



Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of October 16, 2022

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A Note from Principal Alford

Hello Memorial Elementary families!

What a gorgeous weekend after some pretty intense rain and wind Thursday into Friday!

There is a fun PTO event on Wednesday, October 19, 3:15pm–4:00pm. Parents/guardians will be asked to sign in at the front entrance using Lobbyguard (don't worry about signing out).

We're continuing to plug away at NWEA testing this week. Important to get some rest and breakfast to help stay focused.

Lastly, it is important to have the community back in Memorial. Ms. Davine and I are cooking up ideas to get the community back in so keep your eyes peeled for upcoming opportunities!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Sunday!

Adrian



Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming Dates

- **Oct. 18, 19 & 21:** Grade 3 NWEA Testing
- **October 19:** PTO Owl Craft Event (see p. 5)
- **October 20:** First Chorus rehearsal (see p. 3)
- **October 20, 7:00 pm:** PTO Meeting

Food Services

View or download the October 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

SCHOOLMESSENGER® 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!](#)

Memorial Chorus Kicks Off the 2022-2023 Season!

We are excited to invite all students to join the Memorial School Chorus! Here are a few highlights about the program:



- Memorial Chorus rehearses after school every Thursday until 4:00 pm
- We plan on having at least two formal performances this year (hopefully more!)
 - Winter Performance in December
 - Spring Concert in May or June
 - Performances at in-school concerts/assemblies
- No prior experience or training is required—all students in grades three through five can join and be successful!
- Committing to a group is one of the skills practiced in chorus. We ask that students make every effort to participate for the entire year.
- Students should bring an extra snack to eat in the 5-10 minutes break at the beginning of chorus. If any family would like to donate Goldfish crackers to distribute to students during this time, we would very much appreciate it.

Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, October 20 after school. Transportation home must be provided by a parent/guardian (there is no late bus) and **dismissal plans in PickUp Patrol must indicate “After-School Activity” as chorus.** Students should be picked up promptly at 4:00 pm after rehearsals by the gym/cafeteria doors toward the back of the school (accessed from Crane Crossing Road). Because of the expected high volume of cars, please loop around the Seacoast Learning Collaborative parking lot and form a line adjacent to the building (same loop as Parent Pickup and Drop-off). Teachers will direct cars to pull up and stop so students can enter. We expect this process to be a bit slow as we practice. Safety is our number one priority for students.

Please [complete this Google Form to enroll your child in chorus](#), then **update PickUp Patrol dismissal for every Thursday of the school year** to “After-School Activity” and note “Chorus” and the name(s) of people who will pick up your child.

You can always email us with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Chris Vinciguerra (cvinciguerra@sau17.net) and Nicole Bartlett (nbartlett@sau17.net)

Counselor's Corner

This Week at Memorial

Our students did a great job with NWEA testing! We are so proud of their hard work last week.

Tip of the Week: Managing Big Feelings

Parents are busy people! This time of year can be especially hectic! That's why our focus of the week is on self-care. Self-care doesn't have to be walks on the beach or expensive chocolates (but if that's your jam, go right ahead!). Self care is simply anything that improves your mental, emotional, or physical health. And Bonus: The best way to teach children how to self-care is to model it for them!

This could be:

- Eating a healthy dinner
- Going for a walk
- Calling a Loved One you haven't seen in awhile

Check out [more ideas here](#).



Mrs. Nippert



Mrs. Collins

PTO Update

Upcoming Owl Craft Event: On Wednesday, October 19, 3:15–4:00, Memorial PTO will be hosting an artist from The Maker's Post, who will be leading the group in making an owl craft. **There's still time to sign-up!** Cost is \$8 per student (limited to the first 25 students to sign up). ****At this time, a parent/guardian must be in attendance with students.**** [Sign up here](#). **Don't forget to change PickUp Patrol for that day!**

Halloween Goody Bags: PTO will be providing each student with a Halloween Goody Bag! Donations are needed to make this happen! Donations of goods can be made [here](#) and monetary donations to purchase goods can be made [here](#).

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, Oct. 20, 7:00 pm | Memorial School Gym

Community Events, Activities & Programs



Sanborn Community Basketball

Registration is now open for students in grades 3–8. Skills sessions will be held from mid-September through October. Teams will be formed at the end of October, with practices in November and games starting in December. [Click here to view the flyer](#) or [click here to register](#).

Fall Clothing Drive | Throughout October

Partners Bank will be **collecting gently used fall/winter clothing and footwear** for all ages to benefit the kids of the Sanborn District through the end of October. Donations can be dropped off at the Kingston Partners Bank Location at 53 Church Street, Kingston (in the Carriage Towne Plaza) or The Bakie Elementary School Spooktacular on October 28th.



Owl Wood Disk Craft with The Maker's Post | PTO-sponsored event | Wednesday, October 19, 3:15-4:00 pm | Memorial School

Come get in the fall spirit and create an (1) owl to hang in your window! Cost is \$8 per student and is limited to the first 25 participants to sign up. **At this time, students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend this event.** [Sign up here by Friday, October 14 on CheddarUp.](#) (This is not an SRSD sponsored event.)



Adult Event: Sip & Sign Night with Get On Board | Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 pm | Kingston Recreation Center | 24 Main Street, Kingston

Get On Board is returning to the Kingston Recreation Department for a DIY workshop on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30 pm. Let your creative side shine! You will create your own one-of-a-kind project. You choose your design from a variety of options and select your stain finish. All of the supplies you need will be brought to you at the event and you will be

instructed on how to create your professional-looking accent piece. Head on over to www.getonboarddiy.com to shop the designs. Choose your design and stain color and pay for your sign right on the website (note: please enter "Kingston Rec" as the host). Becky will bring your sign, stencil, and our vast selection of paint colors to the party. Please have orders in by Thursday, October 13th! If you have any questions, email Becky at getonboardllc@gmail.com.

Town Trunk or Treat Celebrations:

- **Newton:** Trunk or Treat | Saturday, October 22, 4:30–7:00 pm | Memorial School
- **Kingston:** Trunk or Treat | Monday, October 24, 6–8 pm | Kingston Recreation Center | 24 Main Street, Kingston





**Exeter Adult Education Classes | Fall 2022
| 30 Linden Street, Exeter**

Exeter Adult Education offers a wide range of adult learning opportunities including courses for academic skills and preparation, computer and technology, health and wellness, cooking, language, handcrafts, and much more. [Click](#)

[here to view the flyer for fall courses](#) or [visit their website for more information](#).

**Holiday Craft Fair | Sanborn-Epping Ice
Hockey Fund-Raising Event | Saturday,
Nov. 26, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | Sanborn
Regional High School, Kingston**

Come on down and help support this amazing event that includes 80+ vendors and a scratch ticket raffle. [Click here to view the event flyer](#).



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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