

# **Weekly Newsletter Email**

## **Friday September 27, 2019**

### **Hello Meadowbrook families,**

We wish all of our families who celebrate Rosh Hashanah next week a wonderful celebration with family and friends.

It was so nice to see families last night at our Meet the Teacher Night event and Book Fair. We know that families have busy schedules. If you were unable to attend last night, we invite you to reach out and to set up a time to meet your child's teachers. We know that a positive relationship between school and families supports student achievement and well-being and we value that partnership.

We have had a very successful Terry Fox event today. Students and staff were outside enjoying the weather, getting some exercise and raising money for cancer research. Thank you to our wonderful community for your support.

Next week, our Cross Country runners participate in our area meet up at the ROC near Keswick. We know that they have been training hard and wish them all the best at their competition.

You may have heard some news about possible CUPE job actions starting next week. Please see the letter attached to this email for more information. Our Breakfast Club will be shortened and food will be simpler but we will try to keep it going. We will attempt to increase food in our snack bins. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to our families for all you do.  
Your partners in education  
Lorraine Doran and Jennifer May

### **Orange Shirt Day – Monday, Sept. 30**

On [Orange Shirt Day](#), we commemorate the residential school experience and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. Our students will be participating in the discussion to help our country to create bridges with each other for reconciliation.

### **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 continue to work north of the school. 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](mailto:Lorraine.doran@yrdsb.ca) with your concerns ASAP. We will do our best to get all concerns addressed.

## **FAST Program**

We invite families with students in grades kg to 3 to join us for a FREE 7 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. 10 and will run until the first week of December. There are a limited number of spaces, so act early.

## **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

## **Next Week Events**

- Sept. 30      Day 4      [Global Read Aloud](#) begins  
Orange Shirt Day  
Wadoka Karate – JK at lunch  
Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 1      Day 5      Rosh Hashanah  
Wadoka Karate in gym – SK at lunch  
Cross Country Practice – lunch  
Girls Inc – registration required 3 to 5:30
- Oct. 2      Day 1      Wadoka Karate in gym – Gr 1/2 at lunch  
Cross Country area meet – ROC full day
- Oct. 3      Day 2      Ontario Early Years drop in 8:45 – 11 am  
Girls Inc – 3 to 5:30 pm  
Wadoka Karate in gym – Gr 3 at lunch
- Oct. 4      Day 3      Wadoka Karate in gym – Gr 4 to 8 at lunch

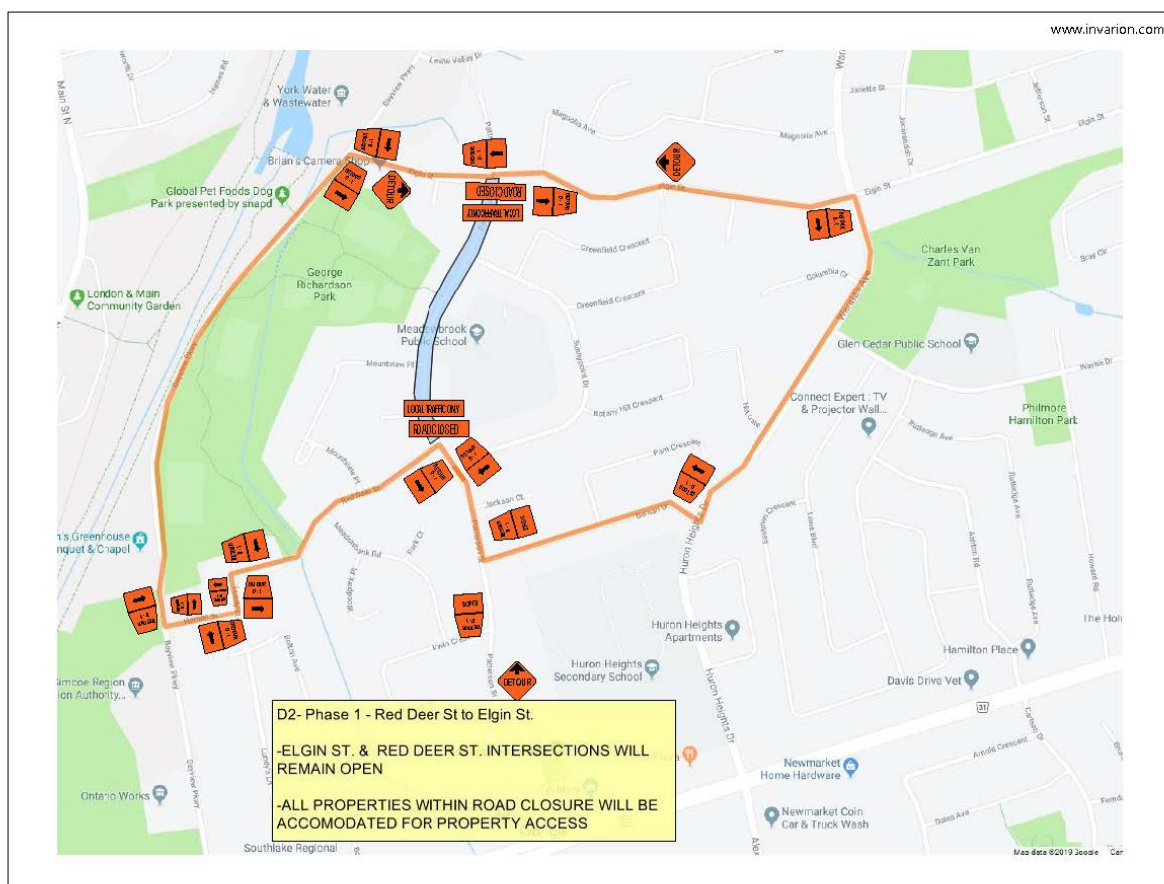
## Upcoming Events: Important Dates to mark in your calendar

- October 7 – Photo Day
- October 7 – School Council Meeting 6:30 pm (executive elections and establishing membership)
- October 9 – Yom Kippur
- October 10 – FAST program begins – 5:30 – 8 in gym
- October 11 – Jersey Day
- October 14 – Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 21 – PA Day (no school)
- October 23 – Skills Ontario Presentation gr. 7
- November 6 – author visit for k to 3
- November 6 – HebB/HPV vaccinations gr. 7
- November 7 – Photo retake day
- November 8 – Pajama Da

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September 26, 2019

Dear families,

I am writing to update you on potential job action by members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), which represents education and office support staff members. Yesterday, CUPE provided the required five-day notice to advise that their members will begin specific job actions on Monday, September 30.

In our Board, CUPE members include Caretakers, Educational Assistants (EAs), Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECEs), Child Youth Workers (CYWs), Clerical staff, Information Technology (IT) and other support staff.

CUPE has instructed their members to implement "Phase 1" of a work-to-rule campaign. Beginning on Monday, September 30, parents may notice specific withdrawal of services by CUPE employees, including:

- not handling money;
- not sweeping hallways or entrances;
- not cutting grass or cleaning up leaves; and
- not volunteering for unpaid activities.

In addition, elementary school office staff members will not be operating the front door buzzer. Student safety is our primary focus. We will continue to operate the safe welcome program and appreciate your patience if you experience delays entering the building.

A list of additional activities being withdrawn by CUPE members is available on the Board's website.

Student safety is our priority and we will undertake all possible measures to minimize the impact of labour sanctions on students and their families. It is important to note that the job actions are a result of the bargaining process at the provincial level, and Board employees are required to follow the direction of their provincial federations/unions. At the local Board level, we continue to bargain with all our employee groups, including CUPE.

We will continue to keep families updated. You can find updates and information about labour issues on the Board website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). You may also follow our Twitter account for more immediate updates: [@yrdsb](https://twitter.com/yrdsb).

We recognize this situation is disappointing. Please be assured we will continue to make your child's safety our first priority.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko  
Director of Education



## **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!

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### **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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