

Weekly Newsletter Email

Friday September 27, 2019

Hello Meadowbrook families,

Schools Closed to Students beginning Monday, October 7, 2019 due to CUPE School Support Staff Members Strike

Notice has been provided by CUPE, the provincial school support staff members' union that all YRDSB school support staff will be on strike beginning Monday, October 7, 2019.

If the strike proceeds, on Monday, October 7, 2019, all schools will be closed to students for the duration of the strike. All transportation services (including buses, taxis, etc.) and before and after care programs are cancelled. Independent child-care programs in schools may continue - please contact your childcare provider.

You must make alternate arrangements for your children beginning Monday, October 7, 2019.

Once we receive additional information regarding the return to work, we will inform you. Please continue to monitor media, www.yrdsb.ca or Twitter: @YRDSB .

We know that bargaining is scheduled to continue through the weekend. If circumstances change, we will send additional information. For immediate updates, please follow the Board's Twitter feed: @YRDSB, or for general information, visit the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Yom Kippur

For those who observe Yom Kippur, we wish you all the best on this holy day. For those who participate, we wish you an easy Fast.

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA) Workshop – Oct 12

This will be a positive and transformative space. Seat is limited – parents/caregivers register at <https://naccaworkshop.eventbrite.com>

Who should attend?

- Parents and caregivers with children of African descent seeking to enhance their ability to support their child(ren) with developing a positive sense of self.
- Children of African descent, between the ages of 6 and 12 that may be struggling to develop a positive sense of self.

Benefits of attending this workshop:

- Parents and Caregivers will gain tools that will allow them to be more intentional in supporting their child(ren) development of a positive sense of self.
- Children will have a better understanding of the various influences on their identity formation and will feel more confident in their identity as a person of African descent.

Construction Update

Attached is the approved detour plan for Patterson Street for the closure between Elgin and Red Deer. We continue to be in touch with our construction crew. They will be connecting the watermain to the school on Saturday and then will be moving south of the school. Entrance to the school when we are back to full service will be from the north. We understand that the sidewalks are blocked with the construction as they are connecting the watermain to the houses. Please remind students of safety. They should move through construction zones with extreme caution. We recommend students who are biking, stop and walk their bikes through this area. We also recommend that all students stop, make eye contact with drivers and make use of the construction staff who are supporting pedestrians before walking through. Young students should be moving through the area with an adult. If there are concerns about safety, please email Lorraine.doran@yrdsb.ca with your concerns ASAP. We will do our best to get all concerns addressed.

FAST Program

We are revising our plans for FAST. Our partners, Family Services of York Region, are hoping to run it off site. Please see the attached flyer for more information. This is a GREAT way to build connections in our community. If you are interested in more information, please see the contact information on the flyer.

Wadoka Martial Arts:

This will be postponed and will resume when the school reopens for students.

Next Week Events

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| • Oct. 7 | Day 4 | Photo Day to be rescheduled
School Council Meeting – cancelled |
| • Oct. 8 | Day 5 | Girls Inc – cancelled |
| • Oct. 9 | Day 1 | Yom Kippur |
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| • Oct. 10 | Day 2 | Ontario Early Years - cancelled
Girls Inc – cancelled |
| • Oct.11 | Day 3 | |

Upcoming Events: Important Dates to mark in your calendar

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| • October 14 – Thanksgiving (no school) | • November 6 – author visit for k to 3 |
| • October 21 – PA Day (no school) | • November 6 – HebB/HPV vaccinations gr. 7 |
| • October 23 – Skills Ontario Presentation gr. 7 | • November 7 – Photo retake day |
| | • November 8 – Pajama Day |

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October 4, 2019

Dear families,

It is with mixed feelings that we announce that Janine Daniels has accepted a position in another school much closer to home and will be leaving Meadowbrook. Her last day is October 11, 2019. Ms. Daniels has been a supportive member of our school staff, working as a Designated Child Educator in our Kindergarten for the past seven years and has made a very positive contribution to our school community. Ms. Daniels will be greatly missed by all of us at Meadowbrook.

Please join us in wishing Ms. Daniels all the best in her new school. We know that she will enjoy the extra time this offers her to spend with her family.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Doran
Principal – Meadowbrook P.S.



**Kamilah Clayton,
MSW, RSW, CBT**



**Roxanne Francis,
MSW, RSW,
Psychotherapist**

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA)
Presents

**AFRICAN POSITIVE IDENTITY FORMATION AS A
FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL WELLNESS - SUPPORTING
OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN DEVELOPING A POSITIVE
SENSE OF SELF**

African-centred workshop

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2019
9AM-12 NOON
OLD TOWN HALL, 460 BOTSFORD ST
NEWMARKET**

FREE ADMISSION - LIMITED SEAT
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://NACCAWORKSHOP.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://naccaworkshop.eventbrite.com)

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@NaccaNewmarket
naccacommunity.ca



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Great News Parents!

Thursday evenings this Fall 2019... the Families and Schools Together Program will be offered again at **Meadowbrook Public School!!**

Join us for some fun, food and family time.

The F&ST program starts off with an 7 week, multiple family get together in which families participate **once a week** in the following.

- **A FREE family meal**
- **Family games played at your family table**
- **Children's time to play, sing and enjoy gym activities!**
- **Parent time to meet and socialize with other parents**
- **One to one play time with your child**

You'll really enjoy yourselves as the goal of the program is to build family relationships, empower family members, build community and HAVE FUN!

Best of all, it's FREE!!!!

Your whole family is invited to attend as there is something for everyone!
First come, first served!

Consent to Release Information

Please **sign** below to get more information about the program and return this form with your child to school "**ASAP**"! We will contact you soon.

Potential start date: **Thursday October 10, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. For 7 weeks**

I am interested in learning more about the FAST program and give the School permission to release my personal information to the FAST team.

Parent(s) Name: PRINT: _____ **SIGN:** _____

Phone#: _____ **Cell#:** _____

Child's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Age:** _____

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