Memorial School Weekly Newsletter 10/15/26

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Hello Memorial Community

Welcome to this week's edition of the Memorial Newsletter! We're excited to share the latest happenings and updates from our school community to keep you informed and engaged.

Thank you!

As a reminder, construction on the new roundabout on North Street will begin on Tuesday, October 20th. While buses and emergency vehicles will be allowed through the rotary, all other vehicles will be detoured, thus impacting access to the North Street parking lot. As such, please plan an alternate route if you are dropping your child off in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. Construction is expected to continue until mid-November. Please be on the lookout for ongoing updates.





October 30th - Halloween Parade

Halloween Parade

On Friday, October 30th, the Memorial School will be having its annual costume parade. At 1:00 PM, Memorial students and staff will exit out of the main entrance, take a left towards the library, walk around the building, through the main playground and back towards the bus loop. Classes will re-enter the building through the main doors and return to their classrooms. Guests are invited to join us outside along the route to enjoy the parade. We ask that you please do not park in the bus loop and if parking on Adams Street, please park only on the fence side.

Costumes

As our parade will be following lunch, all children are invited to bring their costumes to school. We encourage you to help your child choose a costume that is appropriate for school. We have many young children who can be easily frightened and we want this time to be enjoyed by all. Please note that **NO weapons are allowed. Additionally, Halloween masks that cover the whole face should remain at home.** Once the parade is over, children will change out of their costumes for the remainder of the school day. If your child's costume will not fit in their backpack, please send your child with a well-labeled bag for its return trip home.

Party In A Bag

Parties will be held following the parade and families are asked to please send their child in on their party day with a "Party in A Bag" for the snack portion of the party. For those of you who are new to this type of celebration, please see below.

- Find a brown paper lunch bag or a similar type bag
- Invite your child to decorate their bag or simply write their name on the outside
- Send your child's bag in on the day of their party with a few of their favorite food items. Some examples could include:
- Juice box or mini water bottle
- Small salty snack
- Fun sweet snack (cupcake, cookie, candy)
- Additional item could be a piece of fruit, a small yogurt, or any additional healthy snack

Memorial School Picture Retake Day



PICTURE RETAKE DAY
Wednesday, November 18th

THIS IS FOR ANY STUDENT WHO:

- was absent on the original picture day
- was not satisfied with their portraits

If you would like to have your child's picture retaken you must return your complete package to the photographer on Retake/Makeup Day (please remove any classroom group pictures). Your child will be re-photographed and a new portrait package will be printed for you.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT INTER-STATE STUDIOS AT
INTER-STATE COM/SUPPORT



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- November 11th - Veterans Day - No School
- November 19th & 20th - Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Release Day
- November 25th - Early Release Day
- November 26th & 27th - Thanksgiving Recess

Specialist Spotlight - From the Music Room



Hello Parents,

I am happy to say that the children are progressing in Music this year. The pieces we are learning that are coupled with the story, *Too Many Pumpkins*, have some challenging parts. Musical playing is also a goal we work on all year. This week is week one or two for the xylophones depending on the class. The children as a whole are playing a bit on the noisy side right now, but that is to be expected. Musical playing is not something that happens instantly, but it will happen eventually. Needless to say, I am a very proud and pleased teacher because everyone is engaged and trying their best.

This year, the singing is fabulous in both grades. Children are already singing the pumpkin songs we are learning, and I have not formally taught it to them. We are currently learning our school song, *The Memorial School Pledge Song*. Everyone is doing a wonderful job. Grade one is learning the verses and Kindergarten is learning the refrain. Everyone is enjoying the song. We are also learning *Funga Alafia*, our African welcoming song and dance. Like last year, it is a hit with all the students.

After our pumpkin songs are completed, Kindergarten will be working on a song that supports the story, *Run Turkey Run*. After that, Kindergarten will start their train-themed piece which involves the use of two train songs, *Engine, Engine Number 9* and *Little Red Caboose*. With this piece they will be improvising (making up their own music / sounds on the spot). They will be learning how to roll on the xylophones and play a simple rhythm on the drum. Grade one will be moving to Mars with Manwell and learning a piece that is written in the Lydian mode, called, *Manwell's Dream, Moving to Mars*.

The date for the grade one music shows will take place on Thursday, May 20. Like last year, we are splitting the classes and having two shows. One will take place at 9:00 am and the other at 10:00 am. Both will be in the Memorial school gym. More details will follow at later dates. That is all I have for now.
Until next time . . .

Musically,
Mr. R



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 October 15th**.**

If you see any item(s) from the videos 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.

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!

Message from the Bridge Program



As a member of Memorial School, please know your child may be invited by a peer to occasionally join a small group or an "earned break" facilitated by the Bridge Program staff. The purpose of these sessions is to provide students with an opportunity to learn and practice essential group skills, social-emotional competencies, and positive prosocial/friendship skills in a supportive, peer-inclusive setting. Participants typically find these small group discussions and games enjoyable. If you DO NOT want your child to be allowed to be a guest please click **here** and complete the decline form by October 1st.



Notes From The Nurse

State mandated Health Screenings will begin in mid-October. If you do not want your child to participate in health screenings, please notify the nurse in writing before they begin. Thanks!

Check out Mrs. Maguire's **September** Newsletter!

Be sure to visit Nurse Maguire's website at **School Nurse Website** for announcements, health procedures, forms and more!

You can access the nurses Illness Guidelines by clicking **here.**

From The Cafeteria...



What's for lunch?
Click on the link below to view the October Lunch offerings:
October Lunch Menu

Students may also order a light morning snack. Please see click **here** to view the Memorial Breakfast Menu.





MCPE, PTO & SEPAC News

From MCPE

Wonder no more about where your donations go. Here are some examples of grants that have recently made a difference — from cutting-edge learning tools to inspiring new experiences for students. Your support directly helps us enrich the educational landscape for all students in Medfield.

Thank you for partnering with us in supporting and growing their educational journey.

Want to keep the support going? Join us at the Fall Ball for a fun evening supporting our schools.

Get your tickets here: **https://givebutter.com/c/mcpe-2026-fall-ball**

From the PTO





Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach out via the following links:

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- www.medfield.net