

WHEELOCK NEWSFLASH 2025



May 29, 2025 to June 5, 2025

Message from the Principal

I hope you're enjoying the early signs of summer—longer days and warmer temperatures are certainly a welcome change. This is always a busy and exciting time of year as we prepare to close out the school year. We have several wonderful events on the horizon, and I want to extend my sincere thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who help make these celebrations possible. Your time and effort are truly appreciated. Our team is also hard at work on student placement for next year. We are confident in the thoughtful and collaborative process we use to ensure the best fit for every child. We're especially looking forward to tomorrow's Community Day! Thank you again to our incredible volunteers who help bring these memorable experiences to life. Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!



Dates to Remember: Upcoming Weeks at a Glance

- 5/30 Wheelock Community Day
- 5/31- Deadline to Register for 3rd Grade Glow Party (see below)
 - 6/2 Wheelock Community Day Rain Date
 - 6/12 Transition Day & 3rd Grade Video Viewing Assembly
 - 6/13 Last Day of School; Early Release at 11:45am

CURRENT NEWS

- **★** Community Day Details
- ★ Order 1st Day School Supplies!
- ★ 3rd Grade Glow Party Registration
- **★** Glow Party Volunteers Needed!
- ★ Math Summer Skill Review
- **★** EOY Literacy Update
- **★** Wipes Needed for Cafe Low Stock!
- **★** Grade 3 Video Submissions
- ★ Rising 4th Grade Physicals Needed
- **★ PTO News**
- ★ Specialist Spotlight Library!

OLD NEWS

- **Happy Birthday Wishes**
- **★** Volunteer in the Library!
- **★** Math Challenge
- ★ May & June Lunch Menu
- ★ 2024-2025 School Calendar
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- **★** Cori Forms Required to Volunteer
- **★** Notes from Nurse Keigan



5/30 - Arianna P.
6/1 - Benjamin M.
6/2 - Amelia K. & Andreana S.
6/3 - Jack M.
6/4 - Anees G.



Community Day is Tomorrow, May 30th!

Please take a look at the <u>class schedule</u> and please use the <u>link to sign up</u> as we are still in need of volunteers. Thank you!



The School Supply Kit Store is Open! Order Now!

Like in past years, the PTO is partnering with 1st Day School Supplies to get all your supplies for your student for next school year. All name brand supplies will be packaged individually for your student. Items will be shipped to the school and ready for your child on their first day. A portion of the proceeds supports PTO programs throughout the year! The online store will be open until July 1st.



Hello 3rd Grade Families,

Your child will be coming home on Friday with an invitation to the 3rd annual 3rd grade GLOW PARTY!!

*Make sure to check their folders for the invite

Click below to sign up.

Glow Party Registration

Tickets are \$20/pair and can be paid via Venmo, check or cash!

Please register by May 31st!



Glow Party Volunteers Needed!

We need help with the set up and during the event!

Please sign up to volunteer here! Help us make this an amazing night for our 3rd graders!



Math Summer Skill Review

Although summer is an essential time for students to relax and unwind, it is also a fantastic time for them to process and apply what they have learned so they can make mathematical connections. Check out our elementary math website where you can find resources and information to support your mathematician all summer long!



End of the Year Literacy Update

Please be on the lookout for your student's end of year DIBELS results. Results will be sent home Wednesday, June 11. As a reminder, the beginning and middle of the year screening results were shared with you during the fall and spring conferences.

If you're looking for additional information about this assessment, please check out the previously shared resources below:

- Wheelock Screening Letter
- <u>Literacy screening video</u>

Lastly, as this year comes to a close, we want to remind you that reading and writing doesn't have to! We encourage your family to create a summer schedule that allows for reading and writing to be part of your daily routine. Please visit our Summer Literacy Website where you can find a plethora of curated resources to support you and your family of readers all summer long!



Low Inventory!

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!



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

- Night of the Arts
 - Glow Party

Send your submissions to: thirdgradevideo@gmail.com



In an attempt to streamline the Events between all 3 Elementary Schools, here is a document our PTO Boards organized through the rest of the year!

Spring K-5 **Events**

All Schools: 5/2 Early Release, 5/5-5/9 Teacher Appreciation Week,

5/9 Special Olympics 5/15 Flower Power Spirit Day, 6/12 Transition Day, 6/13 Early Release

Memorial

5/12, 5/19, 5/20 1st Gr Field Trips

5/20 Incoming 2nd Grade PIN @ Wheelock 5:30pm

5/27-5/29 Kindergarten Field Trips

5/29 Art Show

5/22 Flag Day: 1st Grade 10am (rain 5/23)

6/6 Field Day June (Rain 6/9)

Wheelock

4/30 Ice Cream Social 4:30-6:30pm

5/3 HUG Meet & Greet

(new families) 10am playground

5/6-5/7 Victory Garden

5/9 Jump for Life

5/13 Incoming 4th Grade PIN @Dale

5/21 Grade 2 Field Trip

5/21 Arts & Music Night

5/23 PTO Meeting 9:15am

5/30 Community Day (6/2 Rain date)

3rd Grade Glow Party 6/6

MCAS

5/6 & 5/8 5th Grade STE MCAS

5/13 & 5/14 Grade 3 Math MCAS 5/16 & 5/20 4th & 5th Grade Math MCAS

Dale

4/30 5th Grade Yearbook pages due

4/30 Variety Show sign up due

5/6 Show and Tell for Dale Variety show, afterschool

National Bike to School Day Meet @Hinckley (Raindate 5/9) 5/7

KNO Carnival night 4th: 5-6:30, 5th 7-8:30 5/9

5/14 PTO Meeting, 9:45am Caf

5/14 Dale St Art Show 5-6:30pm

5/15 5th Grade Variety Show, rehearsal, afterschool

5/22 5th Grade Field Trip: (Buff, Chamblin, Hayes, Nee)

5/22 5th Grade Variety Show, 6:30pm

5/27 Spring Chorus Concert, evening

5/28 5th Grade Field Trip: (Barret, Burnham, Gondon,

Ross/Seaver, Sager)

5/28 Spring Band Concert, evening

5/29 Positive Referral Breakfast, before school

5/29 Spring Orchestra Concert, evening

6/11 5th Grade Graduation 9:30am



Save the Date for Community Day!

We hope to see you at Community Day on Friday, May 30th! Please check out the attached flyer and make sure to sign-up for a volunteer slot.



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.



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!





Math Enrichment Program for Wheelock!

Click here for all the information about this program.



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

Library!

What an incredible time we had celebrating **Wheelock Reads**! We were thrilled to welcome local author, illustrator, and Medfield resident **David Biedrzycki** to our school. Every student had the chance to visit the library and hear David share how he transforms everyday experiences and imaginative ideas into vibrant stories. Even more exciting, he gave us a behind-the-scenes look at how he brings his characters to life using digital illustration tools. The energy and inspiration were contagious!

A huge thank you to our PTO for generously funding this unforgettable visit. It was a magical experience that sparked creativity and excitement for storytelling in our young readers and writers.







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 May & June (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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>valid Cori on</u> <u>file</u> 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.



<u>Update from Nurse Keigan</u> 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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