



Community Connect

Friday, April 16th, 2021

Spring is such an inspiring season! Days get longer, nature turns green, and we get a sense of new beginnings. We hope all families had a restful and wonderful spring break; we are so happy to have all homerooms back in school after the break. With numbers of positive cases increasing, we encourage you to please adhere to AHS guidelines so we can keep school going as normal as possible and keep everyone safe within our school community. With having a population of over 650 at Meadow Ridge, we feel extremely proud and thankful that we have been able to limit transmission within the building.

This time of year is exciting for faculty because we see so much growth and change in your children. Not only are we focusing on ensuring students finish the year strong, we also begin planning for next year. Please stay tuned for all of the information you will need for year end and our third year, yes third, year start up.

2020-2021 Year

Student Safety & Parking

Student safety is extremely important to us and we want to ensure students arrive and leave safely from school. We have started to see vehicles that park along 21 Chinook Arch Way to pick up children. Students are then running between busses and crossing the street to get to the car. This is extremely dangerous and unsafe as bus drivers cannot see them nor can oncoming traffic. Firstly, there is no parking along Chinook Arch Way. Secondly, if students need to cross the street, they *must* use the cross walk located just before the bus zone.

People are also parking at the end of Chinook Arch Way. Busses need this space to turn around. So, we ask that parents do not park there as well.

Please help us keep your children safe by picking them up in the north parking lot ONLY. The RCMP will start to patrol the area to ensure we are all adhering to the traffic laws.

Parents with Students in Grade 4 and 7

Alberta Education has sent every family with a child in Grade 4 and Grade 7 a survey to complete. As we value parent voice, this information is very important to us. It guides our decision-making for the remainder of the year as well as next year. Please look for this survey in the mail. You can complete it online and it takes about 10 – 15 minutes.

Cell Phone Use Expectations

Many students have cellphones and use them daily. In order to optimize learning, minimize distractions, and teach responsible use, junior high students are required to leave their cell phones in their locker during class time. If elementary students have phones, they should be put in a secure location as well. If phones are required as a learning tool, teachers will give them advanced notice to bring them to class or give them time to go to their locker. Students are free to use their technology appropriately on breaks, before and after school. As a parent or guardian, if you need to contact your child during class time, please call the office and we will give them your message. If you do message them during class time, they will respond on their breaks.

We will continue to work with students on the responsible use of technology. Students are reminded that they can only photograph, voice record or video others while at school or on school trips if they have consent by the other person/people.

Pizza Hot Lunch

Pizza hot lunch is on **Friday, April 23rd** – money will be collected **Monday, April 22nd** and the deadline is *Tuesday, April 20th by noon*. Please have students bring their money to their homeroom Teachers.

*Please send **exact change with each child** as teachers cannot make change or collect money and orders for siblings. Thank you for helping us to keep this process as easy as possible.*

Cost: \$3.50 per slice or \$6 for two slices

Choices: Cheese, Pepperoni or Hawaiian (available in regular or gluten-free)

Juice boxes: 50 cents each

Instagram

Please follow us on Instagram at meadow.ridge.school to stay up-to-date on what is happening within the school.

2021-2022 Year

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child starting Kindergarten this fall, please **complete an on-line registration** form to be officially registered. We are very close to being able to offer a third class so ensure you register your children sooner than later. Here is the link:

<https://www.fsd38.ab.ca//Registration.php>

If you are unsure if your child(ren) is registered, please contact the office. We will be contacting parents in late May with class information.

School Council/Fundraising Society

We value parent voice in our community. Although we cannot meet at the school, we still continue to meet virtually every month. Not only do parents learn what is happening in the school, we also ask for input and ideas which influence our decision-making. It would be wonderful to have more parents at our meetings. May is our last meeting for the school year and is the Annual General Meeting. Here we will finalize our board for next year. If you are interested in supporting School Council and/or Meadow Ridge Fundraising Committee and having a voice in what we do, please join us on Thursday, May 20th at 6 pm. The link is always found on our website at:

<https://meadowridge.fsd38.ab.ca/School%20Council.php>

Moving or Changing Schools?

If you are moving and will no longer be attending Meadow Ridge next year, can you please let the office staff know. This allows us to keep more accurate numbers when staffing for next year and making classes.

Important Dates:

Thursday, April 22nd: Earth Day

Thursday, April 22nd: Throw Back Thursday Spirit Day – dress like a decade of your choice

Friday, April 30th: Professional Learning Day – NO CLASSES for students

Monday, May 3rd: Council of School Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 5th: Hats On! For Mental Health

Thursday, May 6th: Lifetouch Spring Photos for K to Gr 9

Thursday, May 20th: School Council AGM & Fundraising Committee Meetings 6-8 pm

Friday, May 21st: Professional Learning Day – NO CLASSES for students

Friday, June 4th: Elementary/Jr School PD Day – NO CLASSES for students

Tuesday, June 29th: Last day of school – 12:15 pm dismissal