

Weekly Newsletter Email

Friday January 25, 2019

Hello Meadowbrook families,

It is hard to believe that February is almost upon us. With the cold weather, we would like to remind families that students go outside for a 20-minute recess in the morning and a 40-minute recess at noon. Please send students with all the warm clothing they need to be comfortable outside. If you are in need of some warm clothing, please let us know as we often have items to share. We do monitor the weather and keep students inside for recess when the temperature with wind chill is -18 degrees or colder.

Please note that there is a PA day next week on Friday.

Breakfast Club

We offer a free breakfast for students daily upstairs in the staff room at 8:15 am. All students are welcome.

Math Matters at Meadowbrook Public School

Math is everywhere!

Anytime is a great time to start building routines at home which can support children in developing a positive disposition towards math. Providing opportunities at home that promote math talk can support a child's mathematical knowledge and understanding. Whether you are, shopping, cooking, playing a game, organizing, taking a walk, or reading, there are many opportunities to highlight math in different ways.

Activities:

Primary - Grocery Shopping

Ask your child to estimate how many of a grocery item (for example, a type of fruit or vegetable, bread or pet food) your family will need for the week.

Ask, "Why do you think that amount will be needed?"

At the end of the week, have your child count the number actually used.



Junior/Intermediate - Budget Challenge

Give your child an imaginary budget to spend at his or her favourite store (flyers or online catalogues may be helpful). Without writing down the amounts, have your child choose items to purchase. He or she will have to use estimation to stay within the budget. Then, have your child add up the actual costs. Did she or he stay within the budget? For a challenge, help your child estimate any taxes.

Tips for Math

- Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.
- If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best

(Doing Mathematics With Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide)

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

Fund Raiser

The grade 8's are selling popcorn to raise money at the low cost of \$2.00 a bag. The dates are as following: Feb 7th & 27th, March 8th & 28th, April 17th & 30th, May 10th & 23rd, June 5th & 27th.

They are also organizing a hot dog lunch on February 4. Order forms have gone home. Please contact the office if you need more information.

Next Week Events

- Jan 28 Day 5 Chess Club in the Library at 12:20 Bring your lunch
All Library helpers starting in February please meet in the library at morning recess.
- Jan 29 Day 1 Robotics Competition at Hartman Public School
Glee Club at lunch recess
Intermediate Girls Basketball Practice – after school
- Jan 30 Day 2 Robotics in library 12:20 – 1:20
- Jan 31 Day 3 Twin Day
Band Practice at lunch recess
Chess Club in Library – lunch recess
- Feb 1 Day 0 PA DAY NO SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- Feb 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 6 Chess Club in the Library at 12:20 Bring your lunch
Glee Club at lunch recess
- Feb 12 Term 1 Report Cards Come home
- Feb 14 School Event – stay tuned
Assembly
- Feb 15 Band Practice at Lunch recess
- Feb 27 [Pink Shirt Day](#)
- May 9 School Spring Concert

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