



Community Connect

#02 - Friday, September 10th, 2021

It has been a wonderful week having students back in school. We thank you for your continued support as we maneuver COVID guidelines, increased enrollment and the excitement of opening for our third year. Students have settled in, are learning new routines and meeting their new teachers. We enjoyed our first school wide assembly in over a year and a half. The entire school met outside and we introduced all of our faculty and home rooms, cheered for each other, met our buddy classes and recorded our three favorite things about our first week at Meadow Ridge School (MRS) while enjoying popsicles. It really created a community feel to be able to “be” together again. We are looking forward to another wonderful year.

Student Essential Agreements

[MRS Student Essential Agreements 2021.pdf](#)

[PPSTWorld Parent Letter.pdf](#)

We believe all students come to school with their own story, are unique and should be celebrated for who they are. School should be a safe place that values diversity where everyone can “come as they are.” In order to develop a **safe, caring and welcoming** learning environment, our faculty has created **Essential Agreements** that outline student expectations at Meadow Ridge. Educating our kids is a collaborative effort and this document lays out our responsibilities as students, faculty and parents. Although lengthy, we ask you read the attached document carefully and support these behaviors and expectations to ensure our school remains a safe place for everyone. Should you have any feedback on the document, you can email it to forchukr@fsd38.ab.ca before September 30th. It will be posted on our new website as our guiding code of conduct for Meadow Ridge and we review it annually.

These essential agreements align with Foothill School Division’s expectations on [Bullying and Threatening Behaviour](#). We encourage students and parents to communicate any concerns with bullying or threats to a trusted adult at the school which can include administration, teacher, educational assistant, Family School Liaison Counsellor and/or the Learning Commons Facilitator. For students feeling uncomfortable to report worrisome behavior to an adult, they may report anonymously on **PPSTWorld**. Please see the **attached letter** that provides more information on how and when to access this tool.

Grizzly Gear

[Fall 2021 Grizzly Gear Flyer.pdf](#)

You can now order Grizzly Gear for this new school year on our online store which will **close on Sunday, September 26th at 11:59 pm**. Orders **will be delivered to the school in 4-5 weeks after the closing date**.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code on the attached flyer or go online to <https://meadowridgefall2020.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card Online Store Deadline: **Sunday, September 26th (11:59pm MDT)**

School Fees Update

Once all fees are entered, Maplewood Parent Accounts will be created and each parent will receive an email notification with a username and temporary password.

You'll then need to create a new password. This will occur within the next week or so

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 15th – Fire Drill Practice

Thursday, Sept. 16th – School Council/Fundraising Society Meeting @ 6 pm (in school and online)

Friday, Sept. 17th – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL

Monday Sept. 20th – Life Touch Photos - Kindergarten to Grade 5

***NOTE: This day may be rescheduled as we are a polling station for Elections Canada. If so, we will notify parents of the alternate date.**

Monday, Sept. 20th – Federal Election (MRS is a polling station)

Tuesday, Sept. 21st – Life Touch Photos – Kindergarten & Grades 6 to 9

Friday, Sept. 24th – Lock Down Drill

Friday, Sept. 24th – Terry Fox Run and Hats on For Charity

- Students bring minimum of \$1 to wear their hat for the day. All money raised in September will go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 11th – Thanksgiving: NO SCHOOL

Have a great weekend,

Rebecca Forchuk

Principal

Brad Skeet

Vice Principal