



Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of December 12, 2022

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A Note from Principal Alford

Hello Memorial Elementary families!

We have a big winter concert coming up on Thursday, December 15th at the high school from 6:00pm-8:00pm. I personally cannot wait to hear our kiddos during their concert!

As some of you may know, we are having a food drive at Memorial Elementary. This is a great way to support our wonderful community and help those in need. Another benefit of this food drive is the grade level with the most items designated to them will be able to duct me to the wall! Many students have shared excitement about this to the point where they would also like to tape me to the ceiling afterward! Duct taping me aside, it has been truly heartwarming to hear students talk about why it is important to donate.

Have a superb Sunday!

Adrian

Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming Dates



- **Dec. 13:** Twinkle Tuesday (see details below)
- **Dec. 15:** Band & Chorus Concert
- **Dec. 19:** Holiday Sock Day (see details below)
- **Dec. 20:** Holiday Color Day (see details below)
- **Dec. 22:** Festive Shirts Day (see details below)
- **Dec. 23 through Jan. 2:** Holiday Break

Food Services Menus & Information

View or download the 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.



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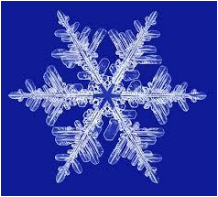
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If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to sign up to receive text messages from Memorial School via School Messenger to be alerted to important news and information.

[**Please see the instructions on this flyer to sign up!**](#)

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: Festive Shirts Day: Wear your festive shirts, sweatshirts, or sweaters!

Memorial School Winter Band & Chorus Concert

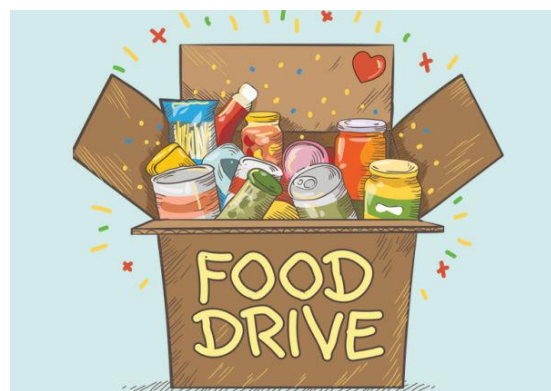
We are looking forward to the Winter Band & Chorus Concert, which will take place on **Thursday, December 15**, in the Middle-High School Auditorium, 17 Danville Road, Kingston, NH. The students have been doing a wonderful job in the band and chorus and we are very excited to share our work with you!

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 Student Council has added an exciting twist to the annual Memorial School Food Drive to benefit our friends at Packer Meadows! There is now a challenge between grade levels to see which grade brings in the most items. **The winning grade level will duct tape Mr. Alford to the wall at a school-wide assembly to take place after Christmas break!**



Here is what each grade should focus on:

- **Grade 3:** Paper goods and toiletries
- **Grade 4:** Dry goods
- **Grade 5:** Canned vegetables, fruits, or juices

Donated items should be brought in by Friday, December 16th. Students should bring their items to Mrs. Collins/Mrs. U's room in the morning to be counted and added to their grade's tally. The Student Council thanks you for your participation in our efforts to support those who need assistance.

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

Happenings at Memorial

Last week, Memorial School was so happy to have guest speakers from National Foundation for Suicide Prevention come and read to our 3rd and 4th grade classrooms about mental health and wellbeing. Our guest speakers were joined by some high school students from SRHS. Our Memorial students loved interacting with the older kids!

They read the book, "Gizmo's Guide to Mental Health" and all students were gifted a copy to take home with them. In the back of each book, there is a mental health plan where students can write down activities that help them feel calm and happy. There is also a place to list their trusted adults—people they can turn to when they need help or someone to listen.



Mrs. Nippert



Mrs. Collins





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

When

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.

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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