



Meadowbrook Public School Newsletter

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The Meadowbrook staff would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year! At this time of year, it is great to reflect on all of the things in our lives for which we are thankful. The spirit of giving and supporting is very much alive at Meadowbrook P.S. Once again this year, staff, students, families and community partners worked together to support families over the holiday season by collecting mittens, non-perishable food and donations to the staff/student volleyball game. The spirit of giving and the care demonstrated for our families was overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the season such a huge success! Your generosity has made a difference.

Some reminders as we begin our new calendar year: for safety reasons, we request that all visitors report to the office. Please do not go to your child's class or on the schoolyard for any reason. If you need to drop off an item for your child, please leave it in the office with your child's name and teacher on it and the office will ensure it is delivered.

Also, we have been speaking with our students about proper clothing for outdoor play. Unless the wind chill is extremely cold, the students go outside for their recesses. This fresh air time provides important breaks during the day and is vital for their health. It is essential, therefore, for the students to have appropriate, warm clothing *each* day (hat, mitts/gloves, winter coat, snow-pants, boots, etc.).

On **Friday, January 16th**, teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities connected to our Term One reporting procedures. We would like to inform everyone that Term One Report Cards will be coming home on **Wednesday, February 18th**. Please take this opportunity to review your child's progress with them and set goals for this next term. Family support is critical to ongoing student improvement and success.

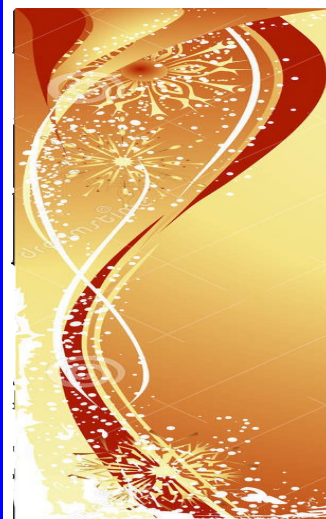
Staff are engaged in ongoing professional development and during the next several months, we will be spending time looking at our student data, and discussing ways in which we can continue to improve our instructional and assessment practices. Specifically, we are working to implement the comprehensive math program in our classrooms and using 'big ideas' to improve their mathematical understandings and skills. As well, we have a staff team looking at primary literacy through the lens of First Nations, Metis and Inuit insights.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the office!

Jen Diceman
principal

Upcoming Dates

Dental Visit (JK/SK, 2,8)	Jan 6
Immunization Gr8 (girls) & Gr7s	Jan 7
School Council Meeting	Jan 12
Dental Visit (Grade 3/4)	Jan 14
PA day -no school	Jan 16
Gr8 Scientist in the school	Jan 19
JK/SK Scientist in the school	Jan 20
Crazy Hair Day	Jan 22
Author Mickey Eves Visits	Jan 27
Gr1-3 PJ Story Night 6:30pm	Jan 27



School Council Corner

Next council meeting will be **Monday January 12th** in the school library at **7PM**. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you can only come out to occasional meetings.



So far this school year (2014-2015) school council has funded the following items.

1. An author visit from Michael Wade \$226
2. New Volleyball net and post pads \$1300
3. 2 iRovers for use in classrooms each \$1350
4. Bus costs for field trips \$670
5. For a total to date of \$4896



Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts so we can help support Meadowbrook.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on **January 16, 2015** for the 2015-16 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who:

- turn four or five years old during 2015
- live within the school boundary
- whose parents are public school tax supporters

will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



January 27th – Family Literacy Day

Pj Story Night -6:30pm -7:15pm

Join us at the library for Pyjama story night for grades 1-3. Siblings are welcome to attend. Don't forget to wear your pyjamas!



Getting Messages To Students

We have close to 300 students at our school. The office can get very busy and we try our best to get messages to teachers/students, at the same time respecting instruction time. The best way to make arrangements for pick up are to make them before school starts.

We understand that some last minute circumstances are unavoidable. However, we are asking for your help in trying to make these arrangements in advance and sending a note to the teacher.

Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Character Matters at Meadowbrook P.S.

This Month's Theme is: "Fairness"

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.

Upcoming Weather Watches

This is a reminder to all parents to ensure that your child is dressed for the great outdoors when he/she comes to school, and to provide a change of clothing.

Students should be wearing a **scarf, hat, gloves or mitts, boots and a warm winter jacket.** If students are going to be playing on the field, they must have **winter boots and snow pants.**



It is important that all students have a pair of **indoor shoes.** This will assist our caretakers in maintaining the cleanliness of our school. As well, **when the fire alarm sounds we do not have**

time for the children to stop and put on outdoor footwear. We must evacuate the building immediately and having indoor shoes on will assist us.

In the event of inclement weather (a significant wind chill factor) students will be kept inside during all or part of the recess break. The Principal will keep a close eye on weather conditions and make decisions based on the current conditions.

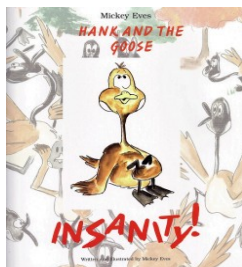
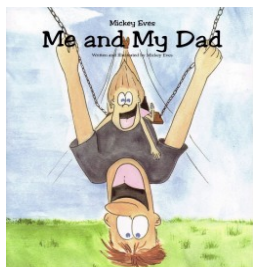
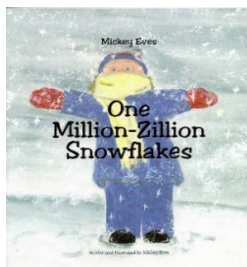


A key to a Toyota, with key fob, was brought to the office at the beginning of December. If you think it might be yours please come to the office.

Driveway Safety

Please do not park along the south side of the driveway between 8:15-8:35 and 2:45-3:15.

Vehicles parked along that part of the driveway blocks the buses and taxis. Thank you!



January 27th – Author Visit

To celebrate Family Literacy Day the Canadian author **Mickey Eves** will be visiting Meadowbrook P.S.

Students in grade K-3 will have the opportunity to meet our author and hear about how she writes books.

January 22nd - Spirit Day

Show your school spirit for Crazy Hair Day !



Milk sales (both white and chocolate) are available **EACH DAY** (no advance payment required!) for **\$0.75**. If you would prefer to buy milk tickets in advance, they are available in the office anytime.

\$7.50 for 10 tickets
\$15.00 for 20 tickets



Inclement Weather

If ever in doubt about Bus or School Cancellations/ closures due to inclement weather, check the local radio or television stations or the York Region District School Board's Website.

www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca
www.schoolbuscity.com



School Assistants Needed

Are you free between **12:20pm and 1:20pm Monday to Friday?** Are you interested in making a little money?

We are continually looking for additional School Assistants to supervise the students while they eat their snack/ lunch and go outside to play.

This is a paid position. If you are interested in the position, please contact the school.



arts@baythorn Program

Would your child enjoy learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an elementary integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the arts@baythorn Program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum for grades five, six, seven and eight.



To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at [Baythorn Public School](#) on **Thursday, January 15, 2015** at 6:30 p.m.



Applications will be online via the school website and available after **January 16, 2015**.

If you require further information, please call us at Baythorn Public School: (905) 889-7992

Kate Kurek

Principal

Jennifer Rosenberg

Vice-Principal





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	6 <i>Dental Visit (JK/SK, 2, 8)</i>	7 <i>Immunization Gr 7 & Gr 8(girls)</i> <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	8	9
12 <i>School Council Meeting 7pm</i>	13	14 <i>Dental Visit (Grade 3/4)</i> <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	15	16 <i>PA Day—no school</i>
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