



WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH 2025



March 27, 2025 to April 3, 2025

Message from the Principal

Greetings Wheelock families! I can hardly believe it is the last week of March—this school year is flying by! It's amazing to see the signs of spring emerging, both outside and inside our classrooms, as students continue to grow and thrive. With April just around the corner, we have so much to look forward to, from exciting learning opportunities to special celebrations of our students' hard work. This time of year is always filled with energy and enthusiasm, and I am so grateful for our incredible staff, students, and families who make Wheelock such a wonderful community. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you all have a fantastic week ahead!



Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

- 3/28 - Wheelock PTO Meeting at 9:15am & Elementary Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
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Happy Birthday



3/28 - Sean D. & Reid P.

3/29 - Chloe S.
3/31 - Lucy S. & Owen W.
4/1 - Emma B.

*****“CURRENT NEWS”*****



Elementary Principal Webinar Recording

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 form will be available in early April.

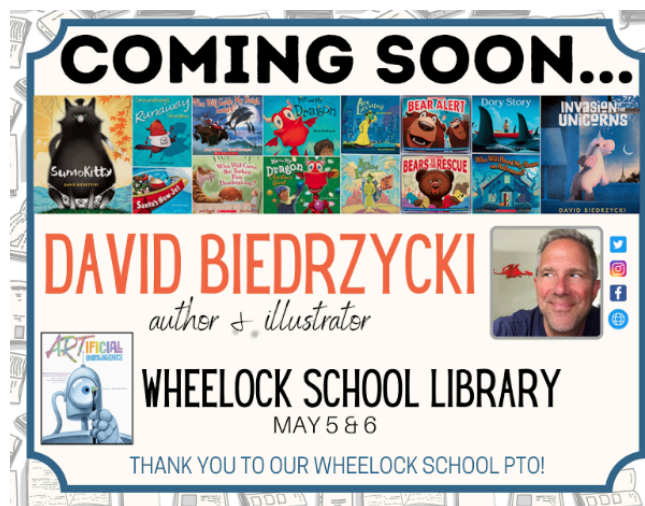
If you were unable to attend the live session, you can access the recording [here](#).

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



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](#).



We are so excited to host author, illustrator, and Medfield resident [David Biedrzycki](#) this spring! A huge thank you to our PTO for funding this event!

Meeting authors and illustrators can help students understand the power of sharing their stories with others. We cannot wait for our students to hear from David about what inspires him, how his ideas become stories, and how he creates the illustrations for his books. Students will have the opportunity to read his books during library classes.

This [order form](#) contains information for families who wish to order any of David's books. Families who choose to purchase books can have them personalized with names (or just signed). Checks made payable to David Biedrzycki are the preferred method of payment.

All orders will be due by Monday, April 14, 2025.

Keep an eye out for a hard copy order form in your child's backpack.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions (shevey@email.medfield.net).



Attention Rising 4th Grade Families:

Physicals Needed to Enter 4th Grade

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



3rd Grade MCAS-- Math Date Change!

Please Update Your Calendars!

*****Math Dates have been moved to Tuesday, May 13th & Wednesday, May 14th*****

(formerly Monday, May 12th & Tuesday, May 13th)

The ELA dates remain the same:

Wednesday, April 9th & Thursday, April 10th

Please make every effort to have your child arrive at school on time and avoid planning any travel or appointments on the above dates/times. Thank you.

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MEDFIELD TALKS
Presents

FREE to ALL
April 7th
7pm
MHS Auditorium

**"The Pressured Child:
Helping Your Child Find Success
in School and Life"**

We hope you can join us!

For more information please [click here](#).



PTO Meeting Tomorrow! Please Join Us!

We have our next PTO meeting tomorrow, Friday, March 28th at 9:15am.
We hope to see you there!



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 Coming Soon!

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

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](#).

Important Dates for the Variety Show:

Wednesday, April 9th — Show and Tell, 3:30- 5pm (At Wheelock)

Tuesday, April 15th — *Mandatory Rehearsal* 5:30pm - 7:30pm (At Medfield High School Auditorium)

Thursday, April 17th — The 3rd Grade Variety Show at 6pm (At Medfield High School Auditorium)



If you are interested in joining the Wheelock PTO Board for the 2025-2027 School years, please email Cailin at cailinsms@yahoo.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 **FUNDRAISEWHEELLOCK** 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!



Medfield Lawn Signs Available Now!

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



Cocotree Kids Underwear Drive

Please donate if you can! This drive will run from Thursday, March 20th through Friday, April 4th.

Collection bins will be located in student classrooms.



SUPPORTING YOUTH

Accepting underwear for boys and girls
Sizes 2T - 16

Underwear is one of the most needed but least donated items to shelters and youth-focused organizations because it needs to be new for legal and hygienic reasons.

Cocotree Kids' mission is to provide new underwear to underserved youth in MA for their dignity and security.

With your help, we can provide their first layer of support and help them feel confident and comfortable to tackle their road ahead. Thank you for your generosity!

It's more than just underwear.



Please Join Us!

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!



Grade 3 Video

It's TIME.....

To start adding your pictures and videos for the third grade video! This video will document your third grader's journey this year, but we need your help to do it. Please submit any photos/videos from your child's first day, first school year activities, sports events, time with friends, etc. THINK: anything to document the start of the school year. Group and individual photos welcome. Please email your contributions to thirdgradevideo@gmail.com. Be on the lookout for more requests throughout the year. Thank you!



Math Enrichment Program for Wheelock!

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



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

World Language!

For 2nd Grade Mandarin Class

In our 2nd grade Mandarin class, we learned how to introduce ourselves by sharing our name, age, and grade level, as well as talking about our family.

We also watched a few episodes of the Chinese story My Little Diansole. As part of our cultural exploration, we learned about Beijing, the capital of China, which was historically known as Peking. The name "Beijing" means "Northern Capital." Beijing has served as the capital six times throughout history and is the second-largest city in China.

Additionally, we explored Shanghai, a city with a long history as a gateway to China on the Yangtze River Delta. It is the country's largest economic and trade center and one of its cultural hubs. Shanghai is often called "The Pearl of Asia" and "The Paris of the East" due to its vibrant international atmosphere. It is a city of youth, commerce, and dynamic energy that flows through its streets and river walks. As of 2020, Shanghai had a city proper population of 24.87 million, making it the world's largest city.

For 3rd Grade Mandarin Class

In our 3rd grade Mandarin class, we learned how to introduce our friends and talk about the activities we enjoy.

We continued watching the Chinese story My Little Dianersole and explored the Wild Animals channel, where we learned about different animals.

As part of our cultural exploration, we "visited" Hangzhou, a city famous for its tea and silk, and Suzhou, often called the "Venice of the East" because of its many canals and bridges. Suzhou is also known for its beautiful classical gardens, with the Humble Administrator's Garden being one of the most famous.

Beyond exploring these two cities, we also delved into Chinese poetry and learned 静夜思 (Jìng Yè Sī - Quiet Night Thoughts), a well-known poem by Li Bai. Li Bai was a famous Chinese poet from the Tang Dynasty, a period of great cultural flourishing in China from the 7th to 10th centuries.

For 2nd & 3rd Grade Spanish Class

For the past couple of weeks, we have been learning about the community. Students explored different community helpers, their contributions, what they do, and where they work. They also learned about how some people serve the community through volunteer work, while others do it as a profession.

As part of our cultural learning, we discussed community helpers in Spanish-speaking countries, comparing their roles and contributions to those in our own community. Students learned about traditional professions that are essential in Hispanic cultures, such as street vendors (vendedores ambulantes), artisans (artesanos), and market workers (trabajadores de mercado), and how these roles shape daily life in different countries.

Students had the opportunity to either write or draw about what they would like to be when they grow up. For those who were unsure, they could instead talk about their favorite sport or activity. Students were encouraged to use vocabulary learned in class, with visual cues to support their learning.

In the coming weeks, we will be learning about farm and wild animals. Students will understand the differences between domestic and wild animals, including where they live and what they eat.

To incorporate cultural learning, we will explore farm life in Spanish-speaking countries, discussing traditional farming practices, animals commonly raised, and the importance of agriculture in Latin America and Spain. Students will learn about culturally significant animals, such as llamas in Peru, guinea pigs (cuyes) in Ecuador, and the role of donkeys in rural areas. For wild animals, we will explore the Amazon rainforest, the Galápagos Islands, and other regions rich in wildlife, helping students appreciate the biodiversity of the Spanish-speaking world.



*****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 [March](#) & [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



Update from Nurse Keigan
3/13/25

Thankfully, we are seeing less illness here in the last couple of weeks! 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, as well as norovirus (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

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.

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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