



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

It has been a very busy first month of school. The school has finally settled into the routines and lots of learning is going on. This is especially noticeable in the kindergarten and grade one classrooms, where our youngest students are enthusiastic about being at school and we are very proud of how well the students are doing.

We are excited to announce that we are introducing a new Social Skills Program at the school called: Six Pillars of Character. The students will work together to promote six different areas of development:

Trustworthiness (Blue)

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country.

Respect (Yellow)

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

Responsibility (Green)

Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices.

Fairness (Orange)

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly.

Caring (Red)

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need.

Citizenship (Purple)

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment.

We will be focussed on a Pillar for approximately 5 weeks at a time during the year.

The students have been divided into 6 colour circles (as each pillar has a colour) for fun activities during the year.

We will have "kick off assemblies", when we will ask the students to wear the colour of the new pillar, as well as culminating assemblies where we will ask the students to wear their circle's colour and recognize student progress for the last pillar.

The students will be asked to sign a pledge to work hard at following the rules of the Six Pillars.

For more information about the Six Pillars of Character and ideas for helping at home, please visit our website.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

Mr. Hawkey



Friday, October 7 is a P.A. Day.
There will be no school for students.
Pizza Day will be on Thursday, October 6

PIZZA

Due to the new Ministry Nutritional Guidelines we will be selling pizza without pepperoni. We place our order to Pete's Pizza by 9:30 a.m. on pizza day. In order to ensure your child receives their pizza all orders must be in by that time. We cannot accept any orders past that time. There are times when our numbers are exact and we do not have **ANY** extra pizza to sell. Thank you for your co-operation.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES



On Monday, October 31 the students will take part in many special activities. JK/SK students may wear their costumes to school and participate in the classroom activities planned by Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Flatley during their regular scheduled school day. Details to follow for the JK/SK students. Students in grades 1 through 6 are invited to dress up for our Halloween Parade after the lunch break on the afternoon of Monday, October 31. We will parade down Cecil Street to Henley House to visit the residents.

Following the parade, students will return to their homeroom classes for activities.

TERRY FOX RUN 2011

Congratulations to all of the Meadowvale Families who made donations to our "Toonie for Terry" Campaign. Meadowvale raised \$314 for cancer research.

Thank you for your support.

MILK BAG PROJECT

For the past two years, Meadowvale has been involved in collecting milk bags to be made into sleeping mats for Haiti. We wish to thank you for your previous participation, but this project will **NOT** be continuing in the current school year.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to the following students who are members of our Cross Country team: Luke B., Cameron B., Kody C., Nathan D., Breanne D., Hunter F., Owen K., Emily O., Jesalyn R., Payton S.

Meadowvale School was very well represented at the Region 4 Meet which took place at Burgoyne Woods on Wednesday, September 28. Our athletes competed against the best runners of 12 other schools. Everyone present ran their best and made Meadowvale very proud. Finishing in the top ten, our very own Atom Boy, Hunter, came in a very very respectable 5th. Way to go Hunter! Other notable finishers were in the Pee Wee Girls: Payton 20th and Jesalyn 21st. In the Atom Girls' division, Emily placed 23rd. Next race is Thursday, October 6.

Congratulations once again to all of our runners.



2011 MUSTANGS SOCCER

The Meadowvale Soccer Team is off to a good start this year and has been showing improvement each game. Congratulations to those who made the team.

Grade 4s: Nathan D., Hunter F., Taylor G., Marie H.

Grade 5s: Mackenzie D., Dawson G., Esther H., Matthew R., Jesalyn R., Hannah S., Payton S., Tyler S., Isaac S., Nathan W.

Grade 6s: Kody C., Alissa D., Emily F., Emma G., Aeron M., Megan W.

The team played their first game against Pine Grove last week. Please check the calendar or our website for the October dates.

SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS **S.O.S.**

Starting Monday, October 3, 2011, our school will be providing the opportunity to renew and/or purchase new magazine subscriptions through the QSP Family Reading Fundraising Program. Please ignore any notices from the publishers asking you to renew now and instead, support our school's fundraising efforts. Please share this message with other family and friends who order through our program. As always, you will receive the best price while our school retains a substantial portion as profit (approx. 40%). There will be an "early bird" bonus this Thursday, October 6. This bonus is called Double Day where each order is doubled towards placement on the price chart. Orders must be handed in on Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support!

2011-12 School Year Reporting Timelines

November 15, 2011	Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Progress Report
November/December	Junior Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Observation and Follow-up
February 9, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card
June 26, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 2 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card Senior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card

At any time throughout the year, parents/guardians are invited to communicate with the school about their child's progress and achievement.

MEADOWVALE'S WEBSITE

We make every attempt to communicate important events through our website. For example, information on Cross Country and Soccer are available on our website under **Programs/Activities**. Please check for upcoming events.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Staff members are not permitted to administer medication to students without a written request by parents and a physician's authorization indicating the name, dosage, frequency, time and method of administration of the drug. Only medications in their original labelled containers are acceptable. This practice is in accordance with District School Board of Niagara policy. Forms are available at the office. For safety reasons, please do not send any medication to school in the hands of your child.

PAJAMA DAY



Parent Involvement Committee NEWS

It is a pleasure to introduce this year's 2011-2012 Parent Involvement Committee!

Our team includes:

Wanda Bolhous, Mirella Colantoni, Cheryl D'Costa, Lisa Dilts, Claire Gregory, Amanda Hall, Dawn McDonnell, Stephanie Whalen

Chair: Krstina Dickinson

Vice-Chair: Kerri Rogers

Treasurer: Lori Jaques

Secretary: Karen Fletcher

Please feel free to contact our committee by email at meadowvalecouncil@gmail.com

Our team encourages every parent to attend and participate in any of our Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meetings. It's a great way to stay connected with your child's experience at Meadowvale School.

Meetings are held once a month (excluding December, March & June) on Mondays at 6:30pm in the school library. **The dates for the 2011-2012 meetings are:**

October 24, November 28, January 23, February 27, April 23, May 28.

Agendas and reminders will be sent out in monthly e-blasts. Please join us!



The poster features a silhouette of a human head filled with various electronic devices and icons. To the right, the text reads: "21ST CENTURY LEARNERS: WHERE PARENTS FIT IN". Below this, it says "DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE". The date and time are listed as "Wednesday, November 2, 2011 4:00 - 8:45pm" at "Eden High School 535 Lake St. St. Catharines, ON". At the bottom, there is a red button that says "Online Registration" with a right-pointing arrow.

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join them for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas to help your school council as you support student learning.

This year's theme is "21st Century Learners: Where Parents Fit in". Registration is free! Free child care will also be provided by Certified Early Childhood Educators. Register before October 7 and you could win \$500 for our school!

<http://www.dsbni.on.ca/PIC/myForm.aspx>

