



# Meadowbrook Public School

## Newsletter

### September/October

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Dear families:

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a positive 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 to 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;
- supporting our FAST program (see information later in the newsletter);
- volunteering on trips (Vulnerable Sector Screening required);
- supporting our pizza lunch program;
- reading with students (Vulnerable Sector Screening required);
- supporting our Adopt a School Program with Coles in the mall;
- volunteering to be a member of our Healthy Schools Team;
- assisting with planning the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; and
- more opportunities to come.

If your days are full, then you could 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 me 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 28, 2017**. We will be hosting a Book Fair at the same time and are looking forward to meeting all of our families on that night. Classrooms are open from **6pm-7pm**; the book fair will remain open until **7:30pm** in the library.

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 behavioral 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 by Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

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 partner in education,  
Lorraine Doran

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*Message from our Trustee*

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



## Attendance



Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child(ren) 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 or please email us at: meadowbrook.ps@yrdsb.ca We rely on you to help us account for all the children quickly and

efficiently each school day.

**Safety is our first priority!**

## School Communication

For newsletters, links to teacher websites and information about the school please visit our school website regularly. The newsletter will be posted at the beginning of each month and contains valuable information.



<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 or return the CASL form in the book of forms 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 25 - September 29

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

To support this endeavor, the week of Sept. 25 - Sept. 29 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. 28 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.

## Spirit Days

September 27 Kind in Mind with Glen Marais  
Friday September 29th is our school Terry Fox day  
wear your Terry Fox shirt if you have one.

**Monday, September 25**

and

**Friday October 20**

are PA Days. There are no classes for students on these days.

## Office Index Cards

Along with the forms, you received the Student Office Index Card. We ask that you review this information and initial 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 have some agendas on backorder and will make sure each student has one as soon as they arrive.

## 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. 29. Parents are invited to participate with us. Look for more information to come home with your child.



## Library News

The library is open every day for students to select new library materials. Students in grades 1-8 are allowed 2 books at a time. Kindergarten students may choose a new book every time they return their book. The library is open at recess every day for students who wish to read, play games or build and create at the makerspace. Students are reminded they are responsible for the care of their library books and any lost or damaged books will require replacement before any new materials may be borrowed.

## School Council

School Council will host the first meeting on Monday, Sept. 18. We will be electing our executive. Nomination forms should be handed into the office ASAP!

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- QSP kick off assembly - October. 3



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## No Idling - Young lungs at work!

Did you know, exhaust fumes come straight into our Library and front rooms.

Please do not idle in the parking lot!



Meadowbrook Public School Parent Group



Milk Orders & Pizza Lunches



Milk orders & pizza lunches will be starting. For more information, please see our website. Pizza forms will be sent home.



This Fall, the Families and Schools Together program will be offered at **Meadowbrook Public School** on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks.

**Join us for some fun, food and family time.**

The F&ST program will run for 8 weeks where, multiple families get together to 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 have a ball!**
- **Parent time to meet and socialize with other parents**
- **One to one play time with your children each week**

**You'll really enjoy yourselves as the goal of the program is to build family relationships, Have fun!!!, build community and empower all family members. And best of all, it's FREE!!!!!!**

**Criteria:** Must have a child enrolled in JK to grade 2 at Meadowbrook P.S.  
**Your whole family (including all children) is invited to attend as there is something for everyone! Grandparents, please come along!!!**  
**First come, First served as we can only accept 16 families for each cycle.**

Don't miss your chance to be part of this program. Please sign below to get more information about the program and send this back with your child.

Tentative start date: Thursday October 5th **from 5:30 to 8pm.**

I am interested in learning more about the FAST program and give permission to release my phone # to the parent partner on the team.

Parent : Print Name and Sign.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and Teacher \_\_\_\_\_







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**Saturday September 30th**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

For more information go to [cyfs.ca](http://cyfs.ca) or call 905 895 9222



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using<br>information          | <input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology<br>(computer skills)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and<br>information    | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal<br>setting and action plans)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using<br>numbers (math) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills"<br>such as customer service) |

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## School Holidays/PA Days

### HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL

- Labour Day Monday, September 4, 2017
- Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 9, 2017
- Winter Break Monday, December 25, 2017 to Friday, January 5, 2018 inclusive
- Family Day Monday, February 19, 2018
- Mid-Winter Break Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16, 2018 inclusive
- Good Friday, March 30, 2018
- Easter Monday, April 2, 2018
- Victoria Day Monday, May 21, 2018

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY & TRAINING DAYS - NO SCHOOL

- Monday, September 25, 2017
- Friday, October 20, 2017
- Friday, November 24, 2017
- Friday, January 19, 2018
- Friday, February 2, 2018
- Friday, June 4, 2018
- Friday, June 29, 2018

# September/October 2017

Monday Sept. 18 Chapters Adopt a School Starts Sept 16th-Oct 8th	Tuesday Sept 19	Wed. Sept 20	Thurs. Sept 21 Have a good year/Rosh Hashanah!	Friday Sept. 22
Monday Sept. 25 PA Day No Classes	Tuesday Sept. 26	Wed. Sept. 27 GlennMarais Activity day- All Students	Thurs. Sept. 28 Meet the Teacher 6-7:00 Book Fair 6-7:30pm 	Friday Sept. 29 Terry Fox Run/Walk  G'mar Tov Yom Kippur Tomorrow
***** SAFETY WEEK Sept 25-29*****				
Monday Oct. 2 	Tuesday Oct. 3 QSP Kick off assembly 10:45am	Wed. Oct. 4	Thurs. Oct. 5 FAST program to begin on Thursday nights	Friday Oct. 6 PHOTO DAY Chapters Adopt a School ends Sept 16th-Oct 8th
Monday Oct. 9	Tuesday Oct. 10	Wed. Oct. 11	Thurs. Oct. 12	Friday Oct. 13
Monday Oct. 16	Tuesday Oct. 17	Wed. Oct. 18 Happy Diwali	Thurs. Oct. 19 JK/SK story and PJ night	Friday Oct. 20 PA Day No Classes
Monday Oct. 23	Tuesday Oct. 24 HPV Vaccines	Wed. Oct. 25	Thurs. Oct. 26 Sport Jersey Day	Friday Oct. 27
Monday Oct 30	Tuesday Oct 31 	Wed. Nov 1	Thurs. Nov 2 PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY	Fri Nov 3