

# Weekly Newsletter Email

## **Hello Meadowbrook families,**

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys Volleyball team. They participated at the area finals this week and represented Meadowbrook with pride. They made it to the championship game, coming second in the area. Thank you to parents who supported with driving and to Ms. Berman for giving her time to coach the team.

Progress Reports will be coming home November 20 with student led conferences occurring on the evening of November 22 and the morning of November 23. Student-led/parent conferences will be scheduled using EDSBY, an online communication portal. You will be able to book your times starting Monday at 7 am. If you need help with this, please let us know in the office. A note came home with each student to ensure that those without internet access have a way of booking. Please let us know early if you need assistance.

For those families who are considering French Immersion for their grade one student, please see the attached information letter. All grade one students in French Immersion for next year will be attending Prince Charles Public School.

### **Book Fair**

The book fair will be open **-in the library**  
Thursday from 3:00- 7:00  
and Friday morning 8:00-11:30

### **This Coming Week**

<b>Monday November 19</b>	<b>Day 2 Every Student Counts: please complete survey</b>
Tuesday November 20	Day 3 Family Milk Bag Weaving – 3:15 – 4:30 pm Band Practice 12:40 Progress Reports come home
<b>Wed., November 21</b>	<b>Day 4 Pizza Day</b>
Thursday November 22	Day 5 Interview Night + Book Fair in library 3-7 Pm
<b>Friday November 23</b>	<b>Day 0 PA Day – no classes but interviews continue Book Fair in library – 8- 11</b>

### **Upcoming Events**

- Nov 26 – Recess Before Lunch begins
- Nov 29 – Crazy Hair Day
- Dec 3 – School Council Meeting \*\*6:30\*\* new time in library
- Dec 12 – Hack-a-thon in library
- Dec 22 – Jan 6 – Winter Break

## Every Student Counts Survey



Student voice is important to us. From November 12 to 30, 2018, the York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the, Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS).

The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. The survey results will be used to help improve our schools and to:

- Identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success;
- Create more equitable and inclusive school environments; and,
- Improve student achievement and well-being.

All students will be given the opportunity to participate. Accessibility options will be available for any student who needs assistance completing the survey.

- For students in Kindergarten to Grade 6, the survey will be sent home to be completed with a parent/guardian.
- Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the census at their school.

The Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS) is confidential but not anonymous. To ensure confidentiality, no directly identifying information (such as student name) will be on the survey. As one of the main purposes of the survey is to identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success, all surveys will include a unique code that will be used to link the survey data with student achievement data. Survey results will only be reported in aggregate form (grouped data only) and no individual students will be identified. A summary of the results will be available at schools and on this webpage in Spring 2019.

CCI Research has been contracted to work with the Board to conduct the survey and to ensure data privacy, security and adherence to all relevant legislation. If you are a parent/guardian of a child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do not want them to participate in the survey, you can withdraw your child from participating by contacting CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 no later than October 9, 2018.

Additional information about the survey is available on the [ESCS Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#).

## **Winter Coat Exchange**

Thank you to each family who kindly made a donation to our Winter Coat Exchange. We received many generous donations of coats, snow pants, and winter accessories that are still available. All Meadowbrook PS families are warmly welcome to join us on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 until 6:00 to accept donations and help us connect the remaining winter clothes with children! If you are not available on Friday but would like to see and try-on the clothes that are available, please contact the main office to book a time and we will be happy to accommodate.

What: Meadowbrook PS- Winter Coat Exchange

Where: Meadowbrook PS- CARE Room

When: Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (The PA Day) or by appointment

## **Recess Before Lunch**

Beginning November 26, 2018, our whole school will be adopting a new schedule during our lunch break: "Recess Before Lunch." Our Kindergarten students have been using this schedule for over a year now. Before eating lunch, our students will be dismissed to the playground for play and then be brought in to eat. Students will have the same play time and eating time during the new schedule. There are many benefits to this type of program. Benefits such as the following:

- Students eating more and wasting less food since they are not in a hurry to get outside to play.
- Eating areas that are calmer and less disruptive, as children are more focused on lunch rather than the playground.
- Classrooms with students more ready to learn as they return feeling more full and settled.

## **YRDSB Information for Families**

The York Region Board of Education is dedicated to supporting each student and to providing important information to all families. As part of this, workshops are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics. We will endeavor to share all of this information with families on our weekly update. Please see the information for these workshops under [newsletters](#) on our school [website](#).

Sincerely,

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