

Memorial School Weekly Email

January 18, 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 23rd - Early Release - No PM Pre-K (Professional Development)

Wednesday, February 7th - Early Release - No PM Pre-K (Professional Development)

Wednesday, February 14th - PreK-5 Spirit Day (Show Your Love)

Monday, February 19th - Friday, February 23rd - No School (Winter Vacation)

Dear Families,

Student Support Series Webinar Link

Thank you to those who were able to join us for last week's Student Support Series webinar on Digital Citizenship. I would like to especially thank Mrs. Marissa Foley and Mr. Joe Ahern for their wonderful presentation. To view the webinar in its entirety, please click [here](#).

Preschool Progress Reports

Preschool Progress Reports will be available to families in the afternoon for viewing via Aspen on Friday, January 26th.

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

CHECK OUT OUR MOST RECENT LOST AND FOUND

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 1/18/24.

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, February 16, 2024.](#)

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!

SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT

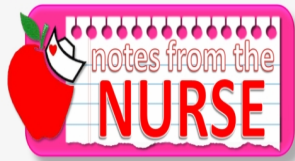
News from Art

Kindergarten has been finishing up their pinch pots! They should be coming home for you to view soon. We also have been working on some watercolor paintings. After reading the book, *Uncle Andy's Cat*, by James Warhola, students began their cat paintings. We

started off in pencil, talking about the different shapes and textures that make up a cat's body and fur. Once students were happy with their drawings, they used sharpie to outline, and then water colored the inside. Their paintings are so fun to look at!



In first grade we started our own versions of Elmer the patchwork elephant. After reading *Elmer's Special Day*, by David McKee, students started to make their own versions of Elmer. Students traced a template to create their shapes, decorated their elephant with patterns and colored them in with colored pencil. Lastly, using patterned paper, scissors and glue, background shapes were added to complete their designs.



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,

FACEBOOK - MEDFIELD SCHOOL NURSES AND INSTAGRAM - @medfieldnurses

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

This is the best lunch I've ever had!



January Lunch Menu



The Memorial PTO and MCPE have co-funded a grant to purchase decodable texts for science of reading instruction. These books have already been delivered to all first grade classrooms and are in the hands of teachers and students. Even better, all books were purchased through Park Street Books! These decodable texts will be used for classroom instruction and will also be sent home for follow up practice.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the PTO this year. We could not have co-funded this grant without your support and generosity.



News from MHS PTO

THE FUNTASTIC AND HIGH-FLYING
HARLEM WIZARDS
ARE COMING TO MEDFIELD!



**Courtside
player tix
available for
the ultimate
experience
for your kids
to play at
half time!**



Buy Tickets HERE

**At Medfield High School
January 31st 2024 7^{PM}
www.mhspto.com**



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Happy New Year!

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.

There are various levels of tickets available - your kids could meet and greet the players or even play in the half time game!
Such a fun and unique experience for them to remember forever!

[TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE](#) - Hurry before they sell out!

Thank you for your support.

[VIEW QUICK EVENT PROMO](#)

Medfield SEPAC Meetings and Events

**SEPAC PRESENTS
A COMMUNICATIONS
WORKSHOP:**
CREATE A SNAPSHOT OF
YOUR CHILD!
JANUARY 23RD @7:30PM

WHAT'S A SNAPSHOT?

- 1-page summary sheet of your child in a friendly overview format
- celebrate the whole child
- help others understand your child's strengths and needs

**BRING A COMPUTER OR DEVICE TO USE TO
CREATE A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR OWN**

sepac@email.medfield.net

Maximus Smith
Age 5, 4th Grade

Things I Love
Reading! Animals especially my dog, Finn and bunny, Penny! Soccer, playing tennis, cars & trucks, watching baseball, creating things, drawing, dance, like riding, golf, soccer, basketball, travel, swimming, fishing, listening to music, like riding, golf.

How Developmental Coordination Disorder* Effects Me
• Difficulty physically writing or spelling words may be able to verbally spell correctly.
• Difficulty learning new motor skills.
• May have difficulty sitting still.
• May be clumsy or awkward in physical activities.
• May have difficulty with organization and time management.
• May have difficulty with attention and focus.
• May have difficulty with social interactions and relationships.

What does NOT work for me
• Public feedback or comments.
• Being called out or put down.
• Being teased or bullied.
• Being put in a position where I am embarrassed or humiliated.
• Being put in a position where I am not safe.

STRENGTHS
• Creative and imaginative
• Friendly and kind
• Good at drawing and painting
• Good at writing and spelling
• Good at reading and listening
• Good at playing games
• Good at making friends
• Good at helping others

VISION STATEMENT
My vision statement is to be a successful student and a good friend to everyone. I want to be a leader and a role model for others. I want to be a person who is confident and capable. I want to be a person who is kind and helpful. I want to be a person who is brave and courageous. I want to be a person who is smart and knowledgeable. I want to be a person who is happy and content. I want to be a person who is healthy and strong. I want to be a person who is successful in everything I do.

WHAT DOESN'T WORK
• Being teased or bullied.
• Being put in a position where I am embarrassed or humiliated.
• Being put in a position where I am not safe.
• Being called out or put down.
• Being teased or bullied.
• Being put in a position where I am embarrassed or humiliated.
• Being put in a position where I am not safe.

WHAT WORKS FOR ME
• Being creative and imaginative.
• Being friendly and kind.
• Being good at drawing and painting.
• Being good at writing and spelling.
• Being good at reading and listening.
• Being good at playing games.
• Being good at making friends.
• Being good at helping others.

WHAT I'M WORKING ON
• Being more confident and capable.
• Being more kind and helpful.
• Being more brave and courageous.
• Being more smart and knowledgeable.
• Being more happy and content.
• Being more healthy and strong.
• Being more successful in everything I do.

MEDFIELD SEPAC
ADVOCATE. EDUCATE. CELEBRATE

Medfield SEPAC's Cards for a Cause fundraiser has started!

Each box contains 30 (or more!) high-quality, hand-embellished cards for \$30.00 that, if purchased from a store, would easily cost \$4-7 each. Save money now and time later. It's a great deal for a great cause! The money raised will fund our scholarships, awarded to graduating seniors, and help us offer more workshops and events.

Fundraiser Dates: Jan 16th - Feb 14

Order here: <https://www.kidsbookfort.com/orgs/sepac> For any questions, please contact: sepac@email.medfield.net Thanks in advance for your support!

Our **Communications Workshop** will be held on **January 23rd at 7:30 pm in the Blake Middle School Library**. This popular workshop will teach participants to create a one-page snapshot of their child. This resource is helpful for teachers, coaches, counselors, babysitters, and anyone who interacts with your child. We offer childcare for these workshops, and a remote link can be provided upon request. Please RSVP to sepac@email.medfield.net and bring a laptop or tablet with you to work on your snapshot.

Parent Connection Groups, each focused on a different diagnosis, are underway. These groups are informal meet-ups for parents and caregivers to connect and exchange resources on a particular diagnosis. They are coordinated by a parent volunteer. Your child does not need an IEP, 504 or be in the Medfield Public School system to join. This group is for any parent who wishes to connect with other parents who have experience with this diagnosis. If you are interested in joining the **Down Syndrome, ADHD, ASD or Dyslexia + LBLD or Mental Health** groups please email sepac@email.medfield.net

Did you hear the news? We just launched our brand-new newsletter, and it's full of useful information. Subscribe now by sending an email to SEPAC@email.medfield.net, and don't forget to follow us on IG (@medfieldsepac) or FB for updates!