



Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of December 5, 2022

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A Note from Principal Alford

Hello Memorial Elementary families!

Parent Teacher conferences are on Tuesday and Thursday this week. When you meet with the teacher(s) it is a great time to get a synopsis of how your kiddo has been doing to this point. These meetings are short in duration as there are a lot of folks to see and speak with! I would strongly encourage anyone with questions about the contents on the report card to make a meeting with the teacher for a different day, this will allow for a deeper conversation. There will be a grading document attached to the newsletter email as well. This document may look familiar to 5th grade parents but our 3rd and 4th grade parents have not seen it yet. Hopefully this grading document will give some background information on our grading system and how to interpret our report card.

Don't forget to check out the bookfair as well! The PTO has done a great job organizing our bookfair so take a walkthrough in the library if you have the opportunity.

Have a superb Sunday!

Adrian



Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 5 & 6: Book Fair continues
- Dec. 6, 4:00-7:30 pm: Book Fair Parent Night
- Dec. 8: 7:00-8:00 PTO Meeting
- Dec. 15: Band & Chorus Concert
- Dec. 23 through Jan. 2: Holiday Break

Food Services Menus & Information

View or download the November & December 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!](#)

Scholastic Book Fair Parent Night

The Scholastic Book Fair wraps up this week with two more days of shopping on Dec. 5 & 6, including **Parent Night on Tuesday, December 6, from 4:00–7:30 pm.** [Visit our Book Fair homepage](#) to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping. Catch you at the Fair!



An Update from STEAM

Hello from the STEAM classroom! **Computer Science Education Week** is December 5th through 11th. The best way to celebrate that, especially in STEAM class, is through The Hour of Code! The students will code instructions for their programs by dragging and dropping blocks.



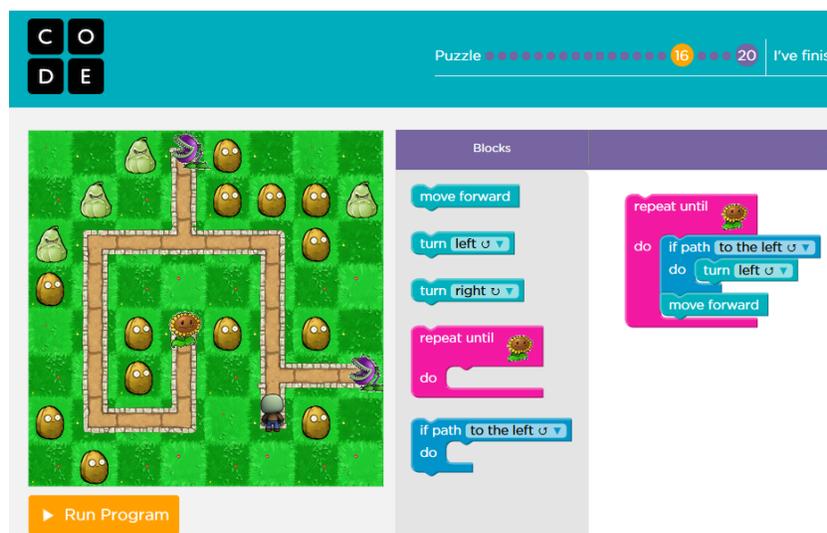
More than 100 million students worldwide, including your child, have already tried—or are about to try—to complete an Hour of Code. Taking part in this international event makes a statement that Memorial Elementary School deeply cares about foundational 21st-century skills.

We live in a world surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. We plan to continue bringing programming/coding opportunities to your students in STEAM throughout the year, including this coming week!

If you would like to learn more about Hour of Code, [click here for details](#), and perhaps to even try it out for yourself!

I look forward to working with them next week, and always!

Ms. Blynn



Memorial School Winter Band & Chorus Concert

We are looking forward to the Winter Band & Chorus Concert, which will take place on Thursday, December 15, in the Middle-High School Auditorium, 17 Danville Road, Kingston, NH. The students have been doing a wonderful job in the band and chorus and we are very excited to share our work with you!

The concert starts at 6:00 pm but the band and chorus students should arrive at 5:30 pm. Families with students in the band or chorus may [view Mr. Vinciguerra's note on our website](#) that provides details including when students should arrive, directions, dress attire, and more.



2022 Memorial School Food Drive

Our annual **Memorial School Food Drive** will take place from **Monday, November 21, through Friday, December 16**. The Student Council thanks you for your participation in our efforts to support those who need assistance.

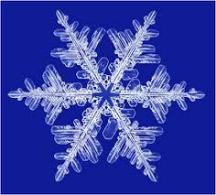
What can I donate?

We are in need of canned goods, cereal, oatmeal, paper goods (napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper), peanut butter, jelly, waters, snacks, pasta, pasta sauce. Basically any non-perishable items are needed, welcomed, and appreciated!



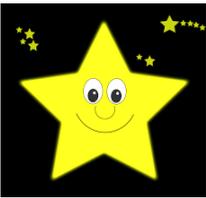
December Celebrations at Memorial School

Memorial School has a tradition of multiple celebrations and dress-up days during the month of December. We encourage participation from students and staff and look forward to lots of fun this month! Here is the lineup of events:



Monday, Dec. 5, “Snowflake Catastrophe”: Students and staff wish for snow by **wearing white**. During morning meeting or free time, students make snowflakes or tree decorations for their classroom windows or our holiday tree by the cafeteria.

Week of Dec. 12–16, Classroom CARES Trees: Each classroom will hang their student-council-made tree on their classroom door. Throughout the week when students are observed demonstrating CARES an ornament will be added to their tree. At the end of the week, students who have earned an ornament on the tree will win a free popcorn voucher from Student Council!



Tuesday, Dec. 13, “Twinkle Tuesday”: Wear bright colors on December 13th (but no lights please!)

Monday, Dec. 19, Holiday Sock Day: Students and staff show off their holiday socks.



Tuesday, Dec. 20, Holiday Color Day:

- Grade 3: **Wear GREEN**
- Grade 4: **Wear RED**
- Grade 5: **Wear BLUE**



Thursday, Dec. 22, Wear your Festive shirts, sweatshirts, or sweaters!

2022 Memorial School Giving Tree



This year, Memorial School is continuing the tradition of hosting the Giving Tree for families in need. You are invited to contribute. The generosity of those who participate helps to fulfill the holiday wishes of children in our community.

Please [click here](#) or scan the QR Code below to access the **SignUpGenius** form with the list of items needed. (Your email address is required but will not be seen by others.)



Please bring all items to Memorial School, unwrapped, by Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Donations of wrapping paper and tags are also greatly appreciated! Call the main office at (603) 382-5251 if you have any questions. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Counselor's Corner

This Week at Memorial

December can be a stressful month for teachers, parents, and students alike. There are some ideas in the [Choose Love Calendar](#) for December to reduce stress and boost happiness for both you and your student(s)!



Mrs. Nippert



Mrs. Collins

“ May this calendar inspire you to Choose Love in small ways every day. Whether Choosing Love by demonstrating courage, gratitude, forgiveness or compassion-in-action, you are helping to create a ripple effect that reaches far and wide, helping DECEMBER 2022 to make our world a better place. ”

—Choose Love Movement

[Click here](#) to view or download a PDF of the *Choose Love Calendar* below!

DECEMBER 2022

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				1 Make a list of gifts to give rather than receive.	2 Be nurturing today by being kind to others.	3 Write down a few ways you are courageous.
4 Be grateful for the kindness of others.	5 Offer to help a friend or family member who may need you.	6 You are loved and worthy of love. Take a forgiveness breath.	7 Show off your superpowers today. Hint: Your smile is your best superpower.	8 Let a friend know you care.	9 Be courageous by saying you are sorry.	10 Send a holiday card to a service member or first responder.
11 Show compassion and understanding. Do something for someone who needs it.	12 Time to celebrate your family and friends.	13 Leave a positive note for someone to find.	14 CHOOSE LOVE	15 Make a happy snowman craft from paper plates.	16 Show love for yourself by taking a few compassion breaths.	17 Pay someone a compliment.
18 Make a holiday card and give it to someone special.	19 Donate food or a toy to a local shelter.	20 Take a walk around your neighborhood.	21 Write about your favorite family holiday tradition.	22 Make a Choose Love bookmark to give to someone you love.	23 Remember to say please and thank you.	24 Love wins!
25 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	26 Have courage.	27 Be grateful.	28 Be forgiving.	29 Have compassion.	30 Choose Love today and every day.	31 Have a lot of fun!

"You can't always choose what happens to you, but you can always choose how you respond. And you can respond with love!" —Scarlett Lewis



FREE
ALL WELCOME

Parenting Support Group

If you need encouragement and tools to help with parenting, talk to us.

With

Kaylene Fraser, MSW, School Social Worker
Sanborn School District
Jillian Burns, MSW, Seacoast Mental Health Center School Liaison

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Bi-weekly Wednesdays starting December 7th from 6:00-7:00pm via Zoom

Parenting support groups provide an opportunity for parents to share ideas and their concerns:

- calming strategies
- electronic limits
- behavior management
- and more!

To sign up and/or ask questions please email:
kfraser@sau17.net
or
jburns@smhc-nh.org



PTO Update

There's still time to join Memorial PTO! Your membership goes directly to supporting the amazing students and staff at Memorial. Membership fees help to fund things like transportation for field trips, school improvement projects, and student activities. You can join by [sending this form to school with your student](#) or [registering online here](#). If membership costs may be a hardship for you or someone you know, please direct reach out to Mr. Alford.

Join us! Next PTO meeting: Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:00 pm | Memorial School Gym

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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