



MEADOWVALE NEWS
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WORK HARD..... HAVE FUN.....DO WHAT'S RIGHT

Meadowvale Staff

Mrs. S. Hunt	JK/SK a.m.	Mr. P. Hawkey	Principal
Mrs. J. Flatley	JK/SK p.m.	Ms. S. Haddock	Secretary
Mrs. K. Foote	Grade 1	Mr. B. Kemp	Caretaker
Ms. M. Prosser	Grade 2	Mrs. R. Sabourin	Child Care Worker
Mrs. M. Gayder	Grade 3	Ms. S. Sadowsky	Educational Assistant
Mr. S. Pawlik	Grade 4	Mrs. P. Neuman	Educational Assistant
Mr. A. Lewis	Grade 5/6	Mrs. S. Crummey	Youth Counsellor
Mr. R. Fournier	French/Computers/Library		
Mrs. T. Ross	Special Education		
Mrs. M. Halfyard	Learning Resource/ISP		

BELL TIMES

Morning Entry for all grades	8:50 a.m.
First Nutrition/Fitness Break (grades 1-6)	10:30 - 11:10 a.m.
Kindergarten Dismissal	11:20 a.m.
Lunch	12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.
Kindergarten p.m. start time	12:50 p.m.
Afternoon Entry (grades 1-6)	1:40 p.m.
Afternoon Dismissal	3:20 p.m.
Early Dismissal Days	12:00 p.m.

Arriving on time for school to begin each day is one of the keys to student success. Lessons begin promptly after students enter in order to maximize student learning time, so please help your child arrive on time.

NUT ALLERGIES

We are asking students to bring nut free snacks and foods only to school. We are trying to make the school "nut-safe" for several reasons. Nut allergies are usually severe and can be fatal. Even tiny amounts of nut particles or residue can cause someone with a nut allergy to have a strong reaction. Without treatment, this person could die within minutes. Meadowvale School can only be a "nut-safe" school with your commitment and co-operation. Please read labels to see if nuts or nut products are present. Try to avoid products that do not carry a list of ingredients. Thank you!

CALLING THE SCHOOL

When your child is going to be absent from school or late, please call the school to let us know. The phone number is: **905-935-4292**. Meadowvale School has voice mail so you may call and leave a message at any time. This will reduce the number of attendance calls Ms. Haddock has to make. Attendance of all our students is tracked twice daily for their safety.



PAPER WORK

During the first week of school, your child will bring home a number of important forms which need to be completed and returned.

Confidential Student Information Forms-Please return as quickly as possible. It is important that you review the information we have on hand (**front and back**) and make any necessary changes. Please sign the **back** of the form at the bottom. The Student Information Form is vital to keep the school up to date with your emergency contact information. In the event that your child takes ill, or is injured, we will make every effort to reach you, but we must have an additional name and number in case we cannot contact you.

Welcome Back Letter-Please read, fill out and return the bottom portion of the letter. Please make sure you write your child's name on the form.

SAFETY ISSUES

1. **Severe Allergic Reactions:** If your child is in danger of suffering a severe, anaphylaxis reaction to bee stings, nuts or other allergens, please call the office to set up an appointment immediately so that an emergency plan can be put in place to ensure that your child's medical needs are met immediately.
2. **Students Requiring Daily Medication:** Please do not send medication to school with your child or do not place it in your child's backpack. All medication, including over the counter drugs, must be stored at the office with instructions for administration. Please contact Mr. Hawkey or Ms. Haddock for further information.
3. **Custody:** Please inform the school if there are special custody orders for your child.

AGENDAS

Students in grades 1 through 6 will receive a student agenda this week. This organizing tool should be used daily by students to track assignments and homework. It can also be used by parents to communicate with the teacher. Please encourage your child to use the organizer consistently, by asking to view it, writing notes in it and ensuring it is returned to school each day. Please note: **The price for the agenda is \$6.00. Please have your child return the money to his/her homeroom teacher.**

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser will kick-off on October 3. Please save your renewal subscriptions and renew through Meadowvale's fundraiser. Information will go home on October 3.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Meadowvale Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) would like to welcome all the new and returning families to our school. We look forward to working with the parents and friends of our school. Research shows that kids do better in school when their parents are involved with their school. If you think you want to be involved this year, there are three different ways you can volunteer at our school:

Volunteer in our classrooms - There are many volunteer opportunities within our classrooms. Talk to your child's teacher and our principal to see where you can help out.

Volunteer on our PIC - Our Parent Involvement Committee is a great place to be if you want to actively be involved in planning how our parents participate in our school. We have monthly meetings during which we discuss what we can do to make our school an ever better place to be.

Volunteer as an officer with our PIC - If you have great organizational skills and/or have a vision for our school that you would like to share with the rest of the parents and/or if you feel you are a good leader, we'd love to have you express your desire to serve on our PIC as chair, vice-chair, secretary or treasurer.

We will once again be hosting the Meadowvale Family BBQ on Wednesday, September 14. This is a great chance to see your child's classroom, talk to his/her teacher, and meet other families at our school. We will be providing a hot dog and water (free of charge) to each person. To ensure we have enough for everyone, please return the form going home the first day of school indicating how many family members plan to attend. Please also indicate if anyone in your family has special eating requirements to be considered. Please return the form by Friday, September 9.

The Committee will be having its first meeting on Monday, September 26 in the school library at 6:30 p.m.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Our parking lot is a very busy and potentially dangerous place for children. Please observe the directional arrows for entering and exiting our parking lot. As well, we are instructing the children to walk in the walkways that have the thick diagonal lines running across them. Please do not park in these areas in order to ensure the safety of our children as they enter and exit the school grounds. Here are some other suggestions to help relieve the congestion:



1. Walk your child to school. The exercise and fresh air is beneficial.
2. Car pool if driving is absolutely necessary.
3. When dropping off students, use the gateway on Centennial Drive and Juliana Crescent.

*Please note: The only parking allowed is in the designated spaces facing the school. The other areas are Fire Lanes and parking is **NOT** permitted at any time. Thank you for your co-operation in making Meadowvale School a safe place for children to be.

PIZZA LUNCH

Pizza will be sold every Friday starting September 16. Students will be able to purchase pizza for \$1.00 a slice at the beginning of lunch hour. Special lunches are organized throughout the school year and an order form is sent home in advance.



PIZZA LUNCH WILL BE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY.

MILK

Students who eat lunch at school are able to purchase milk from the office. White and chocolate milk is available daily for 75 cents. Each month, parents will be able to order milk for the entire month and pay by cheque or cash for the order. Please indicate on the "Welcome Back" sheet if you would like to receive a monthly milk calendar. We will begin selling milk Monday, September 19.



YMCA DAYCARE

The YMCA Daycare will continue to be our community partner in education for 2011 -2012. We are pleased to be able to have the daycare at our school because it is such an important part of many families' lives. Parents can comfortably go to work if they know that their children are in good care. Please let friends and neighbours know that Meadowvale School has a Y-Daycare. Call 905-934-9047 for more information.



EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday, September 23, 2011

Students will be dismissed at 12 p.m.

There will be **NO** afternoon kindergarten.

Pizza will be sold on Thursday, September 22.

Picture Day is Coming!

Mark your Calendar for our School Picture Day on **Monday, September 19, 2011**

Picture Day information forms will be sent home with all students.

Please review the information form and send it back with your child on Picture Day.

All students will be photographed for school service products.

Proofs will be sent home for you to preview the images before you buy!

For Tips on preparing for photo day visit lifetouch.ca

Questions call Lifetouch at 1-866-457-8212 or email: guestservices@lifetouch.ca



Important Dates 2011/12

September 6: 1st Day of School

September 23: Early Release Day

October 5: World Teachers' Day

October 7: PA Day

October 10: Thanksgiving Day

November 11: Remembrance Day

December 26 - January 6:

Winter Holiday Break

January 20: PA Day

February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6

February 20: Family Day

March 9-16: March Break

April 6: Good Friday

April 9: Easter Monday

May 18: PA Day

May 21: Victoria Day

June 8: PA Day

June 28: Last Day of School



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