_medfield.

Thank you and happy holidays!



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!

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Thank you!