



WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH 2025



April 17, 2025 to May 1, 2025

Message from the Principal

Can you believe we're already heading into April vacation? As we approach this well-deserved break, I hope you and your family find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time together. When we return, we'll be entering the final stretch of the school year, and we have many exciting events and activities planned. Please be sure to stay up to date by keeping an eye on the communications coming home from Wheelock, as we don't want you to miss a thing! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on:

Monday, April 28, 2025.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable vacation!



Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

- 4/17 - **Today!** Placement Letter Deadline & Grade 3 Variety Show at MHS
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4/17 - Charlotte C.
4/18 - A.J. C.
4/20 - Matthew H. & Aurora T.
4/21 - Thomas A. & William D.
4/22 - Frank H. & Colin M.
4/23 - Norah E. & Jack M.
4/25 - Colin B. & Emily W.
4/26 - Bridget L.
4/27 - Parthenia A., Theodore D., Emery M., Mila P. & Ben T.
4/28 - Sylvie J.
4/29 - Vincent M.
4/30- Jack F.

*****“CURRENT NEWS”*****



Placement Letter Google Form - Due Today!

The elementary principals recently hosted a webinar for all elementary parents and guardians to provide an overview of the student placement process for the upcoming school year. As part of this process, we will be using a Google Form to gather input from families.

The [Google form and letter regarding elementary placement](#) was sent to all families earlier this week.

All forms must be received no later than today, April 17th, at 3 PM.

If you were unable to attend the live session of the webinar, you can access the recording [here](#).
Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

🎤🌟 You're Invited! 🌟🎤

Wheelock School 3rd Grade Variety Show

🌟 A Night Full of Talent, Smiles & Surprises! 🌟

 **Date:** Tonight! Thursday, April 17th

 **Time:** 6:00 PM

 **Location:** Medfield High School Auditorium

Come cheer on our amazing 3rd graders as they sing, dance, act, and shine on stage!
It's sure to be a fun-filled evening celebrating creativity, courage, and community.

🎵 All are welcome — bring your friends and family! 🎵
We can't wait to see you there!



Victory Garden Spring Planting Sign Up

Sign up to learn about the Victory Garden, plant potatoes and onions (Grade 2) or plant seeds and help maintain the garden with the gardeners (Grade 3).

[Grade 2 Victory Garden Sign Up](#)

[Grade 3 Victory Garden Sign Up](#)



Grade 3 Video

We Want to See YOUR Third Grader!!!!

Make sure YOUR third grader is featured in this year's third grade video. We want to see ALL of those shining faces.

THANK YOU to those of you who have sent in photos. They have been filed for submission.

Please send any photos from this year's events. We are specifically in need of

- First Day of School Photos
- Class Party Photos
- Recess Photos

Send your submissions to: [**thirdgradevideo@gmail.com**](mailto:thirdgradevideo@gmail.com)



Mark Your Calendars -- Wheelock Night of the Arts is May 21st!

Can You Help Us Get Prepared?

Once again, volunteers are needed to help mount and label artwork, hang artwork and then take it down once our amazing show ends! It takes many hands over many days. If you can help [please sign up here](#).



Attention Rising 4th Grade Families:

Physicals Needed to Enter 4th Grade

[Click here](#) for all the information.



Stomach Illness Reminder

1. Please remind your children that frequent handwashing with soap and water, especially after using the bathroom and before eating, is the best way to prevent yourself from getting sick.
2. Hand sanitizer does not kill the "germs" that are responsible for making you sick with a stomach illness. Handwashing is going to be your number one defense!
3. Teachers/Staff have been instructed to frequently wipe down high touch surfaces to help limit spread.
4. Your child should stay home from school for at least 24 hours after their last vomiting episode and or 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications.

Please reach out if you have any further questions/concerns.

Thank you,

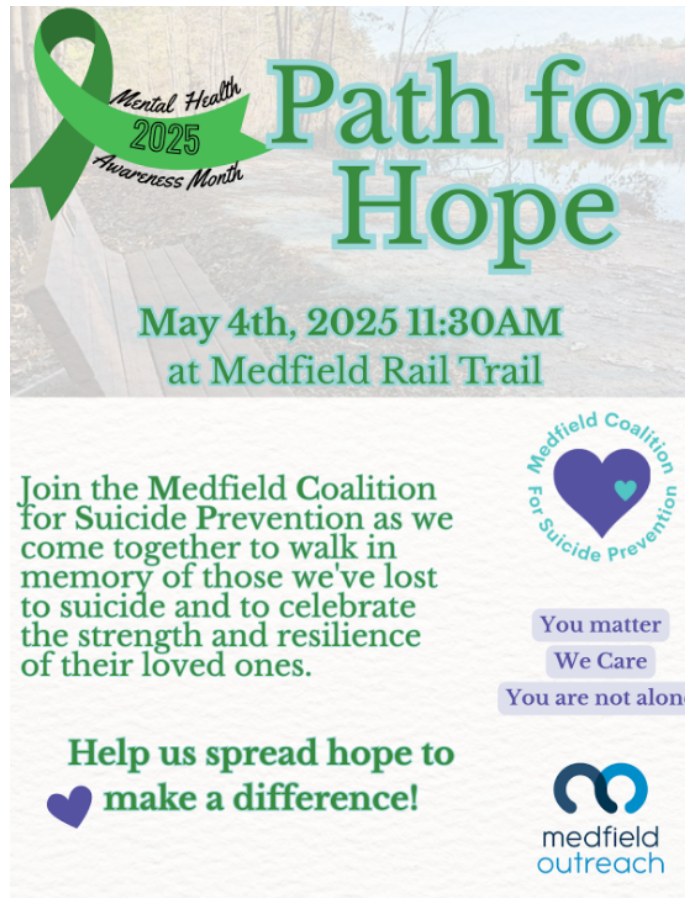
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Medfield Coalition for Suicide Prevention Hosts “Path for Hope” on Medfield Rail Trail for Mental Health Awareness Month

This Mental Health Awareness Month, the Medfield Coalition for Suicide Prevention (MCSP) invites the community to join Path for Hope on Sunday, May 4th, at 11:30 AM on the Medfield Rail Trail. This event is an important opportunity to build community, foster healing, and promote emotional resilience, an essential protective factor in reducing the risk of suicide.



Nothing says warmer weather is coming like ICE CREAM!

Mark your calendars! The Ice Cream Social is coming back to Wheelock and we hope you can join us! See below for all the details.

Additionally, this event cannot run without your help! We are looking for volunteer assistance to help staff the event.

[Please sign up here.](#)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL DETAILS:

When: Wednesday, April 30th

Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Where: Wheelock School, ice cream sundaes in the cafeteria (dairy free options available),

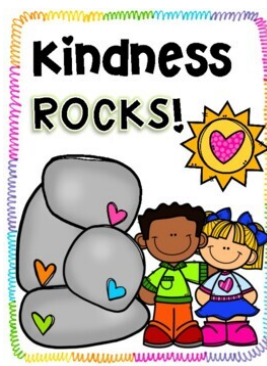
Cost: \$5/person, payable via Venmo to @Wheelock-PTO, check to Wheelock PTO or cash, advanced purchase highly recommended (tickets must be purchased by April 30th at 10 am)

Who's invited: EVERYONE! This event is open to everyone, including students, siblings, grown ups, neighbors and friends.

We look forward to seeing you on April 30th!

*If financial hardship impacts your ability to participate in this event, please contact Mrs. Caulfield for Angel Funds.





Kindness Rocks!

Kindness Rocks is coming April 15-17th, a fun collaboration between the PTO and the art teachers. Students will paint rocks with positive messages and spread them throughout the school. We are seeking one volunteer per art class to help with the event. [Sign up here](#) if you can help!



The 2025 Wheelock 3rd Grade Variety Show is Tonight!!

This year the 3rd Grade Variety Show will take place at the MEDFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM tonight, Thursday, April 17, 2025!

All are welcome!

We still need volunteers for decorating! If your child is registered, we need your help to make this Show a success. Please visit [this link](#).



Save the Date for Community Day!

When: Friday, May 30th (Rain Date: Monday, June 2nd)

This is such a fun full school event to be a part of, you do not want to miss it! Please be on the lookout for more information and the opportunity to volunteer 😊



The next and final PTO meeting is Friday, May 23 at 9:15am!

Make sure to keep up to date with meeting times and Minutes from past meetings [through the K-8 website](#).



If you are interested in joining the Wheelock PTO Board for the 2025-2027 School years, please email Cailin at cailinsms@yahoo.com or Sophia at sophiaviglas@gmail.com.



Ongoing Minted Fundraiser

Minted is continuing to partner with Wheelock past the holiday season. Lucky us! You will receive 20% off of your order and Minted will donate 15% to Wheelock PTO! Be sure to share this great fundraiser with friends and family. Anyone can utilize this promo code for a discount and more money goes back to our kids and teachers!

When ordering, be sure to use the promo code **FUNDRAISEWHEELOCK** at checkout.



Happy Shopping



Click [here](#) for more information.



Recess Duty! Can You Help?

Attached is the [Recess duty sign-up](#). This is such a fun way to see what your kids are up to during their recess breaks! Slots are open to volunteer through December. Please ensure that you have a valid Cori on file to volunteer for recess duty (see below). Thank you!

Finally, please be on the lookout for all that is to come this year through weekly PTO communications here in the Newsflash, through emails and on class pages on Facebook. Have a great weekend!



MCPE PRESENTS



Mother's Day Wine & Charcuterie

Indulge Mom & help raise funds for Medfield schools!

\$100 package includes:
Two bottles of wine
(1 red, 1 white)
& a charcuterie box for two



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
Medfield Wine Shoppe
Around the Plate



[Place your order here through May 5th](#)

Pick-up will be the afternoon of Friday, May 9th - just before Mother's Day on Sunday the 11th!



Medfield Lawn Signs Available Now!

We are so proud of our students and all their achievements, including our impressive 2025 State Championship Medfield High School Girls' Basketball 🏀, Girls' Hockey 🏒, and Girls Volleyball 🏐 teams! 💙🏆

If you're feeling that extra Medfield pride, MCPE is offering a great way for you to show that off this spring. For a \$25 donation, we'll deliver a lawn sign right to your door celebrating Medfield for 2025. [Sign up here](#), and we'll deliver orders by May 1st!



Blood Donation Drive at MHS!

Date: May 11th, 8am to 1pm

Can You Help?

[Click here](#) for all the details.



Please Consider Supporting the Blake Middle School Scholarship Fund!

This year, the Medfield Lions have generously decided to donate the entire proceeds of their Golf Ball Drop event to the Blake Scholarship Fund! Please see [the attached flyer](#) from the Medfield Lions and consider purchasing golf balls to benefit our school!



Come What May Ball for Wheelock Students

[Click here](#) for all the information about this dance for Wheelock students.



Interested in Volunteering in the Library?

Please [see here](#) to find your child's classroom teacher and sign up!



Math Enrichment Program for Wheelock!

[Click here](#) for all the information about this program.



April Vacation Fitness Clinic

Run by retired Memorial PE teacher, Mr. Grace.

[Click here for the flier and details.](#)



*****SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT*****

Library!

Exciting things are happening in the library! We wrapped up an epic Tournament of Books. This year's featured author was none other than David Biedrzycki, and our students LOVED all of the books. After much reading, and very thoughtful voting, it was determined that 🦄

Invasion of the Unicorns! 🦄

was the champion! But the excitement doesn't end there—because the real magic is just around the corner. David Biedrzycki is coming to visit our school on May 5 and 6! Students are buzzing with excitement and full of questions, ready to meet the creative mind behind their favorite books. It's going to be an unforgettable experience celebrating storytelling, imagination, and the joy of reading. We can't wait to welcome him!

Over the past few weeks, our curious third graders have been bravely venturing into the fascinating world of insects—focusing on one particularly not-so-lovable critter. Students have been digging deep into nonfiction resources learning facts about their insect subject. With their research in hand, students are now using their creativity and tech skills to produce digital stories that may convince you to love insects.

Our second graders have been exploring story elements and stepping into the author's role by creating new endings to a story. The creativity is amazing!

Are you interested in volunteering in the Wheelock School Library? Find out more about volunteering and sign up [here](#)!

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*****Wheelock's Lunch Menu*****

Due to a federal funding grant from the USDA, all breakfasts and lunches served are free of charge for the 2024-2025 school year.

Wheelock's lunch menu is updated and complete for [April](#) (subject to change).



2024-2025 MPS School Calendar

Be sure to take a few minutes to check out the school calendar for conference dates, holidays, early release dates, etc. You may find it [here](#).



Interested in Knowing What's Going On In Our Community?

Check [here](#) for our Community Notices and for information about MPS's website flier posting Process.



Take Note! Valid Cori forms Required to Volunteer

Please take note that you must have a [valid Cori on file](#) to volunteer at Wheelock School. Wheelock offers many wonderful opportunities so don't miss out! If you are unsure if your Cori is valid please contact the office. All Cori's must be brought directly to the office so that we may take a copy of your license or passport (this must be done in person). We will then send it to Human Resources for processing.

Please allow one week of processing time.

Cori forms are valid for three years across all Medfield public schools.



Update from Nurse Keigan
4/16/25

Please continue to be mindful of keeping your child home if they are not feeling well.

With the onset of winter, there has been an increase in illnesses, such as colds, influenza, strep throat, pneumonia, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), COVID, and stomach illness (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) throughout the state. In order to keep our school environment healthy and minimize the spread of viruses, please keep your child(ren) home from school if they are not feeling well and contact their health care provider if needed.

If your child tests positive for and/or has been diagnosed with COVID, influenza, strep throat, RSV, or pneumonia, please be sure to let us know in the school health office. In addition, please let us know if your child is home sick with a fever, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Your child may return to school when they feel well enough to be in school for full day days AND

- After being fever-free for 24 hours without any fever/pain-reducing medication;
- After they have resumed eating normally and have not had any recurrence of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours if they have had a gastrointestinal virus (norovirus);
- After they have been on an antibiotic for 24 hours if they have tested positive for strep throat or another type of bacterial infection.

Please reach out at 508-242-8577 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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