

August 18—Update from Memorial School

Good Afternoon Memorial School Families,

We are eagerly anticipating welcoming our students to Memorial School on Tuesday, August 30! As we prepare for the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to share the following updates. We also request that you please complete the information we need to have prior to the start of the school year, as outlined below. Thank you in advance for helping to ensure a smooth start to the new school year!

Mark Your Calendars for the PTO Back-to-School Picnic

Our wonderful PTO has organized a Back-to-School Picnic for next Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 5:30 pm on the Memorial School Playground (rain date Thursday, August 25). This event is a great opportunity to potentially meet classmates and their families before school begins! Our new Assistant Principal, Meredith Davine, and I will be there and would welcome the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible. [Click here for the event flyer](#). We hope to see you there!

Principal's Message on the Website

Assistant Principal, Meredith Davine, and I are quite excited to join Memorial School this year! To learn more about us, please be sure to check out the [Principal's Message page](#) on our website.

Mandatory Steps to Complete Before the Start of School

- **Required Back-to-School Forms:** If you haven't already done so, please be sure to complete the mandatory "2022-2023 Memorial back to school forms" in [Alma](#). Please note that every student must have their information updated—even those who attended Memorial School last year. Students transitioning from DJ Bakie School to Memorial School this year have been automatically transferred in Alma and your username and email address remain the same. As a reminder, your username is formatted as "firstname.lastname." If you can't remember your password, use the "Forgot Password" link to reset it. As always, our front office staff is here to help if you have questions or need anything!
- **Required Pickup Patrol Default Dismissal Plan:** We expect Salter Transportation to finalize our bus routes within the next couple of days for the 2022-2023 school year (see [this bus update on our website for more information](#)). We will email families the final bus route information once we receive it and you will also receive an email through [PickUp Patrol](#) to request that you login and update your student default dismissal plan(s) for the 2022-2023 school year. Providing your default dismissal plan is critical for us to ensure your student's safety and we appreciate your cooperation in providing this information.

Welcome Letters and Suggested Optional Supplies

Each student will receive a welcome letter from their teachers this week, which you also may find linked [here on our website](#). These letters introduce your student's teachers and include suggestions for optional school supplies you might want to pick up as you prepare for the start of the new school year.

Important Food Services Update for 2022-2023 School Year

As you might be aware, the USDA did not renew the Universal Free Meals program that had been in place for the last two school years. This means **meals will no longer be free** to all students starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Students who choose to participate in the school meals program will either need to apply for free or reduced price meals or set up and/or add funds to their MySchoolBucks food service account. Details on all of the above may be found on both the [Fresh Picks Café website](#) and on the [Food Services Info page on our website](#).

Ongoing Communications from Memorial School

- **Website:** We continually update our [Memorial School website](#) throughout the year, including news, events, invitations, offerings, and other important information. Please be sure to bookmark and check it often to get the most up-to-date and detailed information about our school.
- **Facebook:** We post frequently on our [Memorial School Facebook page](#) and our active PTO updates the [Memorial PTO Facebook page](#) regularly as well. If you are on Facebook, be sure to like these pages to keep up on the latest.
- **Email:** Be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for important email communications like this one!

Should you have any questions or needs, please feel free to reach out to me. Our front office staff, Bonnie Gasse and Kristen Noonan, are also available to help as you prepare for the new year and, of course, throughout the school year. They can be reached through our new front office email address, memoffice@sau17.net, or by calling our main phone number, 603-382-5251.

Again, on behalf of Meredith Davine and myself, we are thrilled to join Memorial School and look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Adrian Alford