

Weekly Newsletter Email

Friday February 1, 2019

Hello Meadowbrook families,

It has certainly been a cold week here in Newmarket. We are looking forward to some warmer weather next week. We know that getting out and about on cold days can be challenging and we would like to help. If bundling up is a challenge and you are in need of some warm outdoor wear for your children, please let us know. We still have many coats, boots, hats and snowpants that are here for the taking. We know that when students are at school on time every day, that they are more successful. Please let us know how we can support ensuring that your children are at school every day. On cold days, where the temperature combined with wind chill is -18 or colder, students are brought into the school as soon as they arrive and we keep all activities inside.

Speaking of the cold, we would like to extend a huge thank you to Dave, Dave and Dave, our caretaking team, for all the work they have done outside in the extreme cold. They are here very early in the morning, removing snow from the walkways so that we can all get into the school safely. Then, they do the extra work that comes from all the snowy boots, so that our hallways and stairwells are safe and clean. We know that our caretaking team goes the extra mile every day. Thank you for all that you do.

We would like to thank Ms. Jessica Beatty, who has been working with our primary staff and students for the past few weeks and congratulate her on her new role in the Board. We welcome Ms. Larissa Dunn who is teaching in the grade 2/3 classroom. We would also like to welcome Courtney Manning who will be joining our support staff team in the afternoons.

This past week, our junior robotics team competed at a tournament in Aurora. There were many challenges and they met each with determination and excellent skill. You can see one of their challenges on our Twitter Feed [@meadowbrook_ps](#). You can also see more on this [video](#) created at the event. The members of the team are Matthew, Michele, Sean and Kellen. Thank you Mr. Amatiello for offering your time to coach and drive and to Mrs. Gettel for coaching the team over the past few months.

Lunar New Year – Feb. 5, 2019

Lunar New Year is a cultural and religious celebration for many Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese communities. To celebrate, people may light firecrackers, hang poetry, enjoy a family feast (oranges and apples are considered lucky fruits), exchange gifts (adults may give children *laisse*, red envelopes filled with money), and buy new clothes or new shoes. Students will acknowledge this occasion through various activities that promote sharing and understanding. We wish all staff, students and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends.

Kindergarten Registration

We are accepting registrations for year 1 (JK) Kindergarten students for next year. If you have a child or know of one who will be coming to Meadowbrook for their first year

of kindergarten next year, it is time for them to register. Stop in at the office and we will be happy to assist.

Math Games

Using games to support your child at home to reinforce math concepts they are learning in class can be fun for the whole family! Games provide children with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as number concepts, patterns and relationships. It also allows them to use models and strategies they are familiar with (e.g., arrays, ten frames, skip counting). Some math games are commercially available but most can be played with common household objects. In fact, most games that are not considered “math” games have many math concepts already in them. Try highlighting some of those concepts as you are playing.

For some game suggestions, you can go to the math page on the YRDSB website: [Math Program Link](#)

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit [Math Program Link](#). Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

**Join us on the evening of February 28 for a fun night of math.
More information coming soon.**

Skating

We are looking to go skating at the Hollingsworth Arena in March, tentively the dates are March 7th and 21st, the dates to be announced once confirmed. With that said we are looking for donations of helmets and skates so everyone can join in and have fun. We are also looking for parents to assist in walking with our Kindergarten's and primary students as well as to tie up skates. More information will come out once our dates are confirmed.

Next Week Events

- Feb 4 Day 4 Chess Club in the Library at 12:20 Bring your lunch
Hot Dog Day
School Council Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
- Feb 5 Day 5 Chinese New Year Begins: The Year of the Pig
- Feb 6 Day 1 Glee Club at lunch recess
Engineering for Kids starts in the library (gr. 4-6 sign up only)
- Feb 7 Day 2 Chess Club in the Library at 12:20 Bring your lunch
- Feb 8 Day 3 Popcorn Sales bring \$2.00
Band Practice at lunch recess
Jay vs The World Performance (Juniors and Intermediates 1:30-2:30 pm) (Gym closed at lunch recess for set up)

Upcoming Events: Important Dates to mark in your calendar

- Feb 12 - 15 Term 1 Report Cards Come home
- Feb 14 School spirit assembly in the afternoon
- Feb. 15 A special surprise for our primary students (stay tuned)
- Feb. 18 Family Day holiday (school is closed)
- **Feb. 28 Math Night – we hope you can all attend. It's going to be fun!**

- March Looking to go skating at Hollingsworth Arena in March
dates to be announced
- Mar. 11-15 March Break (no classes)
- May 9 Spring Concert
- June 26 Grade 8 Graduation


Thank you for your continued support.

Your partners in education,

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