



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall everyone!

The weather is already changing and we have that strange time of year where some students are in t-shirts and some in winter jackets. It's always better to have a jacket and be able to leave it open or take off then not have warm clothes at school. We are off to a great start and have a solid enrolment of 139 students! This is up almost 10 students from last year! The great news about Meadowview is definitely getting around. We had to re-shuffle the kindergarten classes due to the added enrolment and hire another educator. We will know who will fill our RECE (Registered Early Childhood Educator) job in Mrs. Butler's class later this week.

The cross country team has already competed and had an excellent day at RDHS. I love to hear the complements from other schools about our students' great behavior and good school spirit!

We received our EQAO results from last year and we have improved in 5 or the 6 categories from the previous year. Our results were: Grade 3: Reading 64%, Writing 71%, Mathematics 71%, Grade 6: Reading 65%, Writing 65%, Mathematics 25%. The percentage refers to the number of students who achieved at or above grade level (levels 3 and 4). We will also receive detailed results that will help us create our school improvement plan. This information was recently shared at the school council meeting as well.

Our Book Fair was a huge success and we will receive a credit at scholastic to purchase books for our library. Thanks for your support!

We have performed 2 fire drills and 1 lock down drill so far this year. We will be doing another fire drill with the assistance of the fire department during the week of October 8-12 which is also Fire Prevention Week.

The Student Leadership Team will be a new addition to our school this year. We will be offering this leadership opportunity to grade 5 and 6 students who want to improve leadership skills and help make our school better. Any student who is interested will be filling out

an application form and having a parent sign it in the next week or so.

A reminder to parents that our Progress Reports will be going home on November 7. This is a brief report that will provide some information to parents on the progress of their child. This is also a good time for parents and teachers to connect via phone or in person to discuss student progress.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Go Hawks!

Dave Corney
Principal

Drive Away Hunger – Food Donations
Pick up Thursday, October 4 at 10:00



Thanksgiving Day
Monday, October 8, 2018

X-Country

Regionals – Wednesday, October 10
Location – Beverly Park, Delta

Finals – Tuesday, October 23rd
Location - Brockville Memorial Centre
(Grade 4-6 students that qualify)

Girls Soccer – Monday, Oct 15
Boys Soccer – Tuesday, Oct 16
Location – Rideau DHS

P.A. Day
Friday, October 26
Students do not attend this day.

The Meadowview Hawk
Meadowview Public School
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SCHOOL PICTURES

School Photos were taken on Thursday, September 27th. Retakes are scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24th**.

Students that were on cross-country will get their photos taken on Retake day.

Watch for more details when proofs are sent home.

PARENT COUNCIL

Meadowview Parent Council met on September 27 and Rachel Kloosterman and Megan Simmons have agreed to co-chair the council again this year! I am very excited to work with such an excellent School Council and we have a new staff representative in Ms Mooney! Please join us at the next meeting on **Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.** All parents are always welcome to attend.

FARM CREDIT CANADA: DRIVE AWAY HUNGER



We are participating in the Drive Away Hunger food drive again this year. A paper grocery bag and envelope was sent home for each family. On their "most needed items" list are: pasta or rice, canned meat and fish, soup, stew, canned fruit and vegetables, flour, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned or powdered milk, fruit juices, pasta sauce, infant formula and baby food. Any support that can be offered is greatly appreciated. Our donations will be picked up around **10:00 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, October 4th.**



FRESH FROM THE FARM - Fundraiser

We are excited to continue this fundraiser this year! The "Fresh from the Farm" program supports our local economy and Ontario farmers, with 40% of the proceeds going directly to Meadowview Public School. Order forms for vegetable and fruit bundles are being sent home. They are due back to school by **Friday, October 5 (note extended deadline)**. We need some parent volunteers to assist

with the organization of the bundles in November. This is also a great way for older students (high school age) to gain volunteer hours. Please contact Megan Simmons by email if you are able to help out at megsimmons1@hotmail.com. Our delivery date will be determined two weeks prior to pick up. Check out their website for further information – www.freshfromthefarm.ca. Thank you for your support.

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS FOR THE UPCOMING 2018-2022 SEAC TERM

The term of the current Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is ending this November and the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) is currently looking for nominations from local associations and members at large for the 2018-2022 term.

The UCDSB is seeking interest from local associations or organizations of parents who operate locally within the jurisdiction of the District to nominate a representative for the Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). Applicant associations or parent organizations must be incorporated and operate throughout Ontario to further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults. Applications for Membership-at-Large are also welcome. Applications can be found on the Board web site www.ucdsb.on.ca.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meets 10 times per year to consider and provide advice to the Board on special education programs and services for all exceptional children.

Applications can be sent to:

Ron Ferguson, Superintendent of Schools
Upper Canada District School Board
225 Central Avenue West
Brockville, ON K6V 5X1

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018

For further information, please contact
Ron Ferguson, Superintendent of Schools
1-800-267-7131
ron.ferguson@ucdsb.on.ca



CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING



On September 26th students participated in the Cross-Country meet at Rideau District High School. Coach Mooney is very proud of the team's grit and determination as demonstrated at our daily practices and the first meet of the season.

A special thanks to all the parents and Mrs. Wichers who assisted throughout the day and came out to support the team. In addition, providing action shots and team photos for our Facebook page was most appreciated.

Our next meet is the qualifier on **Wednesday, October 10** at Beverly Park in Delta. Students in Grades 4-6 who qualify in Delta will move on to the Upper Canada Cup in Brockville on October 23. Good luck runners!

KAMPUS KIDS



We are pleased to continue our partnership with Kampus Kids for before and after school child care.

They offer every-day, some-day, occasional, and urgent care. Please call 613-341-9224 for more information.

This important program needs your continued support!



TOONIES FOR TERRY

Students and families were very generous in our "Toonies for Terry" program. Many thanks to everyone for contributing to a successful fundraiser.

Terry Fox Run

Our school's annual Terry Fox Run took place on Friday, September 28th. It was great to see families, students and staff participating in a walk/run for Terry.

LOST AND FOUND

Please ensure that you claim any lost and found items by the end of each month. Items not picked up will be discarded.

PEANUT-FREE / TREE NUT-FREE SCHOOL



Due to Life-Threatening allergies, please do not send any foods that have peanuts.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPs)



During the first weeks of school, Individual Education Plans for students who require more individualized programming in order to be successful at school are revised, updated and developed.

If your child has an IEP, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to provide input.

IEPs will be sent home for parent signatures when they have been completed by the teachers.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Week of October 7-13

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere."



Members of the Elizabethtown-Kitley Fire Department will visit Meadowview during Fire Prevention Week to speak with students and to conduct a fire drill.



SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS



In the first months of school we will practice at least three fire drills and one “lockdown” drill. These drills are required by law and give staff and students needed practice in order to act calmly and appropriately in an emergency.

In order to maintain a calm approach, all staff and students will be alerted prior to almost all of these drills. After each drill, staff and students talk about how to improve our responses.



WASTE-FREE LUNCH CHALLENGE

Week of October 15-19



During the week of October 15-19th, we challenge everyone to send waste-free lunches EVERY DAY! Each day students who bring a waste free lunch will earn a ballot to enter a draw to win a popcorn party for their class. We are proud to be a certified EcoSchool and we appreciate the extra efforts to decrease our ecological footprint.



In addition, Mr. Scott collects the cardboard wrapper from Lunchmates and redeems the points for EcoSchools' prizes.

GOLDEN LUNCH BOX



Did you know that school lunches are a major source of waste in Ontario? In fact, the average student's lunch generates a total of 30 kilograms of waste per school year, or an average of 8,500 kilograms of waste per school per year.

At Meadowview, we encourage packing waste-free lunches where possible. We are able to recycle the following common lunch items:

- milk cartons
- juice boxes
- plastics with the recycling symbol
- aluminum cans
- Lunchmate

Each Wednesday is designated Waste Free Wednesday. Teachers and students calculate their class's participation rate and the class with the highest percentage wins the “Golden Lunchbox” which they proudly display for the week.

At the end of the term, winning classes will get one entry for each week that they have won and these ballots will be entered into a draw for a waste free popcorn party.



"OFFTOBER" – Energy Conservation Campaign

Dining in the Dark Challenge



In recognition of our Offtober campaign, we are participating in a spooky themed "Dining in the Dark Challenge" in the week leading up to Hallowe'en.

During this week, staff and students will be encouraged to turn off artificial lighting and make the most of available natural light. Why not try it at home and have dinner by candlelight one night or lights out lunch on the weekend during this campaign? Be sure to send in photos to Ms. Mooney paula.mooney@ucdsb.on.ca

What Uses Energy in Our School?



We are starting to crack down on "phantom energy" use in our school. So-called *phantom energy* (or "vampire power") is the electricity drawn from outlets when equipment is off but still plugged in. A group of students in the EcoSchools club will go on a "ghostbusting" mission by taking a walk around Meadowview to discover how we use energy and to think of ways we can bust "phantom power". We will fill you in on our findings and our action plan in a future issue of this newsletter. You can do your own audit at home and take an inventory of your "vampire appliances".

Trick or Treat

- ★ The average home has about 40 vampire energy electronics
- ✈ These appliances can account for about 20 percent on your energy bill.
- ☾ Vampire appliances can cost you about \$100 per year.

Vampire Appliances

- ✈ Cell phone chargers
- ✈ Standby coffee makers
- ✈ Video game consoles
- ✈ Printers and computers
- ✈ Cable and satellite boxes

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The trustee for our area is John McAllister. You can check out his regular reports at:
<http://www.boarddocs.com/can/ucdsb/board.nsf/public>

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

E-MAIL



We are e-mailing newsletters to all families for whom we have e-mail addresses. And that's almost every family!

TWITTER



Please follow Meadowview P.S. on Twitter!
[@meadowviewps](https://twitter.com/meadowviewps)

FACEBOOK



Check out our Facebook Page and like us.

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

The Meadowview Hawk

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For Families:

Is your child in JK? Have you submitted your child's immunization record to the Health Unit? According to the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), your child's immunizations are required to be up-to-date to attend school. Being fully immunized protects children against many diseases that are easily spread in schools. For more information on how to submit these records visit the Health Unit online at www.healthunit.org or call 1800-660-5853.

Is your child 7? Have they received their 4-6 year old immunizations? The 4-6 year booster requires 2 needles and protects children against the following 8 diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and chicken pox. If your child has received these boosters, it's important to notify the Health Unit. For more information on how to submit these records visit the Health Unit online at www.healthunit.org or call 1-800-660-5853.

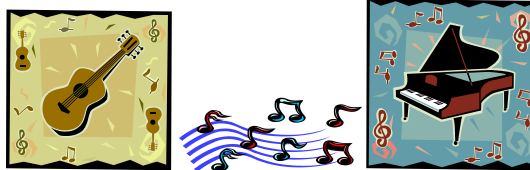
Talking to your child about cannabis and other substance. On October 17th it will become legal for those 19 years and older to buy, use, possess and grow non-medical cannabis in Canada. As we prepare for legalization, parents and caregivers may be looking for tips on how to talk to their children about cannabis and other substances. Parents and caregivers can try out these key strategies:

- Be the kind of adult you want your child to become;
- Spend time with your child and support the activities they enjoy;
- Communicate often and openly;
- Set clear and realistic expectations; know who your child is with, what they're doing and where they are;
- Know the law and the facts on cannabis and other substances.

For more information, check out the following resources: [Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#), [Cannabis Talk Kit](#), and [Triple P](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MAKING MARVELOUS MUSIC MATTER



There are still openings for music lessons.
Join in the fun of guitar or piano lessons
Where: Meadowview Public School
When: During school hours
For more information contact
Barbara Withers at 343-320-0089 or
Email: withersbarbara1@Yahoo.ca