



# Meadowbrook Public School

## Newsletter

### September/October

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Dear families:

The 2018 2019 school year is off to a positive and exciting start. We have some exciting new events planned for the year and will continue with many of the traditional events and activities that students and families have enjoyed. I would personally like invite all parents and guardians to become involved in our Meadowbrook activities. There are many ways to engage with your child's school, including:

- participating on school council,
- volunteering on trips (Vulnerable Sector Screening required),
- supporting our pizza lunch program,
- reading with students (Vulnerable Sector Screening required),
- volunteering to be a member of our Healthy Schools Team,
- assisting with Breakfast Club and/or helping us with adding a snack program
- more opportunities to come

If your days are full, then you can always engage through discussions with your child about their learning, and by engaging in playful and interesting activities that support their learning. We are here to assist you if you have any questions at all. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher and with us to discuss how you can support your child's success. We are looking forward to working with you this year.

Our Meet the Teacher Night is September 27, 2018. We will be hosting a Book Fair at the same time and are looking forward to meeting all of our families on that night. More information will be coming.

The members of our staff are working diligently to ensure a safe learning environment for all. In order to do this, teachers have been reviewing behavioural expectations and establishing learning goals for the upcoming school year with all students. We encourage parents/guardians to review information provided in this regard, much of which is available in the packages that came home in the first week. All forms should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

To keep track of school information, we encourage you to check out our website ([www.meadowbrook.ps.yrdsb.edu.ca](http://www.meadowbrook.ps.yrdsb.edu.ca)) and to follow us on Twitter (@meadowbrook\_ps).

Along with the staff, I look forward to working together with you to ensure your child's academic success and social well-being.

Your partners in education,  
Lorraine Doran and Chris Johnstone



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## Attendance



Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child will be away from school or late for classes. A message can be left on our voicemail at any time. The number is (905) 895-3081. We rely on you to help us account for all the children quickly and efficiently each school day. Safety is our priority

## School Communication

For news, links to teacher websites and information about the school please visit our school website regularly.



<http://www.meadowbrook.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

**If you wish to receive email notification about items where there is a cost (pizza lunches, milk sales, etc), please visit our website and register if you have not done so already.**

## Safety at Meadowbrook

The safety and well-being of your child(ren) is of paramount importance. In order to maintain a safe environment for all students we must know at all times who is in our building. You can help us by:

- Dropping students off at supervised areas outside the building after 8:15 am (Supervised areas are inside on rainy days - please do not accompany your child into the school.)
- Waiting at an agreed upon meeting spot **outside** when picking children up from school
- Signing in (and out) at the office whenever you do come into to the school (**please note: adults who are not wearing a Meadowbrook visitor ID will be questioned by a staff member and asked to report to the office immediately.**)
- Signing your children in and out whenever you take them from the school during the school day.

We need your help and cooperation to ensure that your children are safe.



## Safety Awareness Week

**September 24 - September 28**

The York Region District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students.

To support this endeavour, the week of Sept. 24 - Sept. 28 has been designated as Safety Awareness Week. All public and secondary schools across the region will be featuring activities intended to increase awareness of safety hazards and how to avoid them. Safety Awareness Week will also include emergency preparedness exercises. To ensure that all members of the school community are familiar with the emergency procedure, we will be conducting a practice lockdown drill. In advance of the drill, we will review protocols and expectations with all students, staff and affected partners.

Families are encouraged to extend the conversations around safety at home by discussing street safety and safety at home.



## Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, Sept. 27 is the night to come out to Meadowbrook to meet your child's teacher, to see the classroom and some of the work your children are doing, and to meet other members of the community. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet you from 6 to 7 pm. The gym will be open from 6 to 7:30 pm and the book fair will be set up there.

### Nut Safe

In order to help ensure a safe learning environment for all, we remind all members of our school community to avoid bringing products that contain (or may contain) nuts. Many of our students have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts and even non-physical contact can lead to an anaphylactic reaction.



We understand that there are products that look and smell like peanut butter but is not peanut butter. We ask that parents do NOT send these products as well, as they offer many opportunities for

misunderstandings.

Thank you for your support in monitoring food products that are brought into the school.

### Freedom of Information

Activities throughout the school year may require the use of student names, age, grade, etc. and while notices will be sent for most events, parents are welcome to discuss any restrictions they require with the school principal.



### Parents in the Yard

Parents who walk their children to school in the morning often wish to stay with them until the bell rings. Please be aware that supervision is provided by the school starting at 8:15 am and you may leave at this time. If you do stay until the bell, please remember the following:

- Remain away from the line up areas.
- Many children are frightened by dogs. All dogs must be on a leash and should not interact with our students. Please keep your dog well away from other children and be sure to clean up any waste.
- Students should line up on their own for entry. Parents should say their goodbyes before students line up.

The same rules apply at the end of the day for pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

**We remind parents to always check in at the office when coming into the school or coming onto school grounds between 8:30 and 3:00 pm.**

### Volunteers



Are you interested in volunteering at the school? There are always many opportunities. Some are ongoing and some for special events. Please speak to your child's teacher to express your interest.

Please note: all volunteers are required to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check with York Regional Police. Information for this is available at <http://www.yrp.ca/> or from Mrs. Thompson in the office.

## Book of Forms

A booklet of important forms came home with each student the first week. Please complete these forms and return to the classroom teacher ASAP.

**Monday, September 24**

**is a PA Day. There are no classes for students on that day.**

## Office Index Cards

Along with the forms, you received the Student Office Index Card. We ask that you review this information and make any changes to the form as required. This form is used on a daily basis to relay important messages to parents, contact emergency numbers and contact parents at work when your child is too sick to stay at school. Please help us do our job well by adding any pertinent information and all essential contact numbers. Please return the completed forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## Agendas

Students in grades 1 - 8 have received an agenda. An agenda can be an important communication tool to be used between parents and teachers. It is also an excellent organizational tool for students. We appreciate you taking a moment to check the agenda on a daily basis in order to assist with communication and to help your child to develop organizational skills. We are asking families to reimburse the \$5 cost of the agenda to the school.

## Indoor Shoes

All students are asked to change into a pair of indoor shoes each day. This helps to keep our floors clean and safe. Dirt, dust and moisture on our floors lead to slips and falls. Thank you for your assistance with this.



## Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox Walk/Run for kg - 8 students will be on Sept. 28. Parents are invited to participate with us. Look for more information to come home with your child.



## School Council

School Council hosted the first meeting on Monday, Sept. 17.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

If you are interested in joining council or just in seeing what it is all about, please join us for our next meeting.



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