

Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of May 8, 2023

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A Note from Interim Principal Davine:

Hi there!

With April vacation by the wayside, it is still hard to believe the end of the year is right around the corner. I loved doing some 5th-grade math with Mr. LaPorte's class, and the students were so helpful with re-teaching me to divide with decimals It is so nice to see the students in the hallway, with big smiles. The students have expressed to me that they enjoy the morning music, and it is so fun to see them get up and dance! We definitely will need this movement break with SAS testing quickly approaching. So much more to look forward to, and I thank you as parents for the support.

The Book Fair will be held this week, and the Spring Dance is coming up. I will continue to communicate information to you all, but please feel free to reach out to me with anything and I would be happy to connect with you by phone, email, or in person! Just a reminder, June 9th and June 16th are both half days. As a mom of a 5th grader any advanced dates that I am given are always helpful and the half day is something I would have overlooked myself!

On a final note, this past Friday I was able to see some Memorial students play softball as they were playing the team my daughter was on. That was fun to watch!

Have a great week,

Meredith

Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming Dates

Please note: Events in green are those to which parents and families are invited.

MAY & JUNE 2023					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
8	9	10	11	12	
PTO Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week	PTO Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week	PTO Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week	PTO Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week	PTO Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week	
Scholastic Book Fair - In-School Shopping	Scholastic Book Fair - In-School Shopping	Scholastic Book Fair - In-School Shopping	SAS Science Test - Grade 5 Only	Scholastic Book Fair - "Make-up" Shopping	
			4-7 pm: Scholastic Book Fair - Evening Shopping	SAS Science Test - Grade 5 Only	
15	16	17	18	19	
	SAS Math Test - All Grades	SAS Math Test - All Grades	SAS Reading Test - All Grades	SAS Reading Test - All Grades	
			6:30 pm: PTO Meeting	5-7 pm: "Hollywood" Spring Dance	
22	23	24	25	26	
SAS Writing Test - All Grades		SAS Writing Test - All Grades	SAS Make-up Testing	SAS Make-up Testing	
29	30	31	1	2	
Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL		Chorus Field Trip to Fisher Cats game		Grade 5 Field Trip to Camp Lincoln	
5	6	7	8	9	
	6-7:30 pm: Spring Band & Chorus Concert	Grade 5 Move-Up Day - Visit to SRMS	Field Day	Elementary Walk (HS Seniors walk through Memorial)	
				HS Graduation Preparation - Early Release at 12:55	
12	13	14	15	16	
		1:00-2:30: Grade 5 Graduation & Celebration		Last day of school - Early Release at 12:55	

Scholastic Book Fair



Staff, parents, and students can access the Book Fair Homepage, which is full of Fair info. dates, online shopping details, ewallet, and digital preview fliers, on the <u>Library Memo Board!</u>

Our **Scholastic Buy 1, Get 1 FREE* Book Fair** will connect your kids to fun books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers while doubling their reading fun! Not only will your child be able to choose from a wonderful selection of titles before summer vacation starts, they'll also **get one free book for every book they buy!**

Our spring book fair no doubt will be THE place for ultimate book joy and a welcome event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the fair, which will take place from **May 8th thru May 12th at the school's gym, with late night Thursday, May 11th, from 4pm–7pm.**

Our book fair offers **eWallet**, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at the Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet.

If you can't make it to the fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair***. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school

Scan the QR code on the right (or enter the URL below into your browser) to visit our book fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/memorialelemschool1

*All free items must be of equal or lesser value than the ones you buy. Titles vary by book fair. All items are available while supplies last. Online purchases are not eligible for "Buy One, Get One Free" pricing.



Spring 2023 Statewide Testing at Memorial School

Each year, New Hampshire public schools are required to assess students using a standardized assessment. These statewide assessments are an important part of a student's core educational program and, along with student work, provide teachers and parents with important information about where students are on their path toward academic success. This letter from the NH Department of Education provides detailed information on the assessments including requirements by grade level, exemptions, results, and practice tests.

Memorial School's statewide assessments will take place on several days across multiple weeks in May starting Thursday, May 11th. **Please send in earbuds/headphones with your child the week they are testing.** See the calendar above (p. 2) for a detailed schedule of testing days and times by grade. Thank you!

Welcome Memorial Elementary Comfort Dog, Lucca!

As you've probably heard, Memorial School has a new addition—an adorable chocolate Labrador retriever, Lucca! Our School Resource Officer, Brian Oljey, has worked with Hero Pups, a local non-profit organization, to bring a comfort dog program to Memorial Elementary School, as well as our neighboring school, Seacoast Learning Collaborative.

Check out the April 30th article in *The Eagle Tribune*, which describes the program and the benefits it provides to our students and community.

SPCA Fundraiser

In related news, our Student Council is launching a fundraiser to support the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Students may bring contributions to the school and there will be prizes for classes that raise the most money. Stay tuned for more details coming this week!







Counselor's Corner

Podcast series?

Hello Memorial families! We are so happy to see our kiddos enjoying the warmer weather.

<u>Check out the Choose Love Podcast on navigating life's challenges and having the courage to ENcourage others</u>, featuring Steve Pemberton!

In this episode...

"Believe in your dreams and rise above obstacles."

Those are inspiring words from Steve Pemberton, best-selling author of "A Chance in the World" and "The Lighthouse Effect," a visionary youth advocate, acclaimed speaker, and Chief People Officer for Workhuman.

Scarlett has a powerful conversation with Steve about their shared experiences through trauma. Growing up in the foster care system and overcoming an abusive childhood, Steve shares his insights and addresses how people can overcome their pain to live their best lives. He discusses the power of parenting and the role it plays in a child's life and future actions. Through their shared life experiences, Scarlett and Steve speak about navigating challenges and dealing with pain and loss and how



our response to difficult times is part of the healing process. Steve explains the importance of having courage and taking on the responsibility to encourage and help others through pain and to be a lighthouse. Their conversation also covers fear and division in the workplace and the need to give and receive love in all facets of life to unite humankind. This meaningful podcast will stay with you and remind you of the importance of hope and working toward having 'lighthouse moments' to help you change the world.

You can find more Choose Love episodes here.

Grade 5 Graduation & Celebration—Save the Date!

We are looking forward to honoring our 5th-grade students as they move on from Memorial School at the end of this school year! Memorial's **Grade 5 Graduation & Celebration will be on June 15th at 1:00 pm** (with a rain date of June 16th at the same time).



We invite parents, guardians, and immediate family members to join the ceremony, which will be held outside on our playground fields. We will require all visitors to check in for the event with a driver's license or another form of identification at designated tables. To make this process easier, <u>please</u> <u>pre-register by completing this short form</u>.

Families may begin arriving at 12:45 pm, as the ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm. When you arrive, you will sign in at the designated tables on either side of the field. Following the ceremony, students will have a celebration on the playground. **Please understand that families need to leave right after the graduation ceremony by 2:30 pm** to ensure that there is no disruption to bus and parent pick-up dismissal that day.

If you plan to dismiss your child immediately at the conclusion of the ceremony, please be sure to update PickUp Patrol to "Early Dismissal." There will also be a designated area outside to sign your child out before you leave the school.

PTO Update

The spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held this week. In-school shopping will be held Monday through Wednesday (the make-up day is Friday, May 12), with each class visiting the book fair on their designated day and time. The book fair shopping night is from 4-7 pm on Thursday, May 11. See page 3 above or the **Library Memo Board** for more book fair information.

Hollywood Spring Dance | Friday, May 19, from 5-7 pm outside (rain date is May 25) See the flyer below or <u>click here for more details and to purchase tickets</u> (tickets are also available at the door).

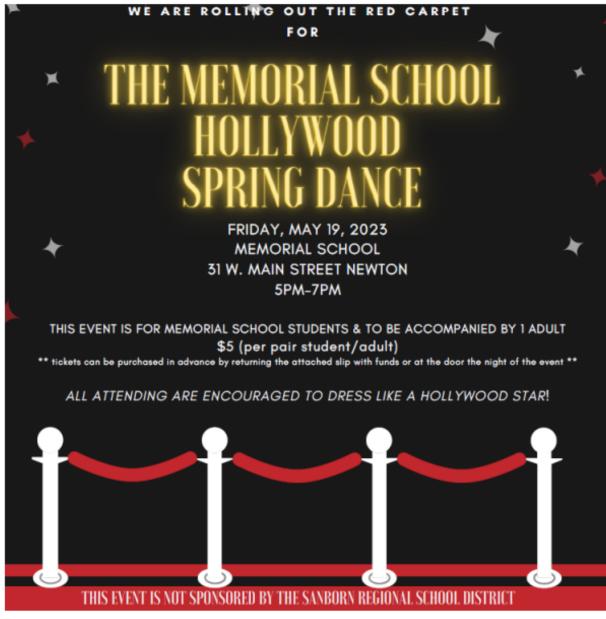
Grade 5 Celebration T-Shirts

We are excited to provide special t-shirts for the 5th-grade students to wear to their end-of-year celebrations in June. Students will receive their shirts on the morning of the celebration. We hope these will be meaningful mementos of their days at Memorial School! Thank you, families, for responding to our request for the correct size t-shirt for your student(s)!

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

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

PTO Hollywood Spring Dance



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Student's Name:	+ 1 Adult
Grade/Teacher:	
Amount Enclosed \$	

SRSD 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

The 2023-2024 academic year calendar is available to download here.

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT • 2023-2024 CALENDAR



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:





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

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Community Events, Activities & Programs



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**Not a school sponsored event.



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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