



# MEMORIAL SCHOOL WEEKLY EMAIL

*February 15, 2024*

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## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



Monday, February 19th - Friday, February 23rd	No School (Winter Vacation)
Friday, March 8th	Term 2 Closes
Monday, March 4th - Friday, March 8th	Read Across America
Thursday, March 7th & Friday, March 8th	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Release. No PMK
Tuesday, March 12th	Early Release (Professional Development) No PMK

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE 🗓️

[click for more info](#)

<a href="#">Check out our Virtual Lost &amp; Found</a>	<a href="#">Kindergarten Pre-registration 2/5-3/1</a>	<a href="#">Teacher Conferences 3/7 &amp; 3/8</a>	<a href="#">Read Across America - Spirit Week</a>		
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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **"Show Your Love" Food Pantry Donations**

Thank you to all of our families who made donations to the Medfield Food Pantry in recognition of "Show Your Love" day this week. We will be accepting items through the end of the day tomorrow (Friday, February 16th).

### **Lost & Found...Last Call!**

Please be sure to check out the Virtual Lost & Found link (above and below) to see if any items belong to your child. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity tomorrow (Friday, February 16th).

### **March Teacher Conferences**

March teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th. In-person meetings will be scheduled, however a virtual option through Zoom will be available upon request.

At the March conferences, teachers will be sharing information with you about your child's academic and social-emotional development over the past few months and will be discussing recommendations/goals for your child over the next few months of school. Families are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback about your child's school experience.

Memorial also highly values parental input. As we look ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, we consider this one of the many essential components in student placement. Parents will have an opportunity to develop a one-page narrative that should provide pertinent information to assist in our placement procedure. Specifics regarding this procedure will be sent home at the beginning of April. Should you have any questions after receiving this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mbilsborough@email.medfield.net](mailto:mbilsborough@email.medfield.net). In addition, the Elementary Principals will be hosting a webinar at the end of March to discuss placement if you would like to learn about the process we utilize when placing students. More information will be forthcoming.

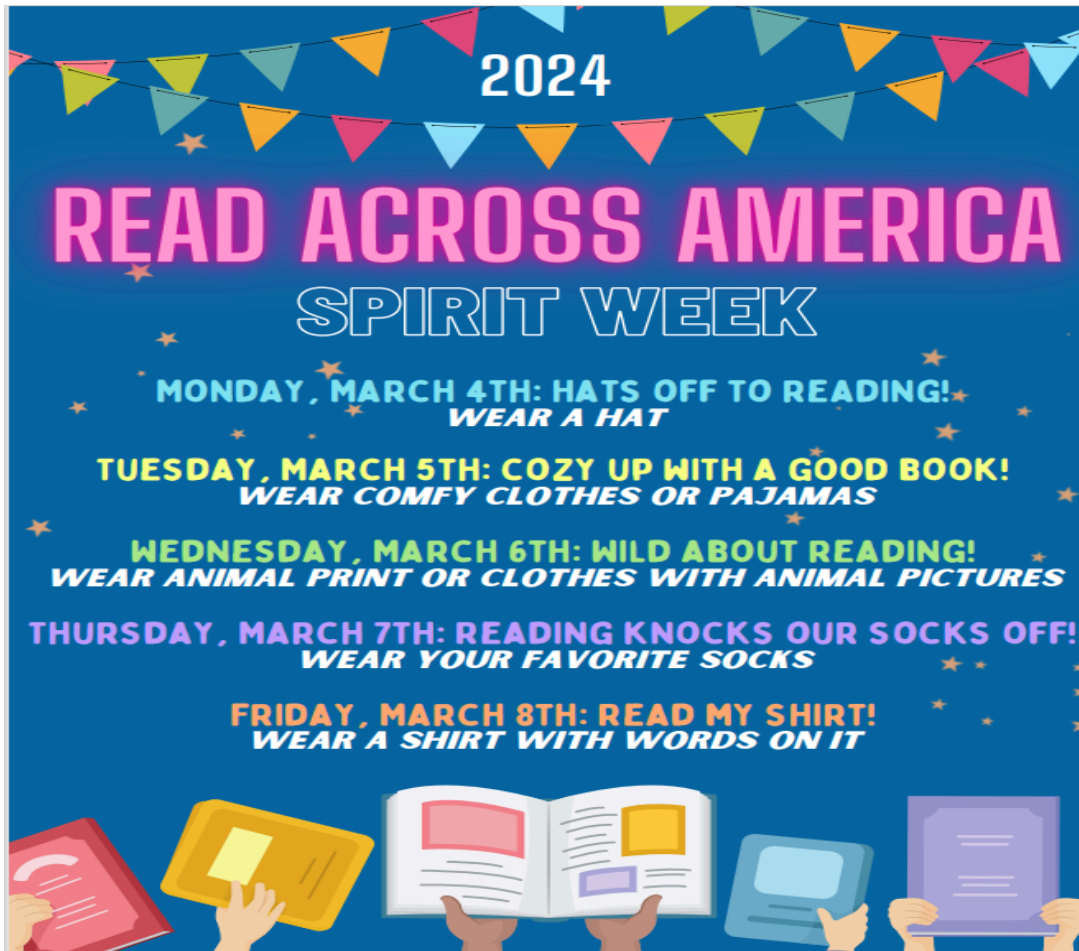
We truly hope you take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other members of the Memorial School staff at the March conferences. Thank you in advance for collaborating with us and taking an active role in your child's education.

### **Kindergarten Pre-Registration**

Pre-Registration for the 24-25 school year is open. Families of incoming K students are asked to please visit the [Memorial School Kindergarten Registration page](#) to access this short pre-registration form. Families will be asked to provide your name, your child's name, contact information and a non-binding selection of either FDK or HDK. Pre-registration is essential as it gives us the ability to communicate via email with you, sharing reminders and updates while also assisting us with planning; giving us a general idea of numbers for each of the programs. Pre-Registration closes on March 1st.

## **Read Across America - the week of March 4th**

We are so excited for Read Across America Week, which starts the week of March 4th! Students will see the school decorated, enjoy fun read-alouds, and celebrate how much we love books and reading!



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## **SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT**

### **From the Music Room**

Hello Parents,

As part of the music curriculum students in both grades learn about improvisation in a very age-appropriate manner. For those of you who are not familiar with improvisation, the basic definition is making up your own music/movement/dialogue on the spot or in the moment. It also must fit with

whatever is happening at the time so everything makes sense. Throughout the year, the children will improvise through movement and through music using different instruments including the voice.

As you may or may not know, February is black history month. During this month we talk about Jazz. Improvisation is a big part of Jazz music. We discuss the components of Jazz in terms that young children will understand. We discuss scat which is vocal improvisation using vocals or non-sense sounds that one can use to sing. These sounds are the Jazz singer mimicking a musical instrument. We also discuss New Orleans, the birthplace of Jazz, in a very general manner, and I show them performances of some Jazz greats, like Ella Fitzgerald, Charlie Parker, Jr. and Thomas Waller.

Along with the above, grade one is still working on their winter piece, *Jack Frost* and show rehearsals are now happening. Kindergarten is working on a musical arrangement that goes with the story, *Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes*. I decided to do *Sneezy the Snowman* later since *Pete the Cat* involves improvisation.

Until next time,

Mr. R



## NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Mrs. Maguire's <a href="#">January</a> Newsletter	<a href="#">School Nurse</a> <a href="#">Website:</a> Announcements health procedures, forms and more!	<a href="#">ILLNESS</a> <a href="#">GUIDELINES</a>	<a href="#">Covid</a> <a href="#">Guidelines</a>	<b>PLEASE FOLLOW US:</b> <a href="#">Twitter</a> - @medfieldnurses <a href="#">Facebook</a> - Medfield School Nurses <a href="#">Instagram</a> - @medfieldnurses
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## CHECK OUT THE LOST & 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.

Please click on the links below for our most recent lost and found items:

[Lost and Found items for the week of January 22, 2024](#)

[Lost and Found items for the week of January 29, 2024](#)

[Lost and Found items for the week of February 5, 2024](#)

[Lost and Found items for the week of February 12, 2024](#)

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!



## NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA







[CLICK HERE FOR THE MARCH LUNCH MENU](#)

## NEWS FROM MCPE, SEPAC, & PTO

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Hello all, the Class of 2024 is hosting their last ever fundraiser of Medfield 9x12" pennants for only \$12. This fundraiser is to help support class initiatives for the rest of the year. The google form, with all the details, is linked below and will be open until 2/16. Checks can be dropped off at the bookshelf through the first set of double doors at Medfield High. Thank you for supporting MHS's Class of 2024! [ORDER HERE:](#)  
[Pennant Fundraiser](#)

