



WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH 2025



February 6, 2025 to February 13, 2025

Message from the Principal

Greetings Wheelock families! I hope you are having a wonderful week! We had a fantastic 100th day of school. A special thank you to Mr. Spence for setting up an amazing 100th day display where each student was able to push our 100 counter! Congratulations to our 100th, 200th, and 300th winners! The students and staff also enjoyed our Global Day of Play. Everyone found it so rewarding to engage in some non-electronic, non-competitive play for part of the day. We are looking forward to our Valentine's Day celebrations next week. As a reminder, we will once again be doing "Party in a Bag".
Thank you very much for your continued support.



Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

- 2/11 - District Wide Teacher Professional Day; Early Release at 11:45am
- 2/14 - Valentine's Day & Festivities and Show Your Love Spirit Day! ❤️
- 2/17 to 2/21 - February Vacation

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2/6 - Elena I., Kiera P., & Lina P.

2/7 - Madison A. & William R.

2/8 - Evan M.

2/9 - Harry C., Stella D., Mariella H. & Oliver W.

2/12 - William R.

*****“CURRENT NEWS”*****



Valentine's Day Celebration & Party-In-A-Bag

As we have been doing over the past few years, students will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a Party In a Bag from home next Friday, February 14th. Some suggestions for the bag include:

*Juice Box or Mini Water Bottle

* Small, Salty Snack

*Fun, Sweet Snack (cookie, cupcake, candy)

*Piece of Fruit, A Small Snack or Additional Healthy Snack

Students will be exchanging Valentines but please remember that no food, candy, etc. is to accompany any Valentine cards. Also, no latex (i.e. balloons) **of any kind** is to be used in the building. Please keep this in mind as you coordinate party games.

If you are unable to provide Party in a Bag for your child please do not hesitate to contact our principal, Holli Caulfield, or our school nurse, Aimie Keigan.



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!



IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT DROP OFF

Please remember that drop off in the morning is from: NO earlier than 8:10am and NO later than 8:25am. If there is not a staff member outside, please bring your child to the FRONT doors. If you drop off your child too early or too late there is a risk that there will not be adult supervision to ensure their safety. We do offer

Before School Care which is held in the small gym. It is \$8 per day. You do not need to give advance notice if you are sending your child. Thank you for your cooperation!



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

We hope to see you there!



Are looking for an activity on the next half-day, Tuesday February 11th, and want to give back to Memorial PTO?

Head over to Altitude!

Find all the details [here](#).



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.

❄️ 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!



Thank you to all who came together last Thursday evening in support of MCPE's annual Trivia Night event! Especially big thank you to all the local businesses who donated delicious food, and to the Dover Legion for the event venue and help. Such great community support allows MCPE to provide grants for Medfield schools!

Our next grant review of the '24-25 school year is just around the corner in mid-February, so keep an eye out here and on our website to see how funds raised at Trivia Night are put to use! 🙄



Make a difference - become a part of the MCPE 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](https://www.medfieldcoalition.org)!





Save the Date!

The 2025 MCPE Spelling Bee for Grades 2-5 is coming up Wednesday, March 12th from 4-7:30pm.

This Spelling Bee is always a ton of F-U-N! In this low-stress team approach to a spelling bee, there is no spelling out loud in front of the crowd. When the moderator reads a word, team members practice T-E-A-M-W-O-R-K to confer and write the correct spelling on a piece of paper. There are several rounds for each age group, and winning teams will be crowned for grades 2-3 and grades 4-5. Kids can sign up as a team of 2-4 students or as a solo speller who will be grouped into a team. And of course, costumes are encouraged! Cost is \$20 per person and each participant will receive a small prize! The event will be held at Medfield High School Auditorium, and all proceeds will go to benefit Medfield Public Schools.

Registration will be live on our website in the coming days.



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.



MHS Theatre Society Announces Spring Play . . .

Peter and the Starcatcher

Performances at 7:00pm, March 7 and 8

MHS Auditorium

The cast and crew of MHS Theatre Society invite you to their spring play, Peter and the Starcatcher. You will not want to miss this story of magic, friendship, and love.

For all the details and to enter a Poster Contest [please click here](#).



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

Wellness!

The second and third grade students have been busy at Wheelock over the past few weeks in the gym. Students are working on Volleyball skills, Basketball skills, hand/eye coordination stations and balance stations.

In Volleyball, students are learning basic rules of the game, how to properly serve, set and forearm pass the ball.

The Basketball Unit is always a favorite! Basketball skills learned are dribbling, passing and shooting. They have done an amazing job!

Additionally, students have worked on their balance and hand eye coordination through some fun and engaging stations that feature a broad range of equipment to enhance learning experiences.

In Health, students have recently begun learning about the power of positive self talk as it relates to PE and life. Students are learning about positive affirmations and how useful they can be in overcoming adversity.

We truly enjoy teaching these students the importance of maintaining their health and wellness throughout their lifetime!

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have!

Nick Stevens and Marissa Keleher



*****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 [February](#) (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.



3rd Grade MCAS **Mark Your Calendars!**

Below are the dates for the 2025 MCAS test for Wheelock 3rd graders:

ELA: Wednesday, April 9th & Thursday, April 10th

Math: Monday, May 12th & Tuesday, May 13th

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.



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

1/23/25

If You are Ill . . .

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,

Aimie Keigan BSN,RN

Wheelock School Nurse

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