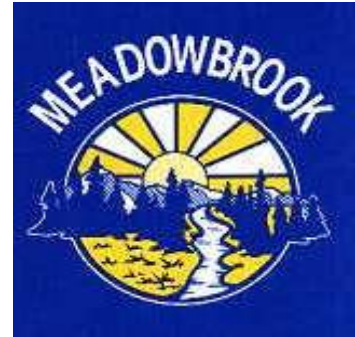


# Meadowbrook News

## NOVEMBER 2012



Dear Parents.

With recent tragic events in the news, there has been an increased awareness in the media of the importance of developing pro – social skills within our children . At Meadowbrook, we are addressing social and emotional learning through several programs that teach self - regulation and empathy. Mind – Up, How Is Your Engine Running?, Circles and Have You Filled a Bucket? are just some of the programs being used in various classrooms within the school. Self-regulation skills are encouraged and emphasized and the growing sense of community within each classroom is evident. Restorative Justice techniques, where everyone has the opportunity to be heard, are being used and the Peace Squad has been trained to help students solve their own problems peacefully. Staff and students recently went through a process to identify a common vision with the view to developing a school charter that is simple and easy to refer to.

I encourage you to speak to your child’s teacher about any questions you have about how your child is learning social responsibility at school.

Sally Maidens

### Remembrance Day

On Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, students will be participating in our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 a.m. This is a solemn occasion which helps us all to remember those men and women who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy in our country, to think about those who are serving our country today and to reflect on the responsibility we all have in helping to create a peaceful world. We will take a moment of silence to remember those who have made and who are making sacrifices for Canada. Parents are invited to attend. All across Canada there will be special ceremonies held to commemorate Remembrance Day on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. **In SD43, all schools are closed on November 9<sup>th</sup> and in lieu of Sunday, schools will be closed on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### Rainy Weather

The rain has arrived! The students will go rain or shine, so they will need jackets, hoods, umbrellas and boots. It’s healthy to go outside, get some fresh air and run around. As parents you can help by making sure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather.

### Halloween Parade

We all had fun dressing up in costumes and parading around the school in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 31st and we noticed that many parents joined in with us this year. A special thank you goes to students, staff, and parents who joined in the fun of wearing a costume during our afternoon costume parade.

**Meadowbrook General PAC Meeting: Monday November 5 at 7:00p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

### Student Leaders

We have many intermediate students who lead by example in our school by taking on special monitoring jobs. Here are a few of the ways that these students help at Meadowbrook:

#### Office Monitors:

If you phone our school at lunch you will receive a friendly greeting from one of our student office monitors. The office monitors take messages, contact teachers and help with small tasks in the office area.

#### Peace Squad

We have 14 grade four and five students who have received training from CERA around problem resolution. These students circulate on our playground at lunchtime, and if they spot a need, will approach students and offer to help them solve their own problem.

Recyclers – this group of students collect juice boxes and cans each week for recycling. Thanks for taking on this messy job!

### Photo Retakes

The photographer will be here on Monday November 13 for photo retakes. Smile!

**Lost and Found:**

We have jackets, coats, hats, and other items which must belong to someone in our school. Please check our lost and found box. Unclaimed items will be sent to a local charity.

**Share Hamper Drive**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items at the school, beginning December 1st. All donations will go to the SHARE food bank and will be picked up later on in December. Please watch for a notice coming home closer to the date and thanks in advance for your support of our larger community.

**Verification Forms**

On Monday, November 5, the green student verification forms will be coming home for you to check that all the information is correct. Please make any changes, sign the back and return them to your child's teacher.

## **Clocks 'FALL' back this Sunday, 2 a.m.**

**Community News:**

**Dates to Remember**

November 5	PAC Meeting – 7:00 pm.
November 8	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 9 & 12	Days off for Remembrance Day – <b>No School</b>
November 13	Photo retakes
December 14	First Student Reports
November 28 & 29	Parent Interviews - <b>Early</b>
<b>Dismissal 2:00</b>	
December 21	Last day of school before Christmas

Meadowbrook Players Daycare is holding a Winter Clothing Drive and we need your help! We are looking for donations of the following items for children & adults (new or used):

- Snowboots/Rainboots/Runners/Shoes
- Blankets/Comforters
- Coats/Jackets/Vests/Sweaters
- Hats/Toques
- Scarves
- Snow pants/Jeans/Pants
- Tops
- Gloves/Mittens
- Socks

Several donations boxes can be found in front of Meadowbrook Players Daycare across from the StrongStart classroom.

Donations will be collected until Thursday November 8th. All items collected will be donated to the homeless through Trinity United Church.

If you any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Luisa at: 604-338-8943.

Thank-you for any donations we receive! We hope to make this winter a little less chilly for those who need our help!

