

## December Newsletter

### Notes From The Principal



Dear Memorial Families,

I want to first begin by thanking those that participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences at Memorial School. We had an excellent turn-out and feel this time is invaluable. Positive home-school connections are one of the most important indicators of student success. We value your input and want you to always feel part of your child's learning.

As we head into the month of December, we head into the "Season of Giving." With that in mind, our Memorial Student Council is sponsoring a "Giving Tree." We will be collecting new hats and mittens, as well as new, unwrapped toys for those that are less fortunate. All items will be donated to a local organization that provides support to families in need. The collection will take place from now until Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

December is a very exciting month around Memorial School as it is filled with some wonderful, special events. The Memorial PTA will again be offering the "Santa Shoppe" from December 13<sup>th</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun, inexpensive way for your children to experience the "Season of Giving" by purchasing small gifts for family members. Each class will have a designated shopping time and date. Those dates will be sent home with your child and posted on our website. Also that week, the PTA will host their annual Winter Wonderland event. This is a great family event we encourage everyone to attend. It is set to take place on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Memorial School will host their annual Winter Musical Performances. Families are invited and encouraged to attend. Grades 1, 2, will perform at 9:20am. Grade 3 will perform at 9:55am. Grades 4 and 5 will perform at 2:50pm. Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> we will end our time together in 2017 with a whole-school, "Winter Sing-Along," followed immediately by class parties. Parties are set to start at 2:15pm. If you would like to participate or assist with your child's class party, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

The month of December does bring us something else besides excitement, as it brings in the cold weather. With the temperature dropping, we hope students are coming to school prepared for the weather with warm coats, hats, and gloves. We value outdoor play. So, as much as possible, students will continue to go outside for recess unless the temperature falls below 20 degrees. This includes playing in the snow. We love snow and strongly encourage snow play. However, we need to see that students have boots on to play in the snow. So please help us by reminding your children to dress in appropriate cold weather gear throughout the winter months.

Please do not ever hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, and concerns. On behalf of the entire Memorial Staff, I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends, love, and laughter.

Warm Regards,  
Kelly Voliva  
Principal



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#### Dates To Remember:

- 12/4 PTA Meeting 5:00 -6:00pm
- 12/13 - 12/15 Santa's Shoppe
- 12/15 Winter Wonderland 5:30-7:00pm
- 12/21 Winter Sing-a-long (see page 3)
- 12/25 - 1/7 Winter Break

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8,  
2018**

**Happy Holidays**



*From  
All of us at Memorial*

**We're On The Web  
[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)**



### Office Notes

On any given day we take as many as 15-30 telephone calls after 2:30p.m. Many of these calls come after 3:15 asking for the office staff to notify teachers or students of transportation changes, after school activity changes, early dismissal pick ups, among other requests. Having over 400 students in our school, sometimes it is impossible for us to reach the students or teachers in order to give proper notice.

Per our Student/Parent Handbook, we ask that you please do not call the school after 2:30pm to ask the staff to retrieve your student or change pick up plans except for an emergency unless you have made previous arrangements prior to this time. We want to make sure that our students and staff experience the least amount of interruptions and confusion at the end of the day.

### Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is driving while doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving. According to CDC estimates, each day in the United States over 8 people are killed and 1,161 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver. Many others may occur, just not reported as such. Distracted driving activities include things like using a cell phone, texting, eating, and using in-vehicle technologies (such as navigation systems). Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one distracted, you often don't realize that driver is you.

There are three main types of distraction:

- Visual: taking your eyes off the road
- Manual: taking your hands off the wheel
- Cognitive: taking your mind off of driving



Driving and cell phone usage both require a great deal of thought. When doing them at the same time, your brain is unable to do either well. For example, it's nearly impossible to read a book and have a phone conversation at the same time. Texting is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distraction listed above.

According to the National Safety Council, multitasking is a myth. New technology in vehicles such as "infotainment" dashboards, navigation systems, and hands-free technology are top distractions as well, as these technologies distract our brain even long after you've used them. Multitasking technology is all about convenience, not safety. For more information, search "distracted driving" on the CDC and National Safety Council websites, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org).



# MEMORIAL WINTER SING

## *You're invited!*



The Memorial students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be performing at our annual Memorial Winter Sing on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The 9:20 a.m. performance will feature:

- Grades 1 and 2
- Two or three songs from each grade level
- Students will be singing, moving, and playing instruments!

*9:45 a.m. Intermission* – guests without a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grader will leave the gym. Please **exit the building** immediately through Door 1. Guests will **enter** the gym for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance. Space is extremely limited.

The 9:55 a.m. performance will feature:

- Grade 3
- Two or three songs from the grade level
- Students will be singing, moving, and playing instruments!

*10:20 a.m. Gym cleared* – All guests will **exit the building** immediately through Door 1.

The 2:50 p.m. performance will feature:

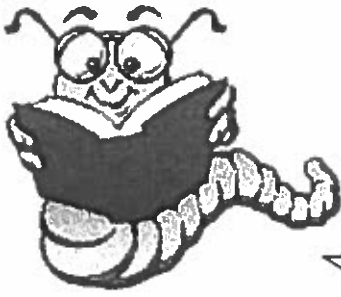
- Grades 4 and 5
- Two or three songs from each grade level
- Students will be singing, moving, and playing instruments!

*3:20 p.m. Gym cleared* – All guests will **exit the building** immediately through Door 1.

You are invited to attend this event in the Memorial gym. **Visitors are strongly encouraged to arrive early!** Guests will not be exiting or entering the gym during the performances, only during the intermission **Please enter through the Door 1 entrance.** We will be so excited to see you!

Mrs. Moan  
Memorial Music Teacher





# READ ALL ABOUT IT!

## Media Center News

December 2017

### Integrating Technology through S.T.E.A.M. Stations



Grade 1-5 students have yet another opportunity to integrate technology into their learning through periodic visits to our S.T.E.A.M. Stations, a project spearheaded by Mrs. Corrao, Media Center Director and Mrs. Friel, Art Teacher at Memorial School. S.T.E.A.M. is known as an integrated approach to teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. The S.T.E.A.M. stations offer the students an opportunity to explore a topic using multiple senses. Students explore, discover, create, inquire and investigate using a wide variety of materials, while building real-life experiences, reinforcing reading and math skills, and developing team-building and other social skills. Check out some pictures from our latest S.T.E.A.M. stations, all having to do with Space!



# Memorial PTA NEWS



## SAVE the DATE

Monday, December 4th  
PTA Meeting  
5:00pm – 6:00pm

December 13th – 15th  
Santa's Shop  
School Hours

Thursday, January 11th  
PTA Meeting  
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 17th  
Roller Skating Party  
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Monday, February 5th  
PTA Meeting  
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday, February 23rd  
Family Dance  
5:30pm – 7:00pm

## Teacher Highlight

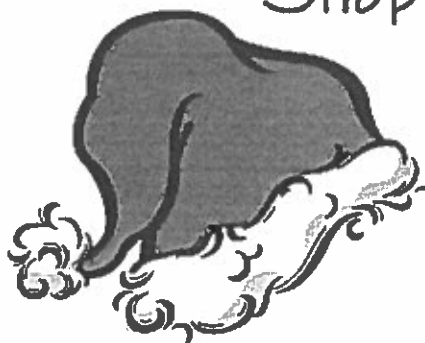
# Meet Your TEACHER



The Memorial PTA will be using Facebook for "Meet Your Teacher" posts. These fun flyers will give parents an idea of what their student's teacher likes. It will be a great tool as we get closer to the holiday season.

## Santa's Shop

# Santa Shop



This year the Memorial PTA will again be sponsoring the Santa's Shop, a place where children can purchase gifts for those special people on their holiday list.

Santa's Shop is a great way to teach the kids about budgeting their money, as well as take pride in picking out a gift all by themselves.

Santa's Shop will take place during December 13th – 15th during school hours. More information will go home with the students in the next few weeks.

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Please remember to Like Us on Facebook – MemorialPTA146

# KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

School District 146  
Tinley Park, Illinois

Full day  
Kindergarten  
Program  
begins in  
August, 2018

Registration Opens Online  
Monday, December 4, 2017  
[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)

Children who will attain their fifth birthday on or by September 1, 2018 are eligible for kindergarten pre-registration.\*

**Please register!** Registering early assists the district with Kindergarten planning purposes and provides your child with Kindergarten screening eligibility.

[Pre-registration must be complete in order for your child to participate in the Kindergarten screening, which will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018.]

Once you've pre-registered online, you must come to the District 146 Administration Center prior to Thursday, April 26, 2018 with the required documentation to complete the pre-registration process:

- 1) Child's **original** birth certificate
- 2) Current lease, mortgage statement or property tax bill
- 3) Three (3) additional proofs of residency with the parent's/legal guardian's name and address (i.e. valid driver's license or state-issued ID, current utility bills, voter's registration, insurance card, etc.)

**THERE IS NO FEE PAYMENT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME**

**PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE**

[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)

\* Current District 146 PreK students are NOT required to pre-register.\*

# PRE- INSCRIPCIÓN PARA KINDERGARTEN

**Distrito Escolar 146  
Tinley Park, Illinois**

**La inscripción se abrirá en línea el  
Lunes 4 de Diciembre de 2017**  
[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)

**El Programa  
de  
Kindergarten  
de día  
completo  
empieza en  
agosto de  
2018**

**Los niños que cumplan 5 años para el 1 de Septiembre de 2018 o antes son elegibles para la pre-inscripción para kindergarten.\***

**¡Inscríbase!** La inscripción temprana ayuda al distrito con la **planificación del Kindergarten y le proporciona a su hijo elegibilidad en base a la evaluación de Kindergarten.**

[Debe completarse la pre-inscripción para que su hijo participe en la evaluación de Kindergarten, la cual se realizará el jueves 26 de abril de 2018.]

**Una vez que haya realizado la pre-inscripción en línea, debe venir al Centro de Administración del Distrito 146 antes de jueves 26 de abril de 2018 con la documentación necesaria para completar el proceso de pre-inscripción:**

- 1) Acta de nacimiento **original** del niño
- 2) Contrato actual de arrendamiento, estado de hipoteca, factura de impuestos sobre bienes inmuebles
- 3) Tres (3) pruebas adicionales de residencia con el nombre y dirección del padre/tutor legal (es decir, licencia de conducir válida o ID emitida por el estado, facturas actuales de servicios, tarjeta electoral, tarjeta de seguro, etc.)

**EN ESTE MOMENTO NO SE REQUIERE EL PAGO SE NINGÚN ARANCEL  
REGÍSTRESE EN LÍNEA**

[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)

**\* Los estudiantes de PreK actuales del Distrito 146 no están obligados a pre-inscribirse.**

# التسجيل المبكر في الروضة

School District 146

تينلي بارك، إلينوي

برنامج الروضة للدوام  
يوم كامل يبدأ في آب  
2018

يبدأ التسجيل عبر الإنترنت:

الإثنين 4 ديسمبر 2017

[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)

الأطفال الذين سيحتفلون بعيد مولدهم الخامس

بتاريخ 1 سبتمبر 2018 أو قبله مؤهلون للتسجيل المبكر في الروضة.\*

الرجاء التسجيل! يساعد التسجيل المبكر القسم الإداري بأغراض التخطيط للروضة ويوفر لطفلك أهلية الخضوع لفحص الدخول إلى الروضة.

[ينبغي استكمال التسجيل المبكر ليشارك طفلك في فحص الدخول

إلى الروضة الذي سيجري يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 26 نيسان 2018.]

مجرد القيام بالتسجيل على الإنترنت، عليكم الحضور إلى مركز إدارة **District 146** قبل يوم الثلاثاء

الموافق 26 نيسان 2018 مع المستندات المطلوبة بغرض استكمال عملية التسجيل المبكر:

- (1) شهادة ولادة الطفل الأصلية.
- (2) عقد إيجار حالي أو كشف رهن أو كشف ضريبة على الممتلكات.
- (3) ثلاثة (3) إثباتات إضافية لعنوان السكن تبين اسم الوالد/الوصي القانوني وعنوانه (مثلاً، رخصة قيادة أو بطاقة هوية صادرة عن الولاية أو فواتير كهرباء أو مياه حالية أو بيان تسجيل الناخب أو بطاقة ضمان...).

ليس من المطلوب دفع أي رسوم في هذه المرحلة

الرجاء التسجيل على الإنترنت

[www.district146.org](http://www.district146.org)

\* ليس من المطلوب تسجيل الطلاب الحاليين في **District 146** في مرحلة ما قبل الروضة.



# December Lunch Menu

## CCSD 146 Elementary



<p>Got Questions?          Contact Cheryl Wilas @          709-614-4500, or email  <a href="mailto:cwilas@district146.org">cwilas@district146.org</a>          Daily Lunch \$3.05 served          with choice of sides and          milk.          *GS - Indicates a GLUTEN          SAFE Meal, prepared without          any wheat, but not guaranteed          gluten free.</p>														
<p>Rotating Bar -          Monday -          Fulton - Yogurt Bar          Tuesday -          Fulton - Deli Bar          Memorial - Yogurt Bar          Wednesday -          Fulton - Deli Bar          Thursday -          Memorial Deli Bar</p>														
<p>4          Chicken Fries w/ Despicable          Me Graham Crackers          or          All Beef Hot Dog          or          Yogurt Parfait Lunch          Baby Carrots &amp; Ranch</p>	<p>5          Walking Tacos *GS          (Nacho Cheese Doritos)          or          Mini Maple Pancakes w/          Cheese stick          or          Turkey Chopped Salad *GS          (CROUTONS and Soft Pretzel          Rod on the side)          Refried Beans</p>	<p>6          Breakfasts Booster Lunch          Chicken and Waffles w/ Syrup          or          Cheeseburger          or          Turkey and Cheese Sandwich          Potato Triangles</p>	<p>7          ½ Grilled Cheese w/ Chicken          Noodle Soup          or          All Beef Hot Dog          or          Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap          Broccoli Florets &amp; Ranch</p>	<p>8          Stuffed Crust Pizza          or          Chicken Patty Sandwich          Broccoli Florets &amp; Ranch</p>	<p>11          Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/          Mashed Potatoes &amp; 2 Soft          Pretzel Sticks          or          All Beef Hot Dog          or          Yogurt Parfait Lunch          Corn</p>	<p>12          3 Bean Turkey Chili w/          Doritos *GS          or          Mini Maple Pancakes w/          Cheese stick          or          Turkey Chopped Salad *GS          (CROUTONS and Soft Pretzel          Rod on the side)          Baby Carrots w/ Ranch</p>	<p>13          Cereal Fun Lunch          Fruit Loops w/ Cheese Stick,          Danimals, and Graham          Cracker Bug Bites          or          Cheeseburger          or          Turkey and Cheese Sandwich          Romaine Salad</p>	<p>14          Fiesta Nachos Grande w/          Cheese Sauce *GS          or          All Beef Hot Dog          or          Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap          Seasoned Black Beans</p>	<p>15          Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara          Sauce          or          Chicken Patty Sandwich          Cucumber Slices</p>	<p>18          Corn Dog          or          All Beef Hot Dog          or          Yogurt Parfait Lunch          Vegetarian Baked Beans</p>	<p>19          Penne Pasta w/ Turkey          Meatballs          or          Mini Maple Pancakes w/          Cheese stick          or          Turkey Chopped Salad *GS          (CROUTONS and Soft Pretzel          Rod on the side)          Romaine Salad</p>	<p>20          Chicken Taco's          or          Cheeseburger          or          Turkey and Cheese Sandwich          Potato Wedges</p>	<p>21          Home-style Turkey Dinner w/          Mashed Potatoes &amp; Dinner          Roll          or          All Beef Hot Dog          **Carnival Cookie** w/          Lunches          or          Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap          Chicken Bacon Ranch Beans</p>	<p>22          French Bread Pizza          or          Chicken Patty Sandwich          Grape Tomatoes</p>

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# December Breakfast Menu

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

<p>Breakfast is offered daily for \$1.00</p> <p>Got Questions? Contact Cheryl Wilcox at 708-514-4500 or <a href="mailto:cwilcox@district146.org">cwilcox@district146.org</a></p>									
4	Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bag w/cheese stick	5	Banana Muffin (NO NUT) w/cheese stick	6	Strawberry Pop tart (whole grain) w/cheese stick	7	Soft Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar w/cheese stick	1	Soft Apple Oatmeal Bar w/cheese stick
	Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk
11	Cinnamon Frosted Pop Tart (whole grain) w/cheese stick	12	Soft Strawberry Oatmeal Bar w/cheese stick	13	Chocolate Chip Muffin w/ Cheese Stick	14	Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bag w/ Cheese Stick	15	Soft Apple Oatmeal Bar w/ Cheese Stick
	Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk
18	Apple Cinnamon Muffin w/ Cheese Stick	19	Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bag w/ Cheese Stick	20	Blueberry Muffin w/ Cheese Stick	21	Strawberry Pop tart (whole grain) w/ Cheese Stick	22	Soft Apple Oatmeal Bar w/ Cheese Stick
	Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk		Choice of Fruit & Milk

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