

Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of June 11, 2023

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A Note from Interim Principal Meredith Davine and Assistant Principal Timothy Westphal

Good evening,

Wow, the last week of school is here, can you believe it?

This past week the students had a wonderful time at Field Day and, thankfully, the weather cooperated. A **BIG** shout out to all those who participated (parents, staff, high school students) and, above all, Noah Dever for organizing such a diverse and balanced field day with both indoor and outdoor activities. It was wonderful seeing so many children outside, playing, and simply having fun! I wish you all could have seen the amount of smiles and good memory-making that was had that day.

We are very much looking forward to the 5th-grade celebration in the afternoon on the 14th and honoring all the hard work the students have completed this past year.

Report cards will be available to view through Alma after school on June 16th. Please note that you will see "TBD" for your child's homeroom teacher for the '23-'24 school year, however, you will be notified of your child's homeroom teacher before the start of the school year. Thank you for your patience and flexibility with this.

Have a wonderful week!

Meredith and Tim

Grade 5 Graduation & Celebration

Memorial's Grade 5 Graduation & Celebration will be on June 14th at 1:00 pm (with a rain date of June 15th). We invite parents, guardians, and immediate family members to join the ceremony. We will require all visitors to check in for the event with a driver's license or another form of identification. Please pre-register by completing this short form Also, please be sure to update PickUp Patrol to "Early Dismissal" if you plan to dismiss your child immediately at the conclusion of the ceremony.





Friday, June 16th is the last day of school Early Release at 12:55

Girls on the Run "Let's Rock" Community Project

The Monday/Tuesday Girls on the Run team chose a community project, "Let's Rock," to spread kindness and joy. The girls used various art supplies to create colorful, inspirational, and witty rocks to start a rock garden at Bakie Elementary School. The purpose of the rock garden is for students & staff to visit it when they need to feel good about themselves, smile, and know someone cares about them. The girls hope it will be enjoyed as much as they enjoy the rock garden at Memorial School. The rock garden will be located to the right of the main entrance to Bakie School. The girls hope you'll visit, take a rock when you or a friend needs one, and encourage adding one you've created to help the garden "grow" and brighten someone else's day.



—The Girls on the Run team, Coach Nippert, Coach D'Eon, and Coach Meg

Grade 5 "Stand By Me" Camp Lincoln Field Trip

Last Friday, June 2nd, was Stand By Me/Camp Lincoln Day for 5th graders and their parents. SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth invited parents to the Sanborn Regional Middle School to discuss mental health, substance misuse prevention, the developing tween brain, and how to help ensure healthy development (here is the slide show in case you were not able to make it!). SoRock provided "parent power packs" containing a Parent Prevention Handbook for Middle/High School, a locking medication box, and other resources. There are a few extra parent power packs for parents who couldn't make it, so please reach out to the Memorial School main office if you would like one, and we will hopefully be able to provide you with one.



Memorial 5th graders spent the day at Camp Lincoln for a day of team-building and cooperation through various group activities. They kayaked, and problem-solved on a "whale watch" or while trying to cross the "peanut butter pit" with the Camp Lincoln counselors. Students rotated through soccer, hot dog tag, and more on the field with Mr. Dever, Mr. Walker, and juniors from Sanborn Regional High School. Parents joined their children for lunch and were invited to participate with them

for the rest of the day. Fun was had by all!

A big thank you to SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth for all of their help planning this day and to Drugs Are Dangerous, Inc (D.A.D.) for funding this event!

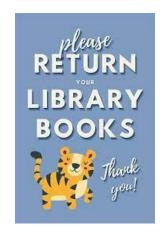




Memorial School Library Update

Books are due back to the library ASAP: All books that were loaned from our school library this past school year are due back now. If your child has a school library book at home please assist us in helping your child to remember to bring it back to school as soon as possible. Replacement fees will be charged for any library books not returned prior to the end of the school year.

Summer reading: Ms. Buresh has posted some terrific summer reading resources on the <u>Memorial School Library Message Board</u>! Be sure to check them out and also scan the QR code below for a recommended reading list!







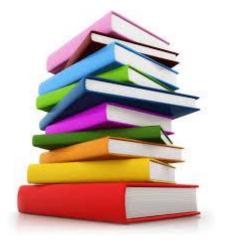
Summer Reading Program & Special Events at the Kingston Community Library

The Kingston Community Library's Summer
Reading Program Kick-Off event, "Karate and
Books for Kids," will be held on Tuesday, June
27th at 10 am for ages 3–6 and at 11 am for
ages 7-12. The library will also be holding many
special events throughout the summer. You may check out the full
calendar here!



Gale Library Summer Reading Program

Celebrate community, friendship, and summer with the Gale Library! Read books, earn raffle tickets, and have fun at the library! Click here for more information.



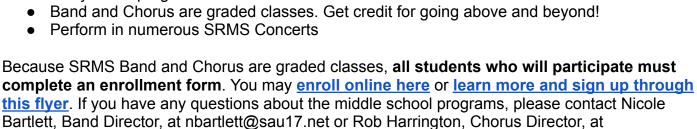
Middle School Band & Chorus Enrollment Information

All incoming SRMS students are invited to sign-up for Band and Chorus! Even if your child did not participate in Memorial music ensembles, he or she is welcome to join the groups at the middle school.

Here are a few highlights about the Middle School band and chorus:

- Band rehearsals and lessons all take place during the regular school day. (No early, before-school lessons!)
- Band and Chorus meet every day. Think about how fast you will progress!

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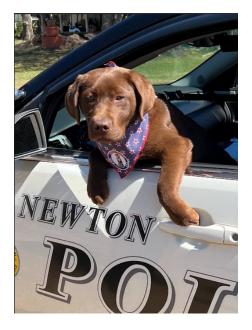


Lucca the Comfort Dog T-Shirt Fundraiser

As you may have heard, Newton Police Chief Michael Jewett and our School Resource Officer (SRO), Brian Oljey, are excited to welcome the latest officer to join the ranks of the Newton Police Department: Lucca, the almost-7-month-old and growing chocolate Labrador puppy, and the department's first comfort dog.

Lucca will join Officer Oljey daily at the Memorial School starting sometime this fall, once she is fully trained. (Be sure to **visit our school website to <u>check out the recent WMUR segment filmed at Memorial School, "New Police Welcomes New Comfort Dog."**)</u>

To provide this opportunity at no expense to the community and taxpayers of Newton, Chief Jewett and Officer Oljey are seeking donations and developing fundraising opportunities.



Any students, parents, staff, and community members who would like to help support Lucca may purchase a T-shirt for \$20, with 100% of all the profits raised going used to directly help with the costs associated with the care for Lucca.

So, buy a T-shirt, look cool, and help support the Lucca "the comfort pup" program at the same time!

To order your T-shirt, you may scan the QR code below or enter this URL into your web browser: https://bit.ly/Lucca-T-Shirt. Here is what the T-shirt looks like:







Also, anyone interested in contributing a donation can stop by the school or police station or mail a check payable to the "Newton Police Association," with "comfort dog" noted in the memo, to Newton Police Department, 8 Merrimac Road, Newton, NH, 03858.

Thank you all so much for your support!

SRSD 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

The 2023-2024 academic year calendar is <u>available to download here</u>.

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT • 2023-2024 CALENDAR



Community Events, Activities & Programs



Barbecue Great DJ Pie Eating Contest Water Activities Boating Treasure Hunt

PRIZES & SURPRISES

Father's Day JUNE 18, 2023 11 AM-4 PM

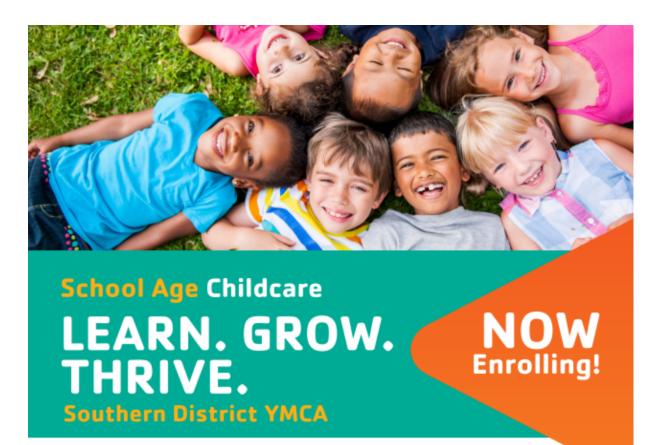
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Thank You

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

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