



COMMUNITY CONNECT

We were so excited to reconnect with students and meet new families this week. Smiling faces, new haircuts (or sometimes much longer, and curlier), taller, and back to school outfits made our week! Students brought energy and excitement back into the building and despite our new COVID procedures, everyone has adjusted well.

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. The traffic has been flowing steadily in and out thanks to you! Thank you for using the main parking lot rather than parking in the bus zone. As we finish off the first week, 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. It also slows the flow of traffic if there are people parked there. Please ensure the Fire Lane in the main parking lot is clear at all times. You are able to park in any stall that is not reserved.
- There is **construction** happening in the main parking lot. Please be careful when coming through the loop and watch for caution tape. It should be fixed by next Friday.

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.

Learning Outdoors

We are encouraging classes to learn outdoors. As such, please ensure your children are dressed to go outside everyday whether sun, rain, wind and snow.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, Sept. 7th - Labour Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
 Tuesday, Sept. 8th – Operations Day – NO SCHOOL
 Wednesday, Sept. 9th - First Day for ALL students
 Thursday, Sept. 17th – School Council/Fundraising Society @ 6 pm
 Thursday, Sept. 24th – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL
 Friday, Sept. 25th – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL
 Friday, Oct. 2nd – Terry Fox Run

Have a great weekend,

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 Principal

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 Vice Principal