



Weekly Newsletter Email

Friday October 11, 2019



Hello Meadowbrook families,

Remembrance Day

Canada, according to the United Nations, is one of the best, if not *the* best, country in the world in which to live. Our citizens are blessed with freedom, opportunity and a standard of living that is unrivalled in today's world, and without parallel in history. Canadians are correct to express pride in their ancestors for building such a great nation and in themselves for preserving it. However, this did not occur by chance: it is a result of tireless effort in the past that continues to be carried on by countless brave men and women today.

It is believed that most children, by the time they begin formal schooling, will have had some exposure to Remembrance Day through television, radio, movies, reading and through family observance of the day. Our educational system has the responsibility to enrich these early experiences so that each student may develop a real understanding and appreciation for Remembrance Day. Children new to Canada must also have an understanding of the sacrifices that many Canadians made to preserve and protect the way of life that they now embrace. We must ensure that Remembrance Day is afforded the respect and dignity it rightly deserves and maintains its place among the great traditions of our country. On Monday November 11, at school, your child will be receiving a poppy. Donations, will go to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund for our Canadian Veterans. We invite you to attend.

Poppies will be distributed for students and staff in the office. If students want to make a small donation to the veterans it is totally their option.



Cancellation of Bus Service Because of Weather

Please take a moment to review these "emergency" and "bussing" procedures. If the conditions of the roads force cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. When the buses are cancelled in the morning, and the schools are still open, parents who choose to send their children to school should be aware that:

- **field trips will also be cancelled**
- **any special day (Pajama Day) will be cancelled**
- **any planned lunches (pizza day) will be cancelled**
- **it is the responsibility of parents to ensure the safe arrival and pick up of their children**
- **no a.m. bussing means no p.m. bussing**
- **depending on availability of staff, several classes may be combined and students will be offered a highly modified program**
- **students may not be with their own teachers or grade level**

If your child is not coming to school due to bad weather, please call the school for safe arrival, all students have to be accounted for each day. It should also be noted that on heavy snow days, the buses are likely to be 10-15 minutes later than usual. If your child is waiting longer than 20 minutes in the morning, please call directly to your child's bus company or check our school website and select the bussing icon to schoolbuscity.com.



Extreme Weather Conditions

All students are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal or vice-principal decides, based on YRDSB guidelines, that weather conditions are such that it would be detrimental for students to be outdoors. Students are to come to school dressed for outdoor play and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. Weather conditions, including temperature, wind chill, sun/cloud cover and wind velocity, are continuously monitored and in extreme weather conditions, recess breaks may be shortened or students kept indoors. During the cold months of winter, students should be dressed appropriately for the daily weather conditions:

- ☐ Bring a change of clothes, including socks, in case a change is needed due to wet and cold

weather

- ☐ Dress in layers of loose-fitting clothing
- ☐ Cover and protect exposed skin from the harsh elements
- ☐ Boots, hats, scarves, snow pants and mitts or gloves will help make recess an enjoyable time
- ☐ During the hot sunny weather, students should protect themselves by:
- ☐ Seeking shade or creating their own
- ☐ Wearing a hat and suitable clothing to cover their skin
- ☐ Putting on sunglasses (that provide UV protection) to protect their eyes
- ☐ Applying sunscreen 20 minutes before exposure to the sun.

Parents sometimes request their children be kept indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Students with illnesses serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities should remain at home until their condition improves. This will also benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of this illness to others.

If road conditions force the cancellation of bus services, the following stations will be informed as early as possible, and will broadcast pertinent information to the community.

RADIO

AM640 – 640 AM	CHAY 93.1 FM	NEWS 680 AM	CHIN 1540
AM CJEZ97.3FM	CJBC 860 AM	CHUM 104.5 FM	CHFI 98.1 FM
CFRB 1010 AM	CKDX 88.5 FM	CKFM 99.9 FM	CHUM 1050 AM
CBC 99.1 FM	CHIN 100.7 FM		

TELEVISION

CFTO TV CITY TV GLOBAL NEWS THE WEATHER CHANNEL

You can also visit www.schoolbuscity.com or contact the York Region Student Transportation Services School Bus Information Line at 1-877-330-3001 for bus cancellation information. Parents and students should plan an alternative place to go should bus service be cancelled or delayed, or should schools be forced to close due to an emergency.

Wind chill - Minutes to Frostbite (Environment Canada)

The wind speed, in km/h, is at the standard anemometer height of 10 metres (as reported in weather observations).

The following are approximate values								
Temperature (°C)	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50
Wind (km/h)								
10	*	*	22	15	10 T	8 T	7 T	2 TTT
20	*	30	14	10 T	5 TT	4 TT	3 TT	2 TTT
30	*	18	11	8 T	5 TT	2 TTT	2 TTT	1 TTT
40	42	14	9 T	5 TT	5 TT	2 TTT	2 TTT	1 TTT
50	27	12	8 T	5 TT	2 TTT	2 TTT	2 TTT	1 TTT
60	22	10 T	7 T	5 TT	2 TTT	2 TTT	2 TTT	1 TTT
70	18	9 T	5 TT	4 TT	2 TTT	2 TTT	2 TTT	1 TTT

80	16	8 T	5 TT	4 TT	2 TTT	2 TTT	2 TTT	1 TTT
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Let it Snow

With the winter season upon us, people of all ages are looking forward to the joys of snow. Most children rank snowballing high on the list of fun winter activities. We have instructed all of our students that for SAFETY REASONS SNOWBALLING IS FORBIDDEN. There may be times where a teacher may supervise a snow activity such as snow/ice sculpture building if conditions are appropriate; however, with the exception of these activities, and the making of snowmen or snow forts, SNOW MUST STAY OUT OF HANDS AND ON THE GROUND at all times.

Students are aware of the following consequences:

1st incident: detention/no snowballing assignment

2nd incident: warning letter goes home

3rd incident: Possible Suspension



Injury to a student could result in suspension even for a first incident. We appreciate your support in all matters relating to your child(ren)'s safety. Please take time with your child to review this policy.

FAST Program

We invite families with students in grades kg to 3 to join us for a FREE 6 week program designed to promote family time, build relationships and support parents. We have attached a flyer and a form where you can request more information. One of our parent coordinators will be in touch to answer all of your questions. The program starts on Thursday Oct. 17 and will run until the first week of December. There are a limited number of spaces, so act early.

Lost and Found Clothing

- 1) **Remember to dress for the weather.**
- 2) **Label all clothing.**
- 3) **Check the Lost and Found as soon as something goes missing!!!!**



Keeping Our Schools Safe & Orderly



(We have been instructed to share the following message with our community.) In accordance with the principal's responsibilities under the Education Act to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment, the school has the right to search school property, such as lockers and desks, without notice to or permission of any person. From time to time, the police may be invited onto school property to conduct their own searches and these searches may be conducted without notice or permission of any member of the school community as per our Joint Board and Police Protocol. When conducting a search of school property, persons or personal property, the police are responsible for conforming to all legal requirements with respect to searches.

Top 5 Things to Know about Pick Ups and Drop Offs

- 1) Entry through South Driveway only. No exceptions. Please obey posted signs.
- 2) Exit through North Driveway only. No exceptions. Please obey posted signs.
- 3) Drive slowly for the safety of all of the children
- 4) A.M. drop-off is a Kiss 'n Ride only. There is no parking in the bus loop. Park only in designated spots.
- 5) Follow the direction of the staff on duty. They are there to keep all of the children safe and congestion to a minimum.



Prevent Infection by Hand Washing!

It is that time of year when many children get ill with vague symptoms such as fever, sore throat, vomiting and diarrhea. If your child becomes ill with these symptoms please keep them home from school until they have recovered. If the symptoms persist please consult your family physician. Please remember that hand washing is the single most important procedure for preventing infections.

Recommendations on Hand Washing:

Hands must be washed using soap and warm water:

- before preparing, handling, serving or eating food
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after personal body functions, such as using the toilet or blowing one's nose
- for parents, after changing diapers or cleaning up vomit



CHILD ABSENT OR LATE?

Please call the school.

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please make sure that you report their absence. Please give the office a call at 905-895-3081 and leave a message between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. You can also use Edsby to report an absence. On a busy day with many absences, confirming the whereabouts of every absent child can take quite awhile and could result in a child missing for some time. If you are sending an email to report an absence or late please ensure that it is sent to both lauren.malcolm@yrdsb.ca and Shannon.dollery@yrdsb.ca.

The York Region District School Board has been advised by the police that if a student has not arrived at school and after all steps have been taken, by the school, to contact parents, emergency contacts etc., the police wish to be informed immediately.



Therefore, **“we will contact the police “**
if we cannot reach the family or the emergency contacts.



LATES: GIVE US 5 MINUTES MORE

Last month we had a number of late students here at Meadowbrook, large numbers students stood in the front hall every morning waiting to sign the book. If this month each of these students would leave 5 to 10 minutes earlier in the morning, this would reduce our late students by nearly 90 % each morning. Therefore, I am asking that parents help us make sure our students arrive at school well before 8:25 a.m. in the morning. The first bell brings the students into the school in a timely fashion so they can properly prepare themselves for the day. This avoids late students who can be disruptive to other classes, their class and themselves. The school day official starts at 8:30 a.m. with students sitting in their desks, listening to the morning announcements and the Canada National Anthem. Morning announcements contain information about teams, practices, clubs and other important information for keeping your child safe and happy in our school. So, we are looking for your help in getting your children out the door 5 to 10 min. earlier and making sure we set them up for a successful day. Please give us 5 minutes more and have your children to school every morning before 8:15 a.m.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Student/Parent/Teacher interviews will be happening on the evening of Thursday, November 14th and morning of Friday, November 15th.

Student/Parent/Teacher interviews will be booked through EDSBY which will allow families to attend these important interviews. In order to access this, you need to accept the initiation that was sent out through EDSBY to set up your EDSBY account, if you haven't already.

We will open up access to booking your interview times starting Monday, November 11th at 8am. The tool will remain open until **Thursday, November 14th at 9am.** If you have set up your EDSBY account, you will receive an email from EDSBY letting you know when the booking is open.

You can also login to your EDSBY account starting Monday, November 11th at 8am where you will see you have a notification in your mailbox.

Wadoka Martial Arts:

If your child is in Wadoka and you already have a uniform, please let the school know. If you have a uniform that your child no longer uses, we appreciate donations. Due to the large number of students, we have changed the groupings and days so that all students can participate:

Grade JK - Monday
Grade SK - Tuesday
Grades One/Two - Wednesday
Grade Three - Thursday
Grades Four to eight - Friday

Hey Meadowbrook, Let's BOOGIE!

What is BOOGIE? Boogie is a high-energy dance program that combines creative movement, hip music and various dance techniques/styles. Boogie provides children an opportunity to be part of an inspiring dance community and enjoy dance lessons throughout their school day. The program is designed so that children will develop their

dance skills, balance, agility, self confidence and competence, as they engage in a fun physical activity with their peers.

This program will be offered to Meadowbrook students in Grade 3-6.

■ Boogie instructors will visit every Tuesday and Thursday starting October 22nd and finishing November 28th.

■ The class will run from 12:40-1:20. Boogie will teach the Gr 3&4 participants on Tuesdays. On Thursday Boogie will teach a Gr 5&6 participants. Students will sign up to participate.

Upcoming Events: Important Dates to mark in your calendar

- November 11, Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 14, Parent-Teacher Interviews (Student Led Conferences)
- November 14, Grade 7's To Scanlon
- November 15, P.A. Day
- November 21, Grade 2 To Sibbald Point
- November 22, Grade 4 to Sibbald Point

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