

Weekly Newsletter Email

Hello Meadowbrook families,

Teachers are busy with supporting student learning. Instruction and assessment are ongoing and 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. Please see important information below.

Edsby can also be used to report absences. Attendance at school is a key factor to student success. The few minutes a student might be late and repeated absences impact a student's success. We ask that you continue to focus on helping your child or children to build solid routines to support on-time arrival and regular attendance at school.

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls Volleyball team. They participated at the area finals this week and represented Meadowbrook with pride. Thank you to parents who supported with driving and to Ms. Berman for giving her time to coach the team.

This Coming Week

Monday November 12	Day 2	School Council Meeting – 7 pm Library
Tuesday November 13	Day 3	Intermediate Boys Volleyball Area Tournament Band Practice 12:40 Lice Checks
Wednesday November 14	Day 4	Grade 8 visit to Huron Grade 7 Trip
Thursday November 15	Day 5	Grade 8 info Night at Huron
Friday November 16	Day 1	Glee Practice 12:40

Upcoming Events

- Nov 20 – Progress Reports go home
- Nov 20 – Family Milk Bag Weaving after school – 3:15 – 4:30 pm
- Nov 22 – Parent Interview Night
- Nov 23 – P.A. Day No School (Interviews continue)
- Nov 29 – Crazy Hair Day

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.

Sub Lunches

Please be reminded that SUB Lunches are **EVERY OTHER FRIDAY.**

The following Friday's are Sub Lunch Dates (Nov 2, 16th, 14th), Please ensure that your child has a lunch on the alternate Friday's.

We hope that this new schedule will promote better nutrition, more efficient transition in and out of

EDSBY



An email invitation to all families who have yet to register for Edsby was sent by email yesterday. Please accept this invitation to Edsby as we are preparing for student-led conferences with your child's teacher later this month and the Edsby application will be used to schedule conference times. In addition, this application has a feature which allows parents/guardians to inform the school of student absences and you can use the application to monitor your child/children's absences and lates on a daily basis. In coming school years as additional features are added, Edsby will also be used extensively for communication between school and home.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about registering for Edsby.

Grade 8 Info Night at Huron Heights Secondary School

Please be advised that Huron Heights has changed the Grade 8 Open House. The previous date of Thursday November 22 conflicted with many elementary schools' Meet the Teacher evenings, and we certainly hope the new date will allow more parents to join the information session.

The new date for the Grade 8 Open House at Huron Heights is Thursday November 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

And for your information, the Arts Huron Showcase date remains unchanged. It will be held on Tuesday November 27, 2018 at 7 PM at Newmarket Theatre.

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](#).

1. [Alliance of Educators for Black Students Family Conference – November 24](#)



The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

AEBS is united in our purpose to promote the achievement and well-being of Black students.

A Conference for Students (Grades K-12) and their Families/Supporters

The African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child", speaks to the importance of forming partnerships within families and community to nurture the wellbeing and success of our children and youth. This conference aims to equip families and students for navigating the schooling experience, forge partnership with community, and support the process of mapping the journey to success.

Theme

AEBS A Lasting Impact
Come out to be inspired and informed: Guest Speakers, Workshops, Discussions

When

Saturday, November 24th, 2018

2. [Chinese Parent Support Group for Families with Children with Development Disabilities](#)

Chinese Newcomer Parent Support Group for Families with Children with Developmental Disabilities: Into YRDSB Special Education Program and Services - Secondary, will take place on Thursday, November 8th from 10am to 1pm at Markham Village Library. This event is focused on high school students but other upcoming workshops are included in the flyer.

3. [Parent Engagement and Network \(PEN\) for Chinese Families - November](#)

Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families: Growing Success and Post-Secondary Pathways (in Cantonese and Mandarin) will be held on Thursday, November 8 from 6pm - 8pm at Unionville High School. Again, this workshop is specifically for older students but other upcoming workshops are included in the flyer.

4. [Tamil Parents and Guardians Network Information Sessions](#)

Tamil Parents and Guardians Network Information Sessions in Tamil and English at Milliken Mills High School. Sessions are offered on selected Sundays starting on October 28th.

School Council

 [Nov. 2018 - School Council Agenda.pdf](#)

Sincerely,

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