



Meadowbrook Public School

Newsletter

September/October

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Autumn is officially here and we are off to a great start. Our student leadership team is busy planning for our Terry Fox event. The Cross Country runners are preparing to race in October. Glee Club is starting and student representatives are being recruited for our Eco Team. Girls Inc. will be starting an after-school group for girls ages 9 to 11. Our Meet the Teacher Night is planned for Thursday, Sept. 29. Classrooms will be open from 6 to 7 pm and a book fair will be set up in the gym from 6 to 7:30 pm. As the new principal, I am enjoying getting to know the students and their families and look forward to meeting many of you on Thursday evening.

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.

To those families who are joining our school community for the first time, we welcome you and feel confident that you will enjoy the warm and inclusive atmosphere which has been created at Meadowbrook Public School. At Meadowbrook P.S. we believe a strong partnership between home and school is essential for a child's development. We encourage you to become involved in the many activities and events at the school, to join us for School Council meetings or to reach out when you have questions or concerns about your child's schooling. To keep track of school information, we encourage you to check out our website (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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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 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 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 23 - September 30

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

To support this endeavour, the week of Sept. 23 - Sept. 30 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. 29 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 26

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.

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. 30. 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. 12. Your executive includes co-chairs Jennifer Apps and Hayley Hobor and Treasurer Jill Bowie-Kyle

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. 4
- Next meeting - Oct. 17, 7 - 8:30 pm



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Meadowbrook Public School Parent Group

Audit Committee Volunteers Needed

The York Region District School Board is seeking community members with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three year term effective **January 31, 2017**.

The Audit Committee's primary role is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. The committee meets at least 3 times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required.

Applicants must be a York Region resident and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards.

Application deadline is Friday, September 23, 2016. For more information and to apply, please visit the [Board website](#).







School Holidays/PA Days

HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL

- Labour Day Monday, September 5, 2016
- Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 10, 2016
- Christmas/Winter Break Friday, December 26, 2016 to Friday, January 6, 2017 inclusive
- Family Day Monday, February 20, 2017
- Mid-Winter Break Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17, 2017 inclusive
- Good Friday, April 14, 2017
- Easter Monday, April 17, 2017
- Victoria Day Monday, May 22, 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY & TRAINING DAYS - NO SCHOOL

- Monday, September 26, 2016
- Friday, October 28, 2016
- Friday, November 25, 2016
- Friday, January 20, 2017
- Friday, February 3, 2017
- Friday, June 2, 2017
- Friday, June 30, 2017

Monday Sept. 26 PA Day	Tuesday Sept. 27	Wed. Sept. 28	Thurs. Sept. 29 Book Fair/Meet the Teacher 6- 7:30 	Friday Sept. 30 Terry Fox Run/Walk 
Monday Oct. 3	Tuesday Oct. 4 QSP kickoff 10:45 am	Wed. Oct. 5	Thurs. Oct. 6 Cross Country 	Friday Oct. 7 Cross Country 
Monday Oct. 10 	Tuesday Oct. 11	Wed. Oct. 12	Thurs. Oct. 13 Cross Country Regional	Friday Oct. 14
Monday Oct. 17 School Council Meeting @ 7pm	Tuesday Oct. 18	Wed. Oct. 19	Thurs. Oct. 20 -JK/SK Pyjama story night -Pyjama Day  - Grade 7/8 Vaccinations (am)	Friday Oct. 21
Monday Oct. 24	Tuesday Oct. 25	Wed. Oct. 26	Thurs. Oct. 27	Friday Oct. 28 PA Day

