



Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of May 1, 2023

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A Note from Assistant Principal Davine:

Welcome to May!

Without counting, I believe we have 7 weeks to go and these 7 weeks will be an exciting time for students. They will be getting ready to transition to the next grade, and enjoying some fun curricular activities.

With a month and a half to go, there will be important information that you will receive about SAS testing days/times, the book fair, move up day for 5th graders, and more! As soon as things are finalized, you will be the first to know!

I hope that those who were able to see Lynn Lyons really enjoyed her presentation and were able to get some helpful tips.

Before vacation, the Invention Convention was held, thanks to Marianne Klemarczyk. I really enjoyed being able to talk with some parents, but more importantly, seeing the students as they were able to shine with their inventions. Be sure to check out the recap below!

Looking forward to seeing the students tomorrow, and I hope you all had a relaxing, safe vacation.

Meredith

Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming Dates

- **May 8-12:** PTO Scholastic Book Fair (shopping night May 11)
- **May 11 & 12:** SAS Science Testing—**Grade 5 only**
- **May 16 & 17:** SAS Math Testing—Grades 3, 4 & 5
- **May 18 & 19:** SAS Reading Testing—Grades 3, 4 & 5
- **May 19:** PTO Spring Dance (rain date is 5/25)
- **May 22 & 24:** SAS Writing Testing—Grades 3, 4 & 5
- **May 29:** Memorial Day—No school
- **May 31:** Chorus field trip to Fisher Cats game
- **June 2:** Grade 5 field trip to Camp Lincoln
- **June 7:** Grade 5 move-up day
- **June 9:** HS Seniors walk through Memorial School
- **June 12:** Grade 2 visits Memorial School



Food Services Menus & Information

View or download the May breakfast and lunch food services menus [here on our website](#). This page also contains information on the free meals program and how to set up and replenish your student(s) food service program account in MySchoolBucks.

Sign Up for Text Messages from Memorial School

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to sign up to receive text messages from Memorial School via School Messenger to be alerted to important news and information. [Please see the instructions on this flyer to sign up!](#)



Invention Convention—Where bright lights come to light!

Congratulations to all inventors who participated in the first Memorial School Invention Convention on Tuesday, April 18! Twenty-six students participated in the event, representing all three grades, each of whom presented creative and interesting inventions and ideas. It was a brilliant evening! 😊



A special thanks to Mrs. Marianne Klemarczyk, who initiated the event, to Ms. Katie Blynn for her support, and to Memorial School staff who volunteered to be guest judges.



PTO Update

The **spring** Scholastic Book Fair will be held May 8-12 (shopping night May 11). More details to follow!

Spring Fling Dance | Friday, May 19, from 5-7 pm outside (rain date is May 25)

More than 100 students cast their vote for the theme of this year's dance is HOLLYWOOD! More details to come...



Next PTO meeting: Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 pm

The current board will be accepting nominations for next school year. Voting to be held in June.

Counselor's Corner

Looking for some great books to read?

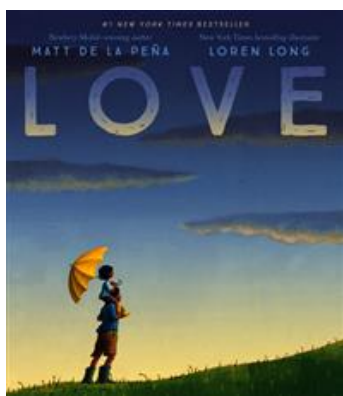
Hello from your Memorial Counselors! Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Nippert hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. We have some more book recommendations for our students and families. These recommendations are from Choose Love, our guidance curriculum.



Mrs. Nippert



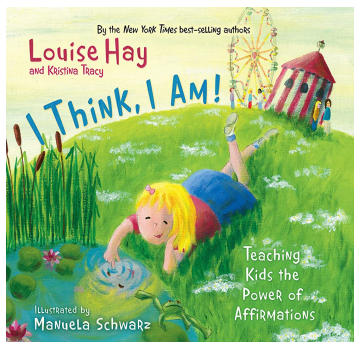
Mrs. Collins



Love, by Matt de la Peña (grades 3, 4, and 5)



Dreamers, by Yuyi Morales (grades 4 and 5)



I Think, I Am, by Louise Hay (grades 3, 4, and 5)

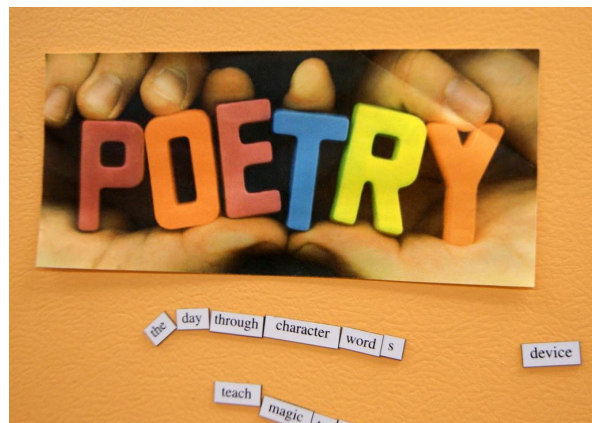
Other recommended reading:

- **If Kids Ran the World**, by Leo & Diane Dillon (grade 3)
- **I Think, I Am**, by Louise Hay (grades 3, 4, and 5)
- **A World Without Failures**, by Ester Pia Cordova (grade 3)

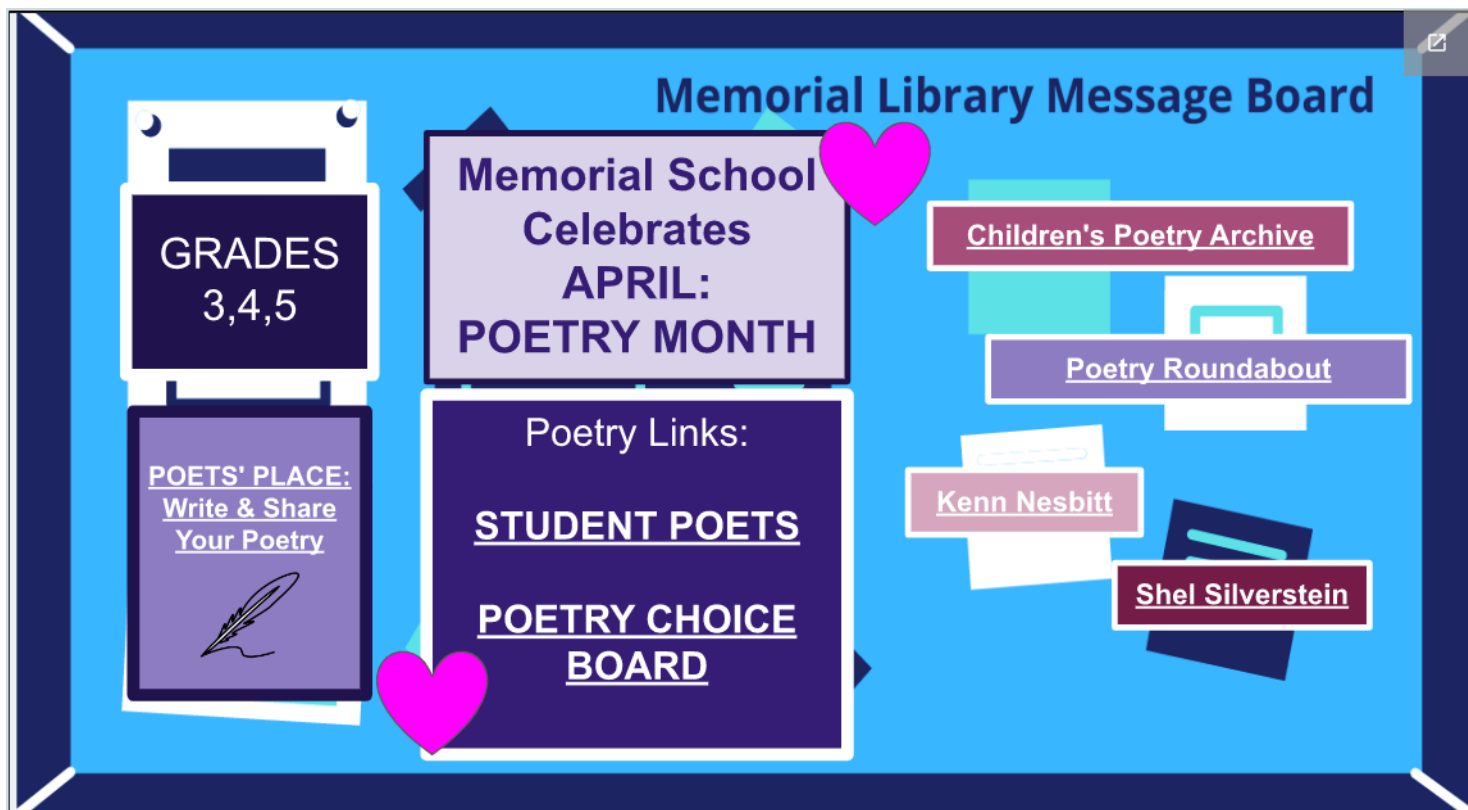
Poetry Café is Back by Popular Demand!

Many creative and talented students submitted poems to publish on the Poetry Café webpage—a challenge activity during Read Across America Week. [You may check out the student poems published in the Poetry Café during Read Across America Week here!](#)

Students have enjoyed reading fellow students' poems so much that it has motivated them to write and publish their own unique poetry! In fact, so many students have asked whether they could still submit a poem to add to the Poetry Café that Mrs. Buresh created a [Poet's Place Google sheet](#) for students to write and share their poems. **Please encourage your children to share their poems while we have this awesome momentum!**



Also, be sure to check out Mrs. Buresh's [poetry page on the Memorial Library Message Board](#) (image below). It's a place for students to write and share their poems, read poems by other Memorial School students as well as famous writers such as Shel Silverstein and Kenn Nesbitt, and check out some interesting poetry resources.



OUR KIDS ARE IN CRISIS **ANXIOUS NATION**

A Community Screening & Panel of
the Feature Documentary

Thursday, May 11th at 5:30 pm

Winnacunnet High School Auditorium

1 Alumni Drive, Hampton, NH 03842



Presented by:



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MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

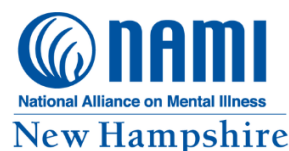
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*The event is free but please RSVP via
the QR Code or by emailing Kelly at
kheartnett@smhc-nh.org as pizza will be
provided in the auditorium lobby.*

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Community Events, Activities & Programs

Sanborn Youth Soccer 2023

Registration is open for the Spring 2023 Sanborn Youth Soccer co-ed recreational program! Boys and girls aged 4/5 through grade 8 of all skill levels may register to play Sunday afternoons at Chase Field in Kingston.

The season runs from May 7th through June 18th. There are 2 sessions available:

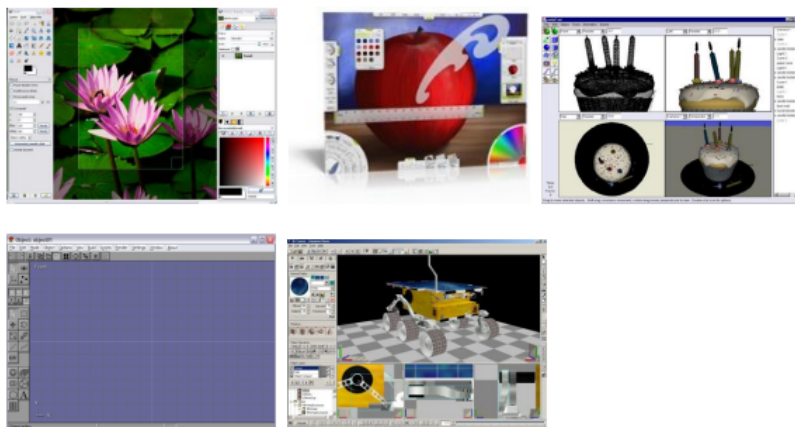
- **Session 1:** 12:30–1:30 pm for ages 4/5 and grades 3-8
- **Session 2:** 2:00–3:00 pm for ages 4/5 and grades 1-2 only



[You may learn more or register here.](#) The registration fee for one child will be waived for any parent who volunteers to coach a team! Please note: **A late fee will be assessed for registrations after April 15th.**

Technology Fun Night | Friday, May 19, 6–8 pm | Seacoast School of Technology

Students in grades 5-9 are invited to the next Technology Fun Night, part of a series of events for students to show just how much fun learning about technology can be. This month we will be learning about free computer graphics software. Come learn about free alternatives to very expensive graphics software. We will be using a variety of software programs to create 3D models, animation, painting, and image processing. There will be door prizes. Come join in the fun!



Cost: Voluntary donation of three cans of food for local food bank per person. If you would like to bring more cans, all donations will gladly be accepted.

[Register online here.](#) Registration opens at 8 am on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, and is limited to 25 students on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please note that these events fill up quickly! Be sure to register early!** Any questions, contact Mr. Messa at nmesa@sau16.org or (603) 775-8623.



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Class of 2023



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To order a yard sign for your senior (or a generic Congratulations) please use the sign-up genius below and email the picture and name to musicboosters@sau17.net



Photo submission deadline May 3

Thank You

As always, thank you for your support, and please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

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