



Memorial Elementary School E-Newsletter

Week of December 19, 2022

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A Note from Principal Alford

Hello Memorial Elementary families!

What an amazing turnout for the winter concert! It was great seeing so many people attend, and how great were our kiddos!?! A big WELL DONE to Mr. Vinciguerra and colleagues to host such a wonderful event.

With winter finally being here we will have to make sure we're prepared for playing in the snow at school. We want all of our cherubs playing in the snow but need your help by sending in all the necessary winter gear (snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, boots, etc). Nurse Nikki has very limited clothing which means she can only give out so much before it is gone. Please let me know if you need some assistance with winter gear (aalford@sau17.net) and I will be more than happy to help!

Last and most importantly, my colleagues and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday break!

Have a superb Sunday!
Adrian

Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming Dates



- **Dec. 19:** Holiday Sock Day (see details below)
- **Dec. 20:** Shopping 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

December 20 is Student Shopping Day!

On Tuesday, December 20, all Memorial School students will have the opportunity to purchase two gifts for someone special at the PTO student shopping day. This is a fun tradition and the students love browsing the choices and selecting items for people (or pets!) who are special to them. **Please have your student bring \$2 to school on Tuesday.**



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.

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!](#)



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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!

Counselor's Corner

Memorial Families, in honor of the holidays, check out this awesome artwork by one of our talented 4th grade artists! "Merry CARESmas!"



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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