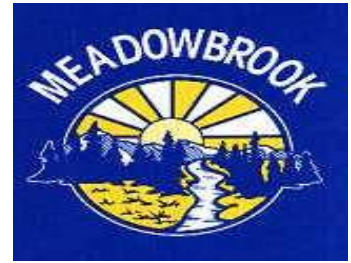


# Meadowbrook News

(Scent Free School)

## JUNE 2011



### Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that June is upon us. It does seem that only yesterday we were beginning the school year! With the coming of June, it means that we will be having many special events, and these will be highlighted in this newsletter. With just a few short weeks left, teachers continue to encourage students to do their best in their schoolwork.

On another front, I had the opportunity to watch our school participate in the annual District Track and Field meet which was held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. I was tremendously impressed by both the athleticism and behaviour shown by our almost 50 participants. They were excellent ambassadors for our school.

This is the time of year that we start finding out about changes for the upcoming school year.

It has been a privilege to work with you, your children, and also with such a dedicated staff. I would also like to thank our parent community for their constant support. It truly is a pleasure to work in such a supportive environment! I wish you all a happy, restful summer and hope to see most of you back in September. To those families who will be leaving our school community, and going elsewhere, we wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Sally Maidens



### Track and Field Season

Meadowbrook students in grades 3 to 5 had a wonderful time at Percy Perry

Stadium competing in our district track meet on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the many teacher coaches who worked diligently with our athletes rain or shine. Special thanks go to Boss, Mrs. Chaikin, Ms Ewanowich and Mrs. Fortier for all of their behind the scenes organizing our program. Meadowbrook students were winners because of their excellent sportsmanship and all out Meadowbrook pride on and off the track.

### Vancouver International Children's Festival

On June 2 our entire school was given the opportunity to experience the Vancouver Children's Festival, held this year on Granville Island. Despite the pouring rain, students had a great time and especially enjoyed the performance, Russell's World. This trip was made possible through generous donations by Sun Life Financial and McCarthy Tetrault Foundation, who donated enough money to pay for 2 buses and 133 tickets to the play.

### Milton Randall drumming workshop

On June 1 the students were treated to a day of drumming instruction by Milton Randall. They gave a performance of what they had learned at the end of the day. Thank you, PAC who organized this special event!

**Sports Day** Even though soggy fields kept us inside, everyone had a great day on Friday for our sports day. Thanks to Mrs. Hart and Ms. Chaikin for organizing this event. All teams were scored very close, but the Green team squeaked into first place. We are waiting to see how much money we have raised for the PAC penny drive. Great team work and positive attitudes were seen throughout the day!

### Are You Planning to Move?

If your family will be moving over the summer months and attending another school next year, please let the office know as soon as possible. This information is **vital** in helping us plan for school organization of classes in September, 2011. Please inform us in writing by the end of June if you plan to be away on an extended holiday in the first weeks of September.

### Library Books

As of the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> all library books are due back to the library. If students have overdue books could we please ask you to check at home? Thanks for your assistance.



### Grade 5 Farewell

A Grade 5 Farewell Assembly will be held in the school gym on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Parents are invited to attend. In addition to the Farewell Assembly the Grade 5's will be going to the Water Slides on June 24<sup>th</sup> as a special year end event.

### Kindergarten Start-up Next Year

This year, all families of children entering kindergarten will be having a welcoming conversation with the teacher, and so, after registering on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, our kindergarten teacher will be meeting with families for Wednesday and Thursday of the first week. Kindergarten students will begin their regular program on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Lost and Found



We are always amazed how many articles of clothing and other items end up being unclaimed in our lost and found box near the school office. Our lost and found items are retained until school ends and then is sent to a local charity. Please drop by and take a look for that missing item.

### Dates to Remember:

- Pro D Day, June 6- school closed
- Parent Appreciation tea – June 7
- Grade 5 Water Slides June 24
- Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony, June 29
- Last day of school for students, June 29
- Admin. Day, June 30 – no school

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| September    |                                      |
| 6            | Schools open                         |
| 23           | Non instructional Day (district)     |
| October      |                                      |
| 10           | Thanksgiving Day                     |
| 21           | Non instructional day (provincial)   |
| November     |                                      |
| 11           | Remembrance Day                      |
| 14           | School not in session                |
| December     |                                      |
| 16           | Schools close for winter vacation    |
| 19-January 2 | Winter vacation                      |
| January      |                                      |
| 3            | Schools re-open                      |
| 27           | Non instructional day                |
| February     |                                      |
| 17           | Non instructional day (district)     |
| March        |                                      |
| 9            | Schools close for spring vacation    |
| 12-23        | Spring vacation                      |
| 26           | Schools re-open                      |
| April        |                                      |
| 6            | Good Friday                          |
| 9            | Easter Monday                        |
| 20           | Non instructional day                |
| May          |                                      |
| 21           | Victoria Day                         |
| June         |                                      |
| 4            | Non instructional day (school based) |
| 28           | Last day of regular classes          |
| 29           | Administrative day                   |
| 29           | Schools close                        |

Our 2011-12 school day will be:

*First entry bell – 8:55 am.  
Instruction begins – 9:00 am.  
Recess begins – 10:30 am.  
Entry bell for recess – 10:45 am.  
Lunch begins – 12:05 pm  
Lunch outside bell – 12:20 pm.  
Lunch entry bell – 12:50 pm.  
Instruction begins – 12:55 pm.  
Student dismissal – 3:00 pm.*

## Community News

### SD43 summer camps

School District 43 Community Schools are pleased to again be able to offer Children's Summer Camps from July 4<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration forms for this year's Summer Camps are available at Seaview, Miller Park, Central, and Pitt River Community Schools. Please note: This year's camps take place at Seaview and Pitt River Community Schools. Forms and information can also be downloaded - please see the School District's web site: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and click on the link or [www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/seaview) , [www.sd43.bc.ca/millerpark](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/millerpark) or [www.sd43.bc.ca/pittriver](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/pittriver) For further information please contact: Steve Brown-John at [sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sbrown-john@sd43.bc.ca) or 604 230-1233 and Heather Roemer at [hroemer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:hroemer@sd43.bc.ca) or **604 464-0207**.

### VANDAL WATCH : PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER OUR SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Our school is an important place in our neighbourhood. We all want to do everything we can to eliminate vandalism on school grounds this summer. Schools are most at risk during:

- Friday and Saturday evenings during the month of June
- Summer evenings in July and August especially when the weather is hot
- The week before school opens on Tuesday September 6, 2011.
- Friday and Saturday evenings during the month of September

### What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. Signs of trouble include late night trespassers and the gathering of unorganized groups of people. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers. **Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line 604-927-7600**

*Call immediately when something raises your suspicions ,Do not wait for the damage to be done.*

### Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself .**KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.**

### **Family Play and Learn: Bubbles!**

Wednesday, June 29th, 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m at Coquitlam Centre Mall, lower level in front of London Drugs.

