

# Memorial School Weekly Email

## January 4, 2024

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, January 12th - PreK-5 Spirit Day (Hero Day)

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

Tuesday, January 23rd - Early Release (Professional Development)

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful break. Our first few days back this week have been filled with excitement and learning. Knowing that getting back into daily routines can be challenging after a vacation, I'm so proud of the kids for doing such an amazing job! Thank you to all of our families for your efforts to make the transition a smooth one.

There are many things happening in January. Please take a peek below for a quick glance.

### **Student Support Webinar Series**

We are excited to share that our second Student Support Series webinar, focusing on Digital Citizenship (elementary lessons, activities, and family resources), will be taking place next week.

Elementary families are invited to join the Elementary Principals and our Elementary Technology Integrationists, Mrs. Foley and Mr. Ahern, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. for an engaging and informative webinar on Zoom. Here is the link to access the webinar:

<https://medfield-net.zoom.us/j/86912877822?pwd=Slc3YmNWMjZlZ0xKMlFYMW1RUzF3UT09>

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We understand that life can get busy, so we want to assure you that the webinar will be recorded for your convenience. If you are unable to attend the live event, you will be able to access the recording at a later time. We encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of this opportunity to gain valuable insights into how to support your child in this digital age.

To make the webinar even more tailored to your needs, we invite you to submit any technology questions you would like us to address. Please use [this form](#) to submit your questions by Monday, January 8th.

### **Mark Your Calendar - PreK-5 Spirit Day on January 12th - Hero Day**

Hero Day is coming!. On Friday, January 12th, PreK-1 students and staff will be invited to dress up like their hero or wear an item of clothing that promotes a positive message such as Be Kind, Kindness Matters, etc... Throughout the week, students will be learning that a hero is someone who is special because of the brave, good or kind things that they have done. We will celebrate Hero Day by having a school-wide assembly during which one first grade student from each classroom will be reading about their hero.

### **Preschool Registration**

Pre-registration for current preschool students is currently underway: January 2nd through January 8th. An email was sent to all eligible students on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to the Memorial Office at 508-359-5135.

Pre-registration for new students begins on January 23, 2024 and ends on February 9, 2024. The link for the pre-registration form will be available on January 23rd on our [website](#).

### **DIBELS**

During the week of January 22nd, students in Kindergarten and Grade One will be participating in our second administration of the DIBELS assessment. The DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment consists of quick tasks to

help monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. Data results from the assessment are used to inform classroom and individual instruction.

### **Early Release - January 23rd - Staff Professional Development**

On Tuesday, January 23rd, there will be an early release for staff professional development. Memorial Staff members will be participating in PD to continue to support this year's adoption of the Illustrative Math program.

### **Incoming K Parent Information Webinar (Tuesday, January, 30th)**

On Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 PM, we will be holding an informational webinar for parents/guardians of K eligible students for the 2024-2025 school year. During this meeting you will hear about our kindergarten program, registration procedures, tuition, and kindergarten screening. We hope that you can join us, but if not, please note that the webinar will be recorded and posted on the Kindergarten Registration Page on Wednesday, January 31st.

Please click or enter this URL to join the webinar. (Visit our website for access to the link). Please click this URL to join.

<https://medfield-net.zoom.us/j/83595345308?pwd=YUdJVHpEUU50cFFLNkwxS2h3SGxqZz09>

Passcode: 337636



## **SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT**

### **News from the Wellness Department**

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break. Before the break students were working hard in the gym participating in some winter activities such as reindeer sleighs, pond hockey and various snow ball games. Students practiced their rolling skills while playing a Memorial School favorite game of cone knockdown. Our next few units will be focusing on balancing using the spooners, big balance boards and walking stilts.

In health class, students finished up our social emotional unit and kicked off winter break with a big review of what we have learned so far. Classes were able to rotate around to different centers to practice and review our skills. Our next few lessons will focus on keeping our bodies healthy by having good hygiene. Kindergarten did a really cool experiment using “Germs” to see how fast germs

can spread. Please practice good hand washing at home as well! Coming up will be lessons on dental health, heart health and the importance of exercise!



### **LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

Mrs. Maguire's [DECEMBER](#) NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NURSE WEBSITE, [Announcements](#), HEALTH PROCEDURES, FORMS [and](#) more!

[ILLNESS GUIDELINES](#)

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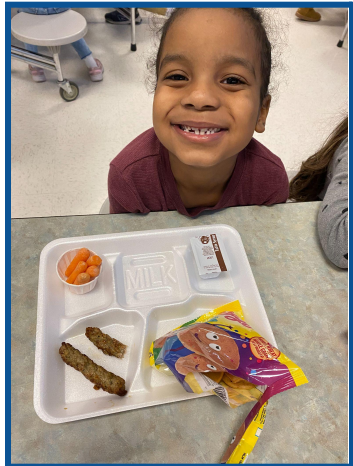
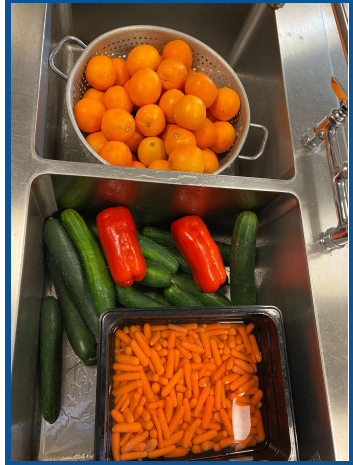
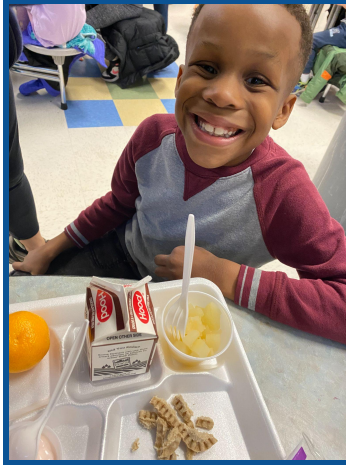
### **January PTO Meeting**

Please join us for our next Memorial PTO meeting on  
**Thursday, January 11th**, at 9:30am in the Memorial  
Teacher's lounge. All are welcome!



## NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Happy New Year!! Happy Fruits and Veggies! Happy Lunch Faces!!



January Lunch Menu

## MEDFIELD SEPAC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

# CONNECT & LEARN 2024

### Parent Connection Groups:

- DOWN SYNDROME: 3rd Thursday of month. RSVP mebrien@gmail.com

### Seeking members:

- ADHD
- DYSLEXIA & LANGUAGE-BASED LEARNING DIFFERENCES
- AUTISM SPECTRUM
- MENTAL HEALTH

Email SEPAC@email.medfield.net to join!



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### WORKSHOPS:

JANUARY:

**Communications:** create a one-page snapshot of your child. Complete the doodle!!

FEBRUARY: **Technology Safety**

MARCH: **New IEP process**

APRIL: **Executive Function**

MAY: Tackle Those **Transitions** - high school and lower elementary

JUNE: **Selfcare** for Summer



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 CAN BE PURCHASED HERE](#)** - Hurry before they sell out! Thank you for your support.