



Community Connect- #2

Friday, September 23rd

Ensuring Student Safety:

- Severe Allergies
- Transportation & Parking
- Attendance and Leaving Early

General Information:

- Link to school announcements “Grizzly Greetings”
- Yearbooks
- Life Touch Photos
- Upcoming Dates

We were so excited to reconnect with families and meet new ones last night at the Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher. One of our pillars at Meadow Ridge is to “Nurture Community”. Ensuring your child is safe while at school is a priority for us. The following is important information that helps us keep your children safe:

Severe Allergies

A severe allergy is one where someone has an anaphylactic response to an allergen, which, if left untreated, might lead to sudden death. It is a shared responsibility between the school, parents and students to minimize the risk of exposure to the allergen.

It is important to note that it is parent’s responsibility to notify the school of a severe allergy. **We are asking parents to notify the office if your child has a severe allergy** to ensure we have proper documentation and location of epi-pens and our records are up to date. If there is a severe allergy in your child’s class, teachers have sent an email home notifying you to please send food that is **free** of that allergen, usually **nuts** and **fish**.

If your child has a severe allergy, please refer to FSD Administrative Policy to understand the role of the parent, student and school:

<https://www.fsd38.ab.ca/documents/general/317-Severe-Allergies-updated-June-2016.pdf>

Transportation and Parking

We want to thank all of our parents and students for following the expectations for pick up and drop off. Thank you for using the main parking lot on the north side rather than parking in the bus zone. As we finish off the first month, please remember the following:

- **No Parking Zones:** There is **no** parking, stopping or dropping off along Chinook Arch Way as it is a main road or at the front parking loop in front of the main entrance. Chinook Arch Way is a main road and we need to keep the traffic flowing. The parking loop in front of the school is reserved for families who have children with limited mobility. It is important to keep this loop as clear as possible as we did have some near misses last year.
- **Fire Lane:** Please ensure the Fire Lane in the main parking lot is clear at all times.

Attendance & Leaving Early

It is important to know if students are leaving school in case there is an emergency. Everyone must be accounted for.

Meadow Ridge is a CLOSED CAMPUS which means students are expected to stay on the school grounds during lunch. Students may walk home for lunch if they can return within the 30 minute lunch time. They need to bring a note signed at the office at the beginning of the year and then need to sign out when leaving and sign in when returning.

In order to leave school early, parents need to pick up their child and sign them out at the office or call. Students need to then sign out.

Announcements

When you ask your child what is happening at school, do they shrug or say they don't know? You can access our daily announcements, the Grizzly Greetings, [here](#). Hopefully this will help you keep up-to-date on events available for your child(ren).

2021-2022 Yearbooks Available

Limited supply available for \$25 each. Send in cash or cheque to the office. We will send the yearbook home with your child.

Life Touch Photos There is a NEW Way of accessing your child's images online:

Lifetouch Photography is excited to announce the launch of a new way to access photos online.

After much safety and security testing, Lifetouch developed a way for families to access their child's photo using their student ID number.

Go to their website at www.mylifetouch.ca, click on Student ID and follow the detailed instructions to view and order photos.

If you have any questions on this ordering process, please call the **Lifetouch Customer Care Line at 1.866.457.8212** or access the live chat on our website, www.mylifetouch.ca

Parents can still access their photos online by using their child's portrait ID and access code once you receive your proofs. By enabling the option of using your child's student ID number, it gives people another way to access photos if they lose their proof sheet.

Upcoming Dates

Coming Soon – Fall Grizzly Gear Store opening soon!

Tuesday, September 27th – Fire Drill Practice

Thursday, September 29th- Orange Shirt Day

Friday, September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NO SCHOOL)

Thursday, October 6th – Grade 6 Vaccinations

Friday, October 7th – Terry Fox Run

Monday, October 10th – Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)

Have a great weekend,

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Principal

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Vice Principal