

Memorial School Weekly Email

January 11, 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,

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

Hero Day is tomorrow!. 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 new students interested in attending our preschool programs for the 2024-2025 school year 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>

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SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

News from the Music Room



Hello Parents,

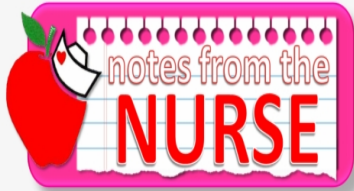
I hope everyone's holidays were wonderful. All of Grade One completed the music lesson based on the story, *Run Turkey Run*. I was very pleased with the outcome from every grade one class. Moreover, they learned new material and widened their skill base. The main areas we focused on were: Playing a rhythm on an instrument for the first time, improvising within a musical arrangement and performing a crescendo.

Likewise is true for Kindergarten. They finished their native american piece called *Wearing My Long-Winged Feathers*. Every class did a great job. The main areas focused on here were: Learning about Native American music and dance and moving to and playing a steady beat on an instrument which is a challenge for a Kindergartener.

As we head into the winter months, both grades will be working on winter-themed arrangements designed to teach specific areas of the music curriculum. At the end of January, Grade One will also begin to prepare for the annual music show. I am putting the program together now. Each class will need to learn three songs for the show. Details will come your way later in the year.

Until Next Time.

Mr. R



LINKS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Maguire's DECEMBER Newsletter

SCHOOL NURSE WEBSITE, Announcements, Health Procedures, Forms and more!

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

COVID GUIDELINES

PLEASE FOLLOW YOUR SCHOOL NURSES ON TWITTER - @medfieldnurses,

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NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lots of smiles from the cafeteria





January Lunch Menu

MEDFIELD SEPAC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CONNECT & LEARN 2024

WORKSHOPS:

JANUARY: **Communications:** create a one-page snapshot of your child. (1/23)

FEBRUARY: **Technology Safety** (2/13)

MARCH: **New IEP process** (3/12)

APRIL: **Executive Function** (TBD)

MAY: Tackle Those **Transitions** - high school (5/21) and lower elementary (TBD)

JUNE: **Selfcare** for Summer

Our meetings are held in person in the Blake Middle School Library. We offer child care. Remote link can be provided upon request



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Parent Connection Groups:

- **DOWN SYNDROME:** 3rd Thursday of the month. RSVP mebrien@gmail.com
- **ADHD**
- **DYSLEXIA + LBLDs**
- **AUTISM SPECTRUM**
- **MENTAL HEALTH**

Email SEPAC@email.medfield.net to join!

Family Events:

WINTER: Empty Bowls

SPRING: Celebrate learning styles story time

SUMMER: EOY Playground Gathering Celebration

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It's time to start planning your teams for Trivia Night!



This popular MCPE event is coming up on **Thursday, February 1st**. Gather your friends for an unforgettable evening of brain-teasing fun at the American Legion in Dover! Form teams of 4-6 adults and join fellow competitors alongside a charismatic professional trivia host. Get ready for a whirlwind of fast-paced, humor-filled questions that will put your knowledge of geography, sports, history, and more to the test.

Registration opens next Tuesday, January 16th at 9am! Trivia Night is always in high demand and spots fill up fast. To register, simply appoint a team captain and have them register your group of 4-6 people together. Mulligans can be purchased during the registration process. You'll want to be ready with your team participants and a creative team name when you register!

If you're signed up for our email list, you'll get an email Tuesday morning right away when event registration opens, or you can hop on our [website](#) then to grab your spot. You can also sign up for our emails on our website if you want to join the list.

Thank you 🙌 to Trivia Night's sponsor, Needham Bank, for helping us put together this great event!





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](https://www.harlemwizards.com) - Hurry before they sell out! Thank you for your support.