



WHEELLOCK NEWSFLASH 2025



March 20, 2025 to March 27, 2025

Message from the Principal

Greetings Wheelock families! We hope you are having a good week. This weather is starting to feel like the beginning of spring! Here's to warmer temperatures. We had so MANY teams participate in the MCPE Spelling Bee. Our students were incredibly impressive and were able to spell words well above grade level expectations. Congratulations to the Beeyond Words team consisting of Raegan Keene, Sienna Dicalogero, Bria Bagdis and Emmeline Delaney who were the winners of the final round! Well done! Also congratulations to all of our participants! Everyone should feel very proud. Hope you have a wonderful week!



Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

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3/21 - Micah E. & Dylan J.
3/22 - Ryan A. & Grace W.
3/23 - Katherine D., Declan O., Jack O. & Eloise S.
3/24 - Julia P.
3/26 - Catelyn K.

*****“CURRENT NEWS”*****



ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY



Tomorrow, Friday, is World Down Syndrome Day! To honor and celebrate this day we are encouraging all of our students and staff to choose some socks that are going to get noticed! They might be mismatched socks or your boldest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy! The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks, you can tell them, “I’m wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome”.

The students at Wheelock have had presentations about Down syndrome so they can tell you all about it!



Elementary Principal Webinar

On March 26th at 4 PM, the Elementary Principals will host an informational webinar (link below) for families regarding the student placement process for the 2025-2026 school year. This session will provide an overview of the placement process, including details on the optional placement input Google Form, which will replace the parent narrative this year. The webinar will be recorded and shared for those unable to attend or who wish to review the information later. If you have specific questions or topics you would like addressed during the webinar, please submit them using this [form](#) by Sunday, March 23rd.

[Webinar Link](#)



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](#).



Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant Wanted at Wheelock

Wheelock School is seeking a full time Teaching Assistant to join our team through the remainder of 2024-2025 school year. For more information regarding this position and how to apply [please click here](#). You may also find this position on [Schoolspring.com](https://www.schoolspring.com)



Attention Rising 4th Grade Families:

Physicals Needed to Enter 4th Grade

Massachusetts State Law requires that all children entering **fourth grade** have a **physical examination**. The results of the exam, signed by a physician, must be a part of your child's school health record. To plan ahead, I am notifying you that your child will need this on file to begin fourth grade in **August 2025**. If you have not done so already, you may send me your child's physical until the end of the school year (June 13th 2025).

If your child has not had a physical exam in the past year, please make an appointment to have one and forward the results as soon as possible. The physical exam must be dated **no earlier** than 3/1/2024 to be acceptable. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Aimie Keigan BSN, RN
Wheelock School Nurse
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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.



We hope you can join us!

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



Family Vacations and School Attendance

We understand that family vacations are an important time for rest and connection. To support student learning and minimize disruptions, we encourage families to make every effort to plan vacations in alignment with the school calendar. Scheduled breaks occur in December, February, and April, and exact dates can be found on the school calendar. If your family has planned a vacation during school days, please notify the school in advance. Absences due to vacations will be recorded as unexcused. Students will be responsible for making up missed work upon their return, with a timeline set by the classroom teacher. Since much of the learning in our classrooms is based on direct instruction and interaction, teachers are not expected to provide assignments in advance. Thank you for working with us to support your child's learning while also enjoying meaningful family time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wipes Needed



We are looking for donations of baby wipes (any brand) to help clean our tables after lunches. If you are able to donate, please send them directly to Wheelock indicating "Cafe" on them so they can be stored in our Cafe for future use. Thank you in advance for your support!



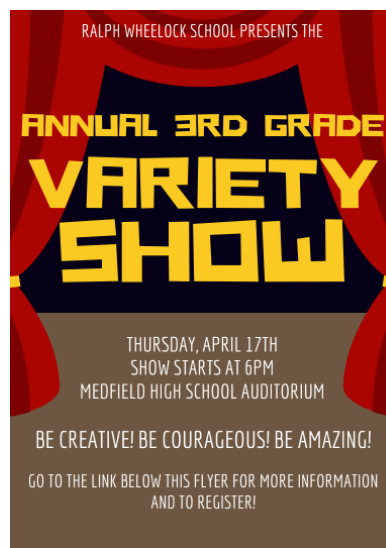
Help Us Spread Kindness this Spring!

From April 15-17, students will participate in Kindness Rocks, a fun collaboration between the PTO and the art teachers. Please send your child to school with a clean, unpainted, palm-sized rock by April 4 (extras welcome!). Students will paint them with positive messages and spread them throughout the school. We will be seeking parent volunteers to assist in the art room. A sign up form will be posted closer to the event.



Mark your calendar for our next PTO meeting on Friday, March 28th at 9:15am.

We hope to see you there!



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!

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)



[Click here](#) to purchase tickets to this fantastic event!



Take a Look at What's to Come in 2025:

- 3rd Grade Variety Show
- Irish Step Dance Performance
- Ice Cream Social
- Kindness Rocks
- Community Day
- 3rd Grade Glow Party

The Wheelock PTO has been working hard for the first half of the school year to support amazing events at the school. [Check out](#) what your time, energy and money has gone to!

We need your help to make some of our future events (this year and next) possible!

Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer for different events for next school year. We are specifically looking for a couple more Volunteers for the Holiday Shop. Please consider [signing up](#)!

If you are interested in planning some of these activities please sign up [HERE](#).



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.



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!



🐝 **We are still BUZZ-ing from last week's Spelling Bee!**

Thank you Medfield for your support, to our Bee sponsor Medfield Orthodontics, to Costco, BJ's and Roche Bros. for donating food, James Kuehl and Jim James for moderating, and the many Wheelock & Dale educators who also helped run this event. ❤️

🏆 Congrats to our Spelling Bee champion team from Wheelock: Beeyond Words (Bria Bagdis, Sienna DiCalogero, Raegan Keene and Emmaline Delaney)!

🐝 We also loved seeing the students have so much fun, and seeing all the creativity they put into the great costumes. We share your love of music, Boston sports, and of course bees and spelling! Check out [MCPE on Facebook](#) for the full album.



👤📢 **Last call for applicants to join the MCPE board!**

We are actively interviewing but are still considering new candidates. Join us to make a difference - become a part of our team! If you are interested in becoming an MCPE Board Member, we would love to hear from you. We're looking for

candidates who:

- 1** Can commit to a 3 year term
- 2** Can attend board meetings once a month
- 3** Have an active interest in enriching kids' education in Medfield schools

This year, we have specific needs for applicants to help with our publicity/social media, treasurer duties, events/fundraising and website. All skill sets are welcome, and we strive to have a board with diverse backgrounds.
[Learn more or apply today at the MCPE website!](#)

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

The Medfield High School Girls Track and Field program will hold a Dance for all Wheelock students in Grades 2 and 3 and their special adult chaperones. Student's and their chaperones can dance to a DJ, have snacks, win raffle prizes and leave with a special memento. A professional photographer will be available that evening to take formal portraits (more information to follow).

Of course, the best memento of all will be the memories!

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Place: Wheelock School Cafeteria and Big Gym

Cost: \$50 per couple / \$10 per additional child.

Tickets will be held at the door.

For all the details and to register [click here](#).



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!

Math Challenge is designed to give elementary students opportunities to sharpen their mathematical problem-solving skills at home. There will be sets of challenges posted every other week throughout the school year.

Throughout the challenges, the program covers problem solving strategies such as drawing a picture or model, making an organized list, looking for a pattern, working backward, and guessing and checking.

Here is how to participate:

1. Go to our school's Math Challenge page at <https://www.mathinaction.org/wheelock.html> . Print out the current Math Challenge.
2. Solve as many problems as you can. We encourage you to discuss strategies and solutions with your parents and siblings.
3. Submit your solutions by the due date. Bring your solution to Mrs. Marci Murphy or Ms. Simonds or pass it on to your teacher.

The program is completely free and no sign-up is necessary. This is a great opportunity for families to be involved and enjoy math through fun and engaging math problems. We encourage parents and siblings to get involved in discussing and solving them.



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

Library!

Hello! My name is Kerin Valley, and I am honored to join you as the new long-term librarian substitute. It is a true pleasure to be part of such a supportive and engaged school community.

The library is a place for books, creativity, and fun. My mission is to offer a warm and welcoming space where students can read, discover favorite books, and learn something new.

We are currently in the middle of The Tournament of Books. It is a four-week

competition that plays out in a bracket-style experience until we find our champion. This year, all the books in the tournament are written by local author, David Biedrzycki who will be visiting our school later in the year. The kids are enthusiastic about the activity and are having a lot of fun making their selections.

As always, if you are interested in volunteering in the library, please [sign-up here](#).

Should anything come up, you can reach me at kvalley@email.medfield.net



*****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](#) (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
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 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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