



Community Connect

Remembrance Day Celebration

On November 10, we will be holding our Remembrance Day Service from 10:30 – 11:30. The majority of it will be held virtually and students will view it in their learning studios. Some students have been preparing short selections to share in the virtual presentation.

Unfortunately, this year will be a closed ceremony due to Covid-19. We will miss having guests that normally join us.

We have been talking to students about the importance of Remembrance Day. As part of this conversation we have asked that they dress up, if possible, to honor those who have sacrificed for the freedom we have today. Wearing a dress shirt, tie, skirt or dress would be appropriate. Students will be provided with a poppy to wear if they do not already have one. Students who are in Sparks, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs or other equivalent organizations are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

Many children at Meadow Ridge school have friends and family who are currently serving or have served our country. We would like to honor them. Please click on the following link to put a copy of a picture of friends and relatives to go up in our virtual Hall of Heroes.

[Meadow Ridge Virtual Hall of Heroes Dropbox](#)

These pictures will be on display for the month of November. Please have them submitted by November 4, 2020.

A big thank you to Mrs. Bolen, Mrs. Marcotte, and Ms. Powell for planning such a meaningful celebration for the faculty and students of Meadow Ridge.

Parking Lot Update

Thank you to those who have provided feedback and solutions on how to make the parking lot more efficient and safer. We appreciate your ideas and sharing your concerns.

Please note that it is a shared responsibility to ensure our children are safe and that we follow the expectations of Meadow Ridge so that it continues to be a warm and welcoming place. We truly appreciate all of your support while working through new challenges that arise. Please note that the traffic seems to back up between 8:28 and 8:35 am.

There is NO PARKING along the Drop-Off Zones. Drop off zones are those spaces where vehicles are required to parallel park.

Parents have been using these spaces to park and wait to drop off their children. Therefore, people are having to loop around several times before finding a drop off space. Others have resorted to dropping kids off in the middle of the parking lot meaning students are dodging through traffic. You can imagine that this is extremely dangerous. Students should only be crossing at the designated crosswalk and not running through roadways.

Drop-Off Zones are designed for “drop and go” in order to keep traffic flow moving. Therefore, if you park in the Drop-Off Zone, we respectfully ask for your child to promptly leave the vehicle and that you leave the drop off zone within 30 seconds. This will keep the traffic flowing during peak times. We also ask that you limit your speed to 10 km/hr as children are crossing at pedestrian crosswalks. If you want to wait with your child until closer to the bell time, you can park in the regular parking stall or drop off closer to 8:35.

The land across from the school belongs to the Town of Okotoks and is zoned for a community campus one day. It is not our decision to use as a parking lot. We will approach the Town to inquire whether this is a feasible option.

Moving forward, we will have Faculty and parent volunteers out there to monitor traffic and keep it flowing. Please be respectful of their requests and appreciate they are helping keep our kids safe our parking lot moving efficiently.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held virtually this year. It is a fabulous fundraiser for our Learning Commons to purchase more books for the school. Please see the attached document for details!

[Virtual Book Fair Flyer.pdf](#)

Virtual Book Fair Website Link

Christmas Fundraiser

The Meadow Ridge Fundraiser Society is planning on two Christmas Fundraisers this year. As you start to think about shopping for Christmas, we will have a Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser and Fundscrips Fundraiser. To find out more about Fundscrips, visit <https://www.fundscrip.com/>

Stay tuned for more information from the Fundraising Society.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, Nov 2nd - Lifetouch Photos (K, 8, 9)

Tuesday Nov 3rd - Lifetouch Photos (K - 7)

Wednesday Nov 4th - Student Learning Conferences

Thursday, Nov 5th - Student Learning Conferences

Tuesday, Nov 10th - Remembrance Day Ceremony

Wednesday, Nov 11th - Remembrance Day: **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday, Nov 19th - School Council & Fundraising Meetings (6 - 8 pm)

Friday, Nov 27th - Professional Learning Day: **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, Nov 30th - Term 1 Learner Profiles emailed home.

Happy Friday,

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Principal

Brad Skeet

Vice Principal