

The Meadowview Hawk

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back Everyone!!

It's great to see the kids and parents again! I hope everyone had lots of time together as a family and lots of family fun!

We have been busy preparing for another outstanding school year at Meadowview! The school looks amazing thanks to Mr. Major and Mrs. Stevens. We had some painting and new flooring done in the office and learning commons over the summer and it looks bright and beautiful. Our gymnasium had new lights installed and we have new mats on the walls for safety. The end wall mats have the new school logo on them and adds to our school spirit.

Our teachers have been organizing for another terrific year of learning and fun. We have two new staff members: Mr. Hoy in grade 5/6 and Mrs. Osborne is a new EA.

We have made a slight change to the lunch time for this year. The students eat at 12 noon instead of 11:50 but our schedule is the same with our outdoor recess being 30 mins long and a recess at the beginning and end of the day.

We are having an open house next Tuesday at 5:00 PM so parents can meet staff and take a look around the school. The book fair will also be set up in the Learning Commons.

Our total enrolment is up this year with our student count being at 138.

I'm really looking forward to another year with the Meadowview school community and most of all the students! As always, call me anytime if you have questions or concerns.

Go Hawks!

Mr. Corney
Principal

OPEN HOUSE

Families are invited to an Open House on Tuesday, September 11, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, see the classrooms, connect with parents of classmates and browse the book fair! More details will come shortly!

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

For the first days of school, our school is organized as seen in the chart below.

The UCDSB carefully reviews enrollment during the first weeks of school, and adjusts accordingly. We appreciate your patience as this review takes place. Changes to classroom arrangements *may* occur, based on the Board's input, our enrollment and caps on class size.

Name	Assignment
R. Butler roxanne.butler@ucdsb.on.ca	JK/SK
M. Perkins michelle.perkins@ucdsb.on.ca W. MacDonald wendy.macdonald@ucdsb.on.ca	JK/SK
A. Boisvert angela.boisvert@ucdsb.on.ca	Grade 1/2
P. Mooney paula.mooney@ucdsb.on.ca	Grade 2/3
A. Simpson angela.simpson@ucdsb.on.ca	Gr 4/5
D. Hoy dan.hoy@ucdsb.on.ca	Gr 5/6
B. Labelle blaine.labelle@ucdsb.on.ca	French
R. Scott rob.scott@ucdsb.on.ca	LRC/Phys Ed
S. Whitehead	EA
V. Wichers	EA
B. Osborne-Monaghan	EA
I. McLeish	LCI/Library
J. Dubois joyce.dubois@ucdsb.on.ca	Office Admin
K. Major L. Stevens	Custodians
D. Corney dave.corney@ucdsb.on.ca	Principal

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We have several other people who provide support in various ways at school. Some of these people are UCDSB employees. Others work for other agencies. We are grateful for their work.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE



Our day will begin at 9:10 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

9:10	Recess
9:20	Instruction Begins
12:00	Lunch break for all students
12:20	Recess for all students
12:50	Start of afternoon learning block
3:10	Recess for all students
3:30	Dismissal

* Please note lunch and lunch recess start 10 minutes later than last year.



PICTURE DAY

School photos will be taken on **Thursday, September 27th** in the gym. Retakes are scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24th**.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Over the past several years we have been really happy to improve the reliability of our e-mail list. This list is really helpful for distributing newsletters, calendars and other

important information.

Fewer newsletters are lost in backpacks, and the list was really helpful with getting out news that is directly for adults. Electronic communication means we cut down on a lot of photocopying too. This is really helpful in our EcoSchools focus.

Families who do not have e-mail addresses will continue to receive paper copies.



BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Kampus Kids operates a before- and after-school childcare program here at Meadowview. Their hours are 6:30 – 9:10 a.m. and 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Please call **613-341-9224** for more information. Subsidies are available through the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville (613-324-3840 ext. 2119).

The success of this program is based on the support it receives from the Meadowview and Pineview school communities. If you need before- and after- school care for your child(ren), please call them!

Please note that there is maximum number of JK/SK students that they can take in a group. If your child is in JK/SK there is limited space.

They have just started a waiting list and may be able to add an additional staff member if they get enough interest.

FRONT DOOR LOCKED



Our front door is locked during the day. If you come to the school during school hours when the door is locked, please look to your right, press the button (once), and we'll either speak with you or you will hear a "click" that means the right hand door has been unlocked. If you come after 4:30 p.m., it may not be possible to come in, as Mrs. Dubois finishes work at 3:45, and there may not be someone in the office to answer the bell.

ALL school visitors must check in at the office!

We try to not interrupt teachers during class time. If you need to drop items off for your child, they can be left at the office and your child can get them between their schedule. Thank you for your help.

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PARENT COUNCIL



The Parent Council will hold their first meeting on **Thursday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library.

All parents are always welcome!

Please watch for the letter that asks for your help.

Without more help, the lunch program will not be able to operate. Please help in any way you can!!!

STUDENT PICK UP AT 3:30

You will need to meet with Mrs. Wichers at the end of the day to get your child(ren) at the east gate.

Mrs Wichers will have a list of students being picked up at 3:30 (end of school day) that she will get from the office. Please let Mrs. Dubois know of any plans for end of day pickups as far in advance as possible so your child can be on the list.

BOOK FAIR



Watch for news on our Facebook page and e-mail about upcoming events, including a Scholastic Book Fair running on September 11 to 14th. If there is any change, we will let you know. Volunteers will be needed!

MILK PROGRAM



The milk program will be delayed until October. Please watch for further information.

LUNCH PROGRAM



Our lunch program, which is run by our Parent Council and raises some funds for programming for our students (e.g. Arts programming, field trips, etc.), needs **YOUR** help.

Volunteers process the orders and serve the lunches on Fridays. They also bake treats for Bake Sale days.

IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

There are several important papers coming home that parents need to complete, sign and return as soon as possible. The next section of the newsletter explains them.

SAFE ARRIVAL/UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

We work to make sure we know the location of **EVERY** student **EVERY** day.

If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please let us know either through "My Family Room", by e-mail or by phone (leave a message before/after office hours). If you notify the office, we will tell the teacher, and if you notify the teacher he/she will tell the office.

If it is a sudden absence due to illness or a family emergency, please call the school (leave a message after hours or send an e-mail to joyce.dubois@ucdsb.on.ca . You can also enter absences through "My Family Room". Feel free to send e-mail or make calls any time – we check all these sources first thing each day.

If your child is away, and we don't have information from you, we will start using the numbers you've provided on the **BUFF**-coloured "Safe Arrival/Unexplained Absence Form". **Please complete and return this form promptly.**

Knowing where all of our students are is important adult work, so even if a sibling tells us where the absent student is, we still need to confirm this with an adult.

Please let us know! If we cannot reach anyone, the police will be called to ensure your child is safe.

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STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION

Every student brings home an individualized Student Information Verification form. It is **critical** that we have up-to-date information for each student. We are especially concerned that phone numbers and e-mail addresses are accurate. **Please check, change, sign and return these forms promptly.**

PARENT SPORT RISK CONSENT FORM

This form is to be completed on behalf of an athlete that wishes to participate in interschool sports and must be returned to the school prior to the athlete's first team tryout. We are sending this form home for grade 2 to 6 students. (Grade 2 students participate in Cross-Country running.)

MEDIA RELEASE CONSENT FORM

This form will only be sent home with JK students and for those students that are missing a form in our files. The **GREEN** form with this package is used to allow us to display materials created by your child and pictures of your child.

We appreciate being able to share your child's work and pictures of your child at work and play. When we post pictures of your child on our school webpage or our Facebook page, we **do not** identify your child. Some parents tag their children's pictures on our Facebook page. **Never tag another child, or use your child's name when you tag.**

Please review this form carefully, complete it and return it to school promptly.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS IMPORTANT PAPERWORK PROMPTLY!

STUDENT INSURANCE

The Upper Canada District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries

incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

We do make available an Accident and Life Insurance Program for students. Participation in such a program is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian. Information pamphlets are being sent home.



ALLERGY ALERT

Our school has students and/or staff with peanut and tree nut allergies. **We kindly ask that you do not send products that contain peanuts or tree nuts.**

There are food suppliers who are marketing peanut-free products that look, taste, and smell like peanut butter. These peanut butter substitute products can cause confusion and create an unsafe environment for our students and staff who are peanut anaphylactic. Therefore, due to the difficulty in differentiating between peanut butter and a peanut butter substitute, **we do not allow these products in our school.**

Thank you for your support in keeping a safe environment for all.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



The UCDSB has a policy that clarifies what we ask students and their families to pay for.

No student is to be asked to pay for anything that is directly related to the curriculum.

Students are **NOT** required to bring any supplies to school, other than indoor shoes, a lunch kit (with spoon/fork) and a backpack.

Students **MAY** bring school supplies to school. These supplies should be carefully labeled.

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Our Kindergarten students will be asked to bring a towel or blanket and a small cushion for use during quiet time.

If students are able to bring inexpensive headphones or earbuds for use with our computers, it is appreciated, but this is NOT required.

Students in several classes will be using agendas for communication. There is no charge for the agendas. We do not buy tissues out of our school budget. Should your child have a runny nose, please send some **tissues** to school with him/her. If you could donate a box of tissues, we would be grateful.

Please **label** all items so we know who things belong to.

WASTE-FREE LUNCHES

Since we are a certified EcoSchool, we encourage "Waste Free Lunches" every day. **Please remember to pack a metal spoon/fork** for that snack or lunch. Should it be forgotten, we only provide utensils on an emergency basis. We do not have extra metal utensils because they either get lost or not returned. The number one ingredient in plastic is the hydrocarbon, which comes from oil or natural gas. They are not recyclable and end up in the landfill where they will sit for thousands of years never decaying (or in the case of bio-plastic, decaying only slowly, if conditions are right, and turning into the potent greenhouse gas methane).



ELECTRONIC DEVICES



Students are not encouraged to bring electronic devices to school. If parents permit it, they should discuss the rules for the use of devices for their children (e.g. sharing with friends, not sharing with friends, games only on the bus, etc.). Electronic devices should not interfere with the learning environment.

Parents and teachers support the proper, safe use and storage of devices. Any device brought to school needs to be treated properly by its owner. **Labels and other identifying methods are strongly encouraged to identify the owner.** Parents are asked to ensure that the materials (games, apps, etc.) loaded/used are age appropriate, and suitable for use at school.

Each teacher will clearly discuss and enforce their expectations for storage and use of devices with students.



Devices are never to be used for taking photographs. If photos are taken, it is only with the direct permission of a teacher. (This applies to all parts of the school

day, including on the bus.)

School phones should be used for all phone calls. Cell phones should not be used for phone calls when at school and on the bus.

Thanks for your support in the use of electronic devices in safe and appropriate ways.

LIBRARY BOOK EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

Ian McLeish is the Learning Commons Informationist (LCI) who works at several different schools will be working here on **Tuesdays**.

This will be the Library Book Exchange day for all students, except in cases where a classroom teacher chooses to do his or her own book exchanges.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The Gladys Burt Memorial Cross Country Meet will take place on **Wednesday, September 26th**. Rain date is Thursday, September 27th. It will be held at Rideau DHS in Elgin. The bus will leave Meadowview around 9:15 in the morning. Ms Mooney and Mrs Wichers will be holding practices starting early in September.

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TERRY FOX RUN

Our school's annual Terry Fox Run will take place on **Friday, September 28th**. Students and staff will be participating in the walk/run for Terry. Families are

welcome to participate.

A copy is attached. Forms can also be found on the Meadowview Public School website under "for Families", "Forms" or using this link:

http://meadowview.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/forms

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a medical condition, i.e. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or at risk for anaphylaxis, please contact us prior to September 14th to co-create a Plan of Care for your child.

HEAD LICE

Head lice is a social nuisance that can be a problem for schools.

If head lice or nits are noticed at school, we immediately contact the student's family and ask that the family follow-up with treatment of both the student's head and the home and belongings. We are able to provide financial support for the costs involved in treatment. Please ask for this support and it will be provided.

PLEASE check your child's head regularly (weekly is strongly reminded).

PLEASE call us if you find something, so we can notify the families of other students. We make every effort to keep your call as confidential as possible.

FACEBOOK



Have you liked us on Facebook yet?

This page is where we post pictures of our students at work and at play. It is a GREAT way to be up-to-date with what's happening at Meadowview.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Meadowview-Public-School-Ucdsb/535688249791700>

DRESS CODE

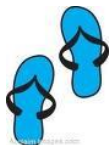
Staff and students are expected to dress modestly and appropriately for school.

Clothing should be free of inappropriate language and logos (e.g. advertising for alcohol is not acceptable).



Thanks for your support in helping students choose school clothing that meets these standards. Staff will provide verbal reminders and, if necessary, provide appropriate clothing and phone reminders.

Please **label** clothing and other items with your child's name/initials so we know who things belong to. Otherwise they will end up in the lost and found.



Flip flops and open-toed sandals **are not** appropriate for sport activities or on the swings or playstructures during recesses.

"AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION" FORM

School staff cannot administer "Over the Counter Medication" unless this form is completed and signed by the parent/guardian prior to the medication coming to the school.

"Prescription Medication" requires this form to be completed by a Physician and parent/guardian prior to any prescription medication coming to the school.

If you think that your child may need prescription medication, please take this form with you to the doctor's appointment. That way it can be completed while you are there.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS AVAILABLE

Ward 4 Trustee, John McAllister
provides regular updates through his
website at www.jjmcallister.com

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS AND THE COMMUNITY

MUSIC LESSONS



Are you considering music
lessons for your child?
Mrs Withers visits
Meadowview PS regularly to
offer piano, guitar and ukulele
lessons.

If you are interested, please
call Mrs Withers at her cell

613-213-5208 (please note change in number) or
withersbarbaral@yahoo.ca .

PA DAY NATURE CAMP

Friday, September 14th
Fall in love with nature
Landon Bay, Gananoque or
Kendrick's Park, Lyndhurst
Pre-registration required
www.frontenacarchbiosphere.ca

ATTACHMENTS:

- September Hawk Calendar
- 2018-2019 School Year Calendar
- Authorization for Administration of Medication