

Weekly Newsletter Email

Friday February 8, 2019

Hello Meadowbrook families,

Happy Friday to you. Next week is a busy week at Meadowbrook. Our report cards come home on Tuesday. We have a very special spirit assembly on Thursday afternoon and a warm, woolen surprise for all of our primary students on Friday. Our staff is busy planning Family Math Night which will occur on Thursday, February 28. This will be a night of FUN and we hope that you are able to attend.

Please remember to hold the date for our Spring Concert, which is on May 9th. School Council is also planning a community event on June 6. This will include food and fun for the whole family. Save the date.

Our next milk bag weaving event will occur on February 21 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. All families and friends are welcome. Children must be supervised. We have a lot of bags and many strings ready to go. Our hope is to complete several mats in the two hours.

Many students are looking forward to graduating from elementary and high school this spring. Maple High School hosts an event to support students with the outfits they might need at no cost. If you have any items you could donate to this event, please see the attached flyer for information. If you have a child who is graduating and you would like them to be able to access this wonderful support service, please let us know in the office or let the teacher know. We must register students in March.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your partners in education,

Lorraine Doran (Principal) and Chris Johnstone (Vice Principal)

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.

Problem solving

At school, students have opportunities to engage in problem solving tasks. At home, mathematical problem solving can take on many different forms. For example, budgeting, time scheduling, measuring and constructing are all situations where children would need to problem solve. Problem solving, being the process of finding solutions to challenging issues, is an essential component of your child's mathematical journey.

As your child works through problem solving tasks at home, here are some strategies you can encourage them to use and questions you can ask them:

Strategies:

- Drawing a diagram or picture
- Make a simpler but similar problem
- Use concrete objects to represent the problem
- Use a mathematical model (e.g., ten frame, number line, array, etc.)
- Guess and check
- Look for a pattern
- Work backwards
- Use a formula
- Check your answer - does it make sense?

* Strategies taken from Edugains.ca

Here are some problems that you can try with your child:

Primary

[Math blocks link](#)

Junior

[Math Shapes link](#)

Intermediate:

Can you explain why every year must contain at least one Friday the thirteenth?

What is the greatest number of Friday the thirteenth that can fall in one year?

[Math with Friday the 13th](#)

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](#). Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

Next Week Events

- Feb 11 Day 4 Chess Club in the library at 12:20, bring your lunch
Girls Inc. – after school in Gym
- Feb 12-15 Day 5 Term 1 Report Cards Come home
Robotics team at lunch in the library, bring your lunch
- Feb 13 Day 1 Engineering for Kids Robotics in the library at 12:20, bring your lunch
Girls Inc.- after school in House 1
- Feb 14 Day 2 School spirit assembly in the afternoon
Chess Club in the library at 12:20, bring your lunch
Ontario Early Years drop in 8:45 – 11 am
- Feb 15 Day 3 A special surprise for our primary students (stay tuned)
Band practice at lunch recess, bring your lunch

Upcoming Events: Important Dates to mark in your calendar

- Feb. 18 Family Day holiday (school is closed)
- Feb 19 Robotics at lunch in the library, bring your lunch
- Feb 20 Engineering for Kids Robotics in the library at 12:20, bring your lunch
- Feb 21 Glee Club at lunch recess, bring your lunch
Chess Club in the library at 12:20, bring your lunch
Milk Bag Mat Weaving – 5:30 – 7:30 in gym
- Feb 22 Dairy Presentation for JK to grade 3, in the library closed all day
- **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 6 Community Event – evening (stay tuned)
- June 26 Grade 8 Graduation


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