

Notification from: **Melican Middle School (MMS)**

May 23, 2022

Dear Melican Families –

It certainly felt like summer over the weekend. It looks like cooler temperatures are on their way for the week.

Our district is hosting a **Supporting Teenagers' Well-Being** webinar series. Please click [here](#) for information and to register for any of the webinars:

Tues, 5/31 at 7:00 PM: *Mental health, suicidality, and supporting our children*

Tues, 6/7 at 7:00 PM: *Keeping kids safe online and preventing cyberbullying*

Tues, 6/14 at 7:00 PM: *Building healthy habits to improve physical and emotional health*

This week, our Student Council is hosting Spirit Week:

Monday, May 23: "I'm With the Band" - wear a band/musical artist t-shirt.

Tuesday, May 24: "Tie Dye/Tie Day" - wear tie dye, a tie, or both!

Wednesday, May 25: "Anything But a Backpack Day" - carry your school supplies in...anything but a backpack!

Guidelines: students must be able to carry the object and its contents up/down stairs safely and independently, and the item should be no larger than a classroom recycle bin (the recycle bin [with handles](#), NOT the recycle bin on wheels)

Thursday, May 26: "Movie Madness" - dress up like your favorite movie character or wear a movie-themed t-shirt.

Friday, May 27: "Red, White, and Blue Day" - wear red, white, and blue.

Absent or Tardy Student: If your child is going to be late or is absent, please call 508-351-7020 or email melicanattendance@nsboro.k12.ma.us.

Afternoon Dismissal: As a reminder, our parking lot is very full at 2:10, and thank you for your patience. If you are picking up your child/children, and you are not here before 2:05, we suggest arriving after bus dismissal around 2:15. Please do not wait on a side street, pull over in a driveway, and/or park on the front lawn of MMS to wait for your child. These are safety concerns that have been reported by neighbors and by the police.

Before and After School Activities - Please view our [Before and After School Activities List](#). This is also posted on our website. Staff members add to this list throughout the year.

eBackpack - Please also visit our [eBackpack](#) frequently for important community and school information.

Morning Homeroom - Begins at 7:43. **If you are dropping off your child, please do so by 7:40 at the latest.**

Monday (5/23) – I'm With the Band Day

MCAS Math Make-Ups – we will call students down from first period.

3:45 – Softball Game @ Ashland

4:00 – Baseball Game @ St. John's

Tuesday (5/24) - Tie Dye/Tie Day

MCAS Math Make-Ups – we will call students down from first period.

4:00 – Home Baseball and Softball Games vs. Westborough

Wednesday (5/25) - Anything But a Backpack Day

2:30 – Second Annual Combined Inter-Squad Scrimmage (baseball and softball players competing together)

Thursday (5/26) - Movie Madness Day

Friday (5/20) - Red, White, and Blue Day

As we head into a long weekend, we remember what Memorial Day is. Please see the information below.

From <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Memorial-Day>:

Memorial Day, formerly **Decoration Day**, in the [United States](#), [holiday](#) (last Monday in May) honouring those who have died in the nation's wars. It originated during the [American Civil War](#) when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. More than a half dozen places have claimed to be the birthplace of the holiday. By congressional proclamation in 1966, Waterloo, [New York](#), was cited as the birthplace, also in 1866, of the observance. In 1868 [John A. Logan](#), the commander in chief of the [Grand Army of the Republic](#), an organization of Union veterans, promoted a national holiday on May 30 "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion." Memorial Day is celebrated on Monday, May 20, 2022. After [World War I](#), as the day came to be observed in honour of those who had died in all U.S. wars, its name changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. Since 1971 Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 30 (Monday) – Memorial Day Observed – **No School**

June 3 (Friday) - Culture and Music Festival @ ARHS

June 17 (Friday) – Grade 8 Field Day and Farewell Dance

June 20 (Monday) – Juneteenth – **No School**

June 22 (Wednesday) – LAST DAY - Grade 8 Graduation (9:00-10:30) – dismissal for 6th and 7th grades @ 10:50, 8th grade @ 10:30, immediately following Graduation

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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