

# Weekly Newsletter Email

## **Hello Meadowbrook families,**

Progress reports have come home and we are looking forward to seeing families tonight and tomorrow morning. Many students will be doing student-led conferences this year, where students share their strengths, needs and next steps with you. Teachers are also there to give added perspective and to answer questions. If you have not selected an interview time, please contact your child's teacher or the office. **Remember: Friday is a PA Day.**

### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found items have been placed on tables in the hallways (downstairs and upstairs). While you are here this week, please have a look for lost items. Remember to label your children's clothing, boots and shoes to help eliminate lost items.

### **Talent Show**

The student council is planning a talent show for the afternoon and evening of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. The school will be presenting a full concert later in the year. Stay tuned for the date.

### **FREE Winter Coats, Hats and Mitts**

Thanks to some very generous donations, we have a lot of coats, hats, mitts and snow-pants to give away. If you could use some warm, winter outerwear, feel free to stop by the kindergarten area on the main floor on Friday between 12 and 6 pm to pick up your free items. We would love to see all of these items go to folks who can use them. Sizes vary from infant to adult.

### **Recess Before Lunch \*Starts Monday\***

Starting Monday, we are going to be making a slight change to lunch recess. Our Kindergarten students switched to this last year with much success. Instead of eating first, students will be going outside for recess from 12:20 until 12:55. They will come at that time and lunch will go until 1:20 when classes begin for the afternoon. Since students will be eating lunch a bit later than they have been, please consider including an extra bit of snack to help tide them over. Students who go home for lunch as asked to return to school between 1:15 and 1:20, sign in at the office and report to their classrooms.

### **School Council Gift Card Fundraiser**

Order forms should have come home this week for our Gift Card fundraiser. There are many popular retailers (Tim Hortons, Starbucks, Walmart, grocery stores, gas cards) - too many to name. Please take a look and see. Orders are due back to school by November 30 and gift cards will be ready to go home for the holidays the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

A percentage of each sale goes directly to support: busing for trips, technology, literacy programs, scientist in the classroom and so much more.

All orders are paper orders - Sorry the order form is small; please fill in child's name and teacher at top left, add number of gift cards to order, any gift cards not on order form

please add at the bottom and enter order quantity, total your order, send in with chq via your child or drop off in office.

Any questions please let us know.  
Thank you for your support.

### **This Coming Week**

<b>Monday November 26</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Every Student Counts: please complete survey</b>
Tuesday November 27	Day 2	
<b>Wednesday November 28</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Pizza Day</b>
Thursday November 29	Day 4	Crazy Hair Day
<b>Friday November 30</b>	<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Last day to complete Every Student Counts Survey</b>

### **Upcoming Events**

- Dec 3 – School Council Meeting **\*\*6:30\*\*** new time in library
- Dec 12 – Hack-a-thon in library
- Dec 20 – Talent Show (student run!)
- 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.

### **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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