



# Community Connect

Friday, January 8th, 2021

Dear Meadow Ridge Families,

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and cannot wait to welcome your child back into school on Monday! This is exciting for all of us. As a faculty, we have missed the energy students bring to the building, connecting with them in person, and having our routines.

As we transition back to in-school learning, we would like to remind everyone that they have a responsibility to ensure we keep our building safe and welcoming for all students and faculty. We will continue to follow the same protocols and expectations we had in place prior to students moving to online learning. We ask that all students be thoughtful so we can continue to keep the school open. This requires students to respect school expectations so we can ensure a safe school environment. We have greatly appreciated the commitment of students to wear masks, remain distanced, and follow proper hand washing protocols prior to the break. They have been asked to take on some big responsibilities and they have risen to the occasion. We encourage them to continue to be outstanding young leaders. We appreciate and acknowledge these efforts and we thank you, the families, for entrusting us to be a part of your child's journey.

## Junior High Options

Learning Sprint #3 will run from Monday, January 11th to March 3rd for Grade 7 – 9 students. With adding a third Grade 8 class, we have revamped the option schedules. Again, we appreciate our student's flexibility and patience as we cannot allow student choice for options this year. Due to cohorting, we have to remain together as a homeroom class.

Please do not pay for any option fees if you haven't yet as we are reviewing sprint fees since students were not at school for most of Sprint #2 and we will also be making adjustments to the assigned Sprint #3 fees to match up with the new schedule below. The office will inform Jr. High parents when the options changes are completed. Here is the updated schedule:

| Monday/Wednesday Learning Sprint | Tuesday/Thursday Learning Sprints |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7C – Active Living               | 7C – Photography                  |
| 7M – Enterprise                  | 7M – Sports Performance           |

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| 7P – Sci/Tech   | 7P- Coding         |
| 8L – Drama  | 8L – 3D Art        |
| 8M – Foods  | 8M - Video         |
| 8Mc- Digital Arts   | 8Mc – Film Studies |
| 9B – 2D Art   | 9B – Leadership    |
| 9E - Woodshop   | 9E - Yearbook      |
| <p><b><i>**Please note that students who have fallen behind in learning tasks will be placed in a Homework Learning Sprint until they are caught up in their studies. Once they have completed missing assessments, they will return to their regular classes regular Learning Sprint. **</i></b></p> |                    |

### Vending Machine

We will be opening the vending machine before the end of January. It will be stocked with a variety of snacks, some more healthy than others, and is not intended to replace lunches. It will only be open during the following times:

8:30 – 8:40 am

12:30 – 1:00 pm

3:15 – 4:00 pm

In order to ensure safety, students must line up on the marked “x” on the floor to ensure proper distance, wear a mask, and use the hand sanitizer prior to and after using the vending machine.

### Parking with Snow

If you pick up or drop off your child, please be mindful to keep the flow of traffic moving. There are now snow hills in the parking lot where some of you used to park. Please ensure you **do not park** there if you stop the flow of traffic. Remember there is NO PICK UP OR DROP OFF IN THE FIRE LANE regardless of how quick you are.

### Literacy Week

Literacy Week will be held from January 25 – 29th. Meadow Ridge Fundraising Society will hold our 2nd Annual Read-A-Thon so stay tuned for more information!

*Monday is going to be a FANTASTIC day!!! Welcome back Grizzlies!!! We truly love having you in school and hope that you know how much you have been missed!*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 11 – Return to in-school learning

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Grizzly Gear Spirit Day

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Professional Learning Day

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Literacy Week

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