

PARENT NEWSLETTER



November 2023

Principal's Message

Meadow Lane Families,

What a great month October was! Thank you to all of the parents and family members who volunteered on field trips this month to the pumpkin patch, Anderson Museum and Coleman Fish Hatchery. It was also wonderful to see many of you at the Parent Booster Club's Fall Festival. I loved seeing everyone dressed up and enjoying themselves!

Friday, November 3rd is the end of the first trimester. Students in K-5th grade have completed the district benchmark assessments, and teachers will be completing grades for this trimester. Additionally, Parent Teacher Conferences will take place the week of November 13-17. Remember, these are Minimum Days. Dismissal times are the following for the week: TK/K/SDC @ 12:45 PM and 1st-5th @ 1:00 PM.

November is looking to be a great month at Meadow Lane Elementary! Thank you for partnering with us to educate your children. Have a wonderful month and a Happy Thanksgiving. As always, please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Kindly,

Karen Maki
Principal



School Information

Begins at 8:00 am

Dismissal: TK/K at 1:45 pm, Minimum at 12:45 pm

Dismissal: 1st-5th at 2:00 pm, Minimum at 1:00 pm

School Holidays & Breaks

11/9 Veteran's Day Holiday

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Break

12/22-1/8 Winter Break

Please Arrive on Time to School

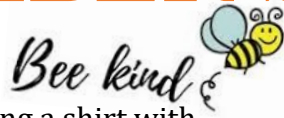
If your student arrives after 8:00 am, please have them check in at the office for a pass to class. The office is able to then mark them present and avoids autodialer calls stating your student is absent. Thank you for your cooperation, it is important to have accurate attendance for student safety. If your child is going to be **absent please call** the school office at (530) 378-7030.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

- 11/1-17 Memorial Penny Drive
- 11/3 Coffee with The Principal 8:00am
- 11/7 Parent Booster Meeting 6:00pm
- 11/10 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
- 11/13-17 MINIMUM DAYS Students Dismissed at 12:45/1:00
- 11/13-17 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/17 Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/20-24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving
- 11/16-17 Fundraiser Order Pick Up (Estimated Dates)
- 12/22-1/8 December Holiday Break

NOVEMBER SCHOOL NEWS

Kindness Tuesday



Join us every Tuesday in wearing a shirt with a positive message to promote kindness all over our campus! Staff and students are encouraged to wear kindness shirts and to practice positivity throughout our school.

Every Penny Counts!

The Parent Booster Club invites students and staff to donate spare change to our Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund is used to assist students at Meadow Lane who have lost a parent. The Penny Drive dates are November 1st through November 17th. No donation is too small! Please see flyer for more information. The top 3 classrooms will win a popcorn party.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled for every student and will be held Monday, November 13th through Friday, November 17th. All are **minimum days**, dismissing TK-K students at 12:45 pm and 1-5 grades at 1:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. During the conference, your child's teacher will be prepared to review your child's current academic progress with you. It is important that you attend this conference. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you soon to schedule an appointment through Parent Square.

Report Cards

Student report cards for Trimester 1 will be sent home on Friday, November 17th or handed out at parent teacher conferences. Parents remember to sign the Report Card Envelope and return it to your child's teacher to use for the next Trimester.

Catalog Fundraiser Item Pick Up

We are hoping that orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving break begins. Parents will be notified the date, time, and details for pick up. Please watch for Parent Square posts, Facebook announcements and teacher communication.

AR Reading Goals

The 1st Trimester Reading Goal ends on Friday, November 3rd. The Trimester AR Reward Event is a field trip to Round Table Pizza for lunch. They must meet their goal by the end of the school day on Friday to be eligible to attend the field trip. A Permission Form will be sent through ParentSquare. Keep encouraging them to read!

Physical Education at Meadow Lane

Mr. Greene, our P.E. teacher was so excited to tour the new gym. He sees so many possibilities to keep our students moving and playing. He recently purchased a new curriculum with a focus on increasing student engagement in PE while also achieving an acceptable level of physical fitness. The new curriculum (SPARK) focuses on teaching basic movements, in a variety of ways, so that students can experience success and feel comfortable during present and future physical activity. He plans to utilize the new gym space to it's full potential. Mr. Greene is planning to expand and cover new activities such as volleyball, floor hockey and dodgeball. The new gym will give PE an indoor space to utilize during the harsh winter months, which have normally been covered in a small classroom sized area.



Meadow Lane's Essential Pieces

Mr. Brian, our friendly head custodian was recognized at last month's board meeting. Brian is absolutely an essential part of our campus. Brian is often working behind the scenes yet his contributions do not go unnoticed. We also recognized our amazing office managers, Lisa Zumalt and Lanyon Schuster. Both women are great at their jobs and ensure that our day to day operations run smoothly. On behalf of all the students, teachers and staff at Meadow Lane, I want to express our gratitude for all that these three people do for our school.

NOVEMBER SCHOOL NEWS

Monthly Character Trait



This month's trait is "TEAMWORK". This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. See more information on the attached Family Newsletter from Capturing Kids Hearts. The 3 steps include activities to help families practice and work together as a team: Engage, Empower and Excel.



Tips for Teaching Kids Gratitude:

- Teach them to say thank you to the people who do things for them
- Tell your kids why you are grateful for them
- Talk about the things you are grateful for
- Support a charitable event or organization
- Be consistent

Coffee with The Principal



Coffee with the Principal is Friday, November 3rd at 8:00 am. We hope you can make it. Mrs. Maki is excited each month to meet new parents and share "Good Things" happening at Meadow Lane.

Join the Parent Booster Club

Please mark your calendar. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in room #4. If you attended the Halloween Carnival you were able to see first hand what a fabulous support they are to Meadow Lane staff and students. Come to the meeting to share your ideas and talents, we would love to see more parents involved.

School Spirit Fridays

Show your school spirit every Friday! Wear your Meadow Lane Eagles t-shirts or school colors with pride. Let's turn the whole school blue and white. Students will receive tickets and be eligible for a raffle at our trimester events.

Halloween Carnival Success

The Meadow Lane Parent Booster Club hosted our annual Halloween Carnival last Friday. We had a great turn out and the Haunted House was quite popular. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this event such a success, parents and staff! This was a wonderful fundraiser for our booster club earning close to \$1,000 which directly benefits our students. Our booster club has been so flexible hosting the carnival in the bus loop these last 2 years. Did you enjoy it? If you'd like to help with future events, please come to a Parent Booster Club meeting.

October's SELF DIRECTED LEARNER Character Award Recipients

Congratulations to the students listed below who were chosen to receive the October Character Award by their teachers.

Alessa Brown	Julieta Gonzales
Allysanne Harworth	Kaynen Eblen
Amelia Smith-Mitchell	Khlaondre (Jr) Haskins
Andy Yang	Lennox Soukkee
Anniston Murgia	Lino Ruiz Padilla
Arturo Garcia Maldonado	Madeleine Baldwin
Audrey Lupercio-Barragan	Maisie Baker
Averie Boyd	Makenna Sisk
Bella Ramos	Makynzlee Rico
Brantley Copeland	Mike Hayes
Brylee McAlister	Myson Emmrich
Cadence Jensen	Paetyn Skiles
Chloe Bushey	Penelopi Bennett
Damascus Johnson	Shane O'Brien
Derek Wen	Silas Baldwin
Devin Coleman	Teagan Mason
Edward Snell	Tenley Campbell
Gamaliel Ocampo-Garcia	Wyatt Stahle
Jaxon Moss	Zaharah Kees



Meadow Lane Elementary School Construction Update

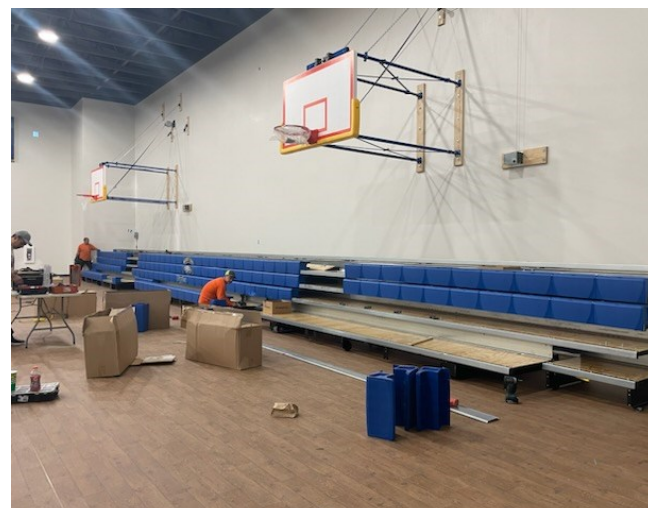
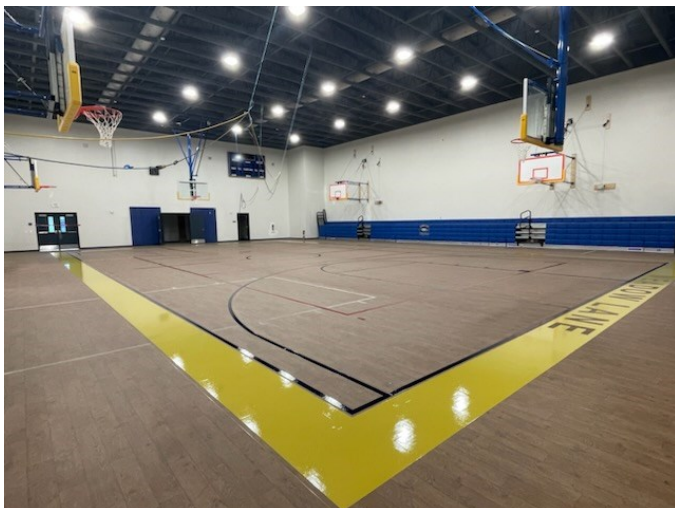
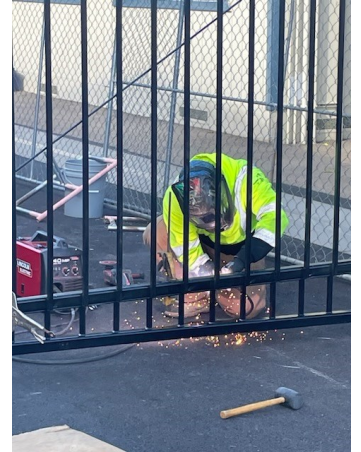


Work is moving forward, PG&E is scheduled to begin work on campus Tuesday, November 7th. They will install permanent power to our new building. Once this is done contractors will “Test and Balance” the system. This includes starting up and testing all equipment, moving all fire alarm system components and controls into the new office. Permanent power to our building will allow final steps to begin on the new building. We are excited as this is the beginning of the end of construction.

Progress on the inside of the building has been mainly focused in the gymnasium. Bleachers have been installed, they pull out from the wall to seat students in addition to tables and/or chairs. They even have our Meadow Lane logo emblazoned on them. The basketball court lines have been painted on our new flooring and look fantastic! The basketball hoop heights are electronically adjustable from 8 feet to 10 feet allowing our younger students better access.

Contracts were just accepted for the technology needs in our new spaces. The vendor will begin installation in the next few weeks. Gate installation including welding panels to prevent unauthorized access was completed. The kitchen is waiting for outside vendors to install dry storage racks and required final health and safety components to be food service ready.

We are hoping for a move in date at the end of December. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is in the early planning stages.



Meadow Lane Penny Drive



The Meadow Lane Parent Booster Club invites our students, staff and visitors to donate spare change to grow our Memorial Fund to provide assistance to students who have lost a parent or guardian.

No donation is too small- every penny counts!

Send your donations to your child's classroom(s). The top 3 classes with the largest donations will win a popcorn party from the Parent Booster Club.

**Penny Drive will begin Wednesday
November 1st and run through Friday,
November 17th**



Thank you for supporting our school community.

Better Together

Work together to reach a goal.

*This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop teamwork in your child.** We can do this by modeling gratefulness, acknowledging positive moments, and affirming each other. Use this month's activities to practice working together and celebrate your family as a team.*



1 ENGAGE: Grateful for you

I am grateful for you! Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member all month. What you give attention to grows! On a sticky note or small piece of paper, write one thing you appreciate each day about your child and post it on their bedroom door. Doing this will plant seeds in their heads and hearts to help them see good things about themselves.



2 EMPOWER: Walk in My Shoes

Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member. Have every family member trace one of their shoes, then trade drawings and write three words you admire about that family member on their "shoe." Discuss how each family member brings something great to your family team.



3 EXCEL: Pay it Forward

When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for someone else. Doing this is a wonderful way to continue the cycle of gratitude. "Paying it forward" is a way of showing love and kindness to others. It could be something as simple as holding the door open for someone or buying coffee for a stranger. Once a week, share as a family one time you "paid it forward" during the week.

Conversation Starters

♥ What is the best affirmation or compliment someone has ever given you?

♥ What are some things we are lucky to have but sometimes find ourselves complaining about?

♥ What is your favorite family memory?

HOW SICK IS **TOO SICK?**



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

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QUESTIONS TO ENCOURAGE GRATITUDE IN KIDS

1. What is one of your favorite gifts that someone gave you?
2. What's one kind or thoughtful thing someone did for you recently?
3. Who did you thank today? Who thanked you?
4. What's your favorite thing about living in our home?
5. What are you looking forward to this week?
6. How does technology make your life easier?
7. What's the best thing that happened today so far?
8. What about today has been better than yesterday?
9. What made you laugh or smile today?
10. How does it feel to do something nice for someone?
11. What's something about each of your siblings that you are grateful for?
12. What's one thing you do really well?
13. What place have you traveled to that you are most grateful for?
14. What's the most delicious thing you've eaten this week?
15. Who's someone who always listens when you talk?



BREAKFAST

All breakfasts include the following components:
2 Oz. Grains, 1 Cup Fruit & 1 Cup Milk. *Optional
breakfast is cereal, crackers, fruit & milk.

LUNCH

All lunches include the following components:
1 Cup Milk, 1-2 Oz. Meat/Meat Alt., 1-2 Oz Grains
Fruit & vegetables

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Meadow Lane Elementary School

Monday

BREAKFAST:
SAUSAGE & CHEESE BISCUIT
FRUIT

LUNCH:
FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE
CARROTS
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT

LUNCH:
CHICKEN, RICE & BEAN BURRITO
VEGGIE JUICE
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
STRING CHEESE & FRUIT

LUNCH:
MAC & CHEESE
SALAD
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
FRUIT & YOGURT PARFAIT

LUNCH:
MEATLOAF
MASHED POTATOES
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
PANCAKES
FRUIT

LUNCH:
PIZZA
SALAD
FRUIT

VETERAN'S DAY
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

BREAKFAST:
BISCUIT & GRAVY
FRUIT

LUNCH:
HOMEMADE
BEAN & CHEESE BURRITO
CARROTS & FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
FRENCH TOAST BAKE

LUNCH:
EGG MCMUFFIN
JICAMA
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
STRING CHEESE & FRUIT

LUNCH:
ORANGE CHICKEN & RICE BOWL
SALAD
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT

LUNCH:
TURKEY GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES
ROLL & FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGG & CHEESE CROISSANT
FRUIT

LUNCH:
PIZZA
SALAD & FRUIT
BIRTHDAY TREAT

Wednesday

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
STRING CHEESE & FRUIT

LUNCH:
MAC & CHEESE
SALAD
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT

LUNCH:
LOADED POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL
CARROTS
FRESH FRUIT

Thursday

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
STRING CHEESE & FRUIT

LUNCH:
MAC & CHEESE
SALAD
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT

LUNCH:
LOADED POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL
CARROTS
FRESH FRUIT

Friday

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
STRING CHEESE & FRUIT

LUNCH:
MAC & CHEESE
SALAD
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT

LUNCH:
LOADED POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL
CARROTS
FRESH FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
PANCAKES
FRUIT

LUNCH:
PIZZA
SALAD
FRUIT

Thanksgiving Break

No School

BREAKFAST:
SAUSAGE & CHEESE BISCUIT
FRUIT

LUNCH:
CHICKEN QUESADILLA
REFRIED BEANS, SALSA
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT

LUNCH:
CHILI & CORNBREAD
JICAMA
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
STRING CHEESE & FRUIT

LUNCH:
MAC & CHEESE
SALAD
FRUIT

BREAKFAST:
FRUIT & YOGURT PARFAIT

LUNCH:
LOADED POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL
CARROTS
FRESH FRUIT



Menus are subject to change
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday in November!
Birthday treat comes with hot lunch only.