

# Lancer Ledger

## *Parent Newsletter*



### From the Principal

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Meadowlawn Middle School! We hope this will be an exciting and successful year for our scholars. Our focus at MMS is to continue our efforts toward highest student achievement by making student learning relevant with real world applications. We value the connections between Meadowlawn Middle School Staff, our scholars, and families. We will continue to strive to educate our scholars to become independent learners and will encourage our scholars to inquire, think critically and to be responsible. The key to our success is that all educators and parents work together to enforce our high expectations. Therefore, we ask for your support as we work jointly to achieve these goals. **School starts Monday, August 13, 2018 at 9:40 a.m.** This newsletter is one of five newsletters you will receive this school year. The information given in our newsletters, phone messages and on our website will help you stay informed. Subsequent newsletters will be placed on our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/meadowlawn-ms>. Additional copies will be available in the front office.

We encourage you to join our wonderful School Advisory Council (SAC), PTSA or volunteer at our school. Your ideas and suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Parent meetings are held the second Monday of the month. SAC meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. PTSA meetings are also held the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. We are looking forward to greeting our returning Lancers as well as to meet our new scholars, parents/guardians and friends. We look forward to meeting all scholars and parents for **our Lancer Pride Day, Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>** Information for **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholars** will be distributed beginning at **8:30 AM**. Information for **7<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholars** will be distributed at **9:45AM**. Our **Open House Parent Night** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00pm-7:00pm**

Please know that we are available and willing to help you with any concerns. Enjoy the remaining days of summer with family and friends and remember, **Together Everyone Achieves More.**

Ursula Parris, Principal

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunizations

The State of Florida immunization requirement for 7th grade students entering or attending 7th grade now **REQUIRES a Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) prior to attending class.** Prepare now. Have your child seen for an annual health exam and review their immunizations. For additional information contact your school nurse or Pinellas County School Health Services at 588-6320

#### Lancer Pride Day Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8:30-9:45am
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:45-11:00am

Student Schedules  
Locker Purchase  
Lunch Accounts  
Bus Information  
Focus Sign Up  
New Student Orientation 9:15,10:15  
PTSA, SAC Information

#### Meadowlawn Middle School

6050 16<sup>th</sup> Street North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703  
727-570-3097 Office

Student Hours: 9:40am -4:10pm  
Student Drop Off: 9:15am  
Parent Portal:  
<https://focus.pcsb.org/>

## Back to School Open House

Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:00pm

*Come and visit with your child's teachers. The teachers will provide an overview of the class work and answer your questions*

### Important Papers

**On the first day of school**, your child will bring home several important items:

Clinic card

Code of Student Conduct

Free/Reduced Lunch  
Application

School Insurance

Meadowlawn Middle School will be following the Pinellas County **Dress Code Policy (5500.04)** for the 2018-2019 school year with the following modification: For inquiries, please view The Code of Student Conduct.

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/1588>

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## Counselor Corner

At Meadowlawn Middle School, we stress the importance of being on time to school and class daily. We realize that your child may have to be absent from school on occasion, and we ask for your help in consistently notifying your child's appropriate grade level office every single time they are to be absent from school. Acceptable notification may be in a written format provided to the grade level or front office. It is important that we are aware that your child will not be in attendance on any given day.

You may also click the link below to report an absence.

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/20968>

Thank you for your cooperation in fostering your child's academic success by ensuring they attend school every day and are on time to their classes

## School Hours

**9:40am-4:10pm**

Students should not be dropped before 9:15am

Monday - Friday and must be picked up from school no later than 4:20 pm after the end of the school day.

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedules

Schedules will be available during Lancer Pride Day (see info above).

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students will not be allowed to receive a schedule if proper immunizations have not been provided to the school, and they will not be able to attend class.



**Bus# / Route#** Parents

please make sure you know your child bus#/route#. This will help us better assist you when calling inquiring on delays or problems.

**Visitors/Parents:** All visitors/parents must present drivers license to obtain a visitors pass. For the safety of our students and staff no one will be allowed to enter the campus without appropriate identification. Each grade level has an administrator, a counselor, and a clerk in the grade level office. If you have a question regarding your child and you are unsure who to ask for, please call the grade level clerk, and she will direct you to the appropriate administrator or counselor to assist you.

	<u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Assistant Principal	Ms. Zitelli	Ms. Therrien	Mr. Blanco
Counselor	Ms. Bohac		Ms. Vales
Grade Level Clerk	Ms. Dickev	Ms. Freitas	Ms. Nichols

**BREAKFAST and LUNCH IS FREE TO ALL STUDENTS!** There are 2 serving lines inside the cafeteria and an ala carte serving line as well. All ala carte items costs extra, and are not served with lunch. If parents or students have any concerns or questions feel free to contact Ms. McCray, Food Service Manager, at 727-570-3097, ext. 2321

**Enrichment Activities:** We are excited to offer enrichment activities. From free tutoring and academic enrichment options coming soon. Please check the MMS website in September for the weekly scheduled activities.



## STUDENT SCHEDULES

Locker Purchase

Lunch Accounts

Bus Information

Focus Sign Up

New Student Orientation  
9:15, 10:15

PTSA, SAC Information

## Attendance Procedures

**Reporting Absences:** If your child is absent, please contact the school by phone (727-570-3097) and speak to the grade level clerk, giving your child's legal name, your name and the reason for the absence. You also have the option of clicking the following link to report the absence electronically. <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/20968> In order for an absence to be excused, the grade level clerk must be notified within two days of the absence. Regular attendance in middle school is very important. Missing more than 10 days is considered excessive. The school's attendance worker and principal may require a doctor's note after the 10th absence of the year. When students return from an absence, a confirmation note from the parent, doctor, dentist, etc. should be brought to the Main Office or grade level office before the student goes to class.

**Make-up work:** Students are to request make-up work when they return from an absence. They have the same number of days to complete the make-up work as the number of days absent. A parent may request assignments for a student AFTER the student's third consecutive day of absence. (See p.35 of The Code of Student Conduct, 2018-2019)

**Permit to Leave:** If a student must be picked up early from school for any reason, a note stating the time and nature of the dismissal should be brought to the grade level clerk or emailed before the first period. A Permit to Leave form will be issued. The student shows this to the teacher at the time stated, and the student reports to the grade level office. Parents will remain in the front office to pick up their students. Please make sure you bring in the proper identification to pick up your child. The person picking up the student **must** be listed on the student clinic card and information card.

**Pre-arranged absence:** To prearrange an absence, the parent must send a note to the administrator three days in advance for approval. Teachers are not required to give assignments ahead of time. It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to ask for and complete the make-up work upon returning from the absence.

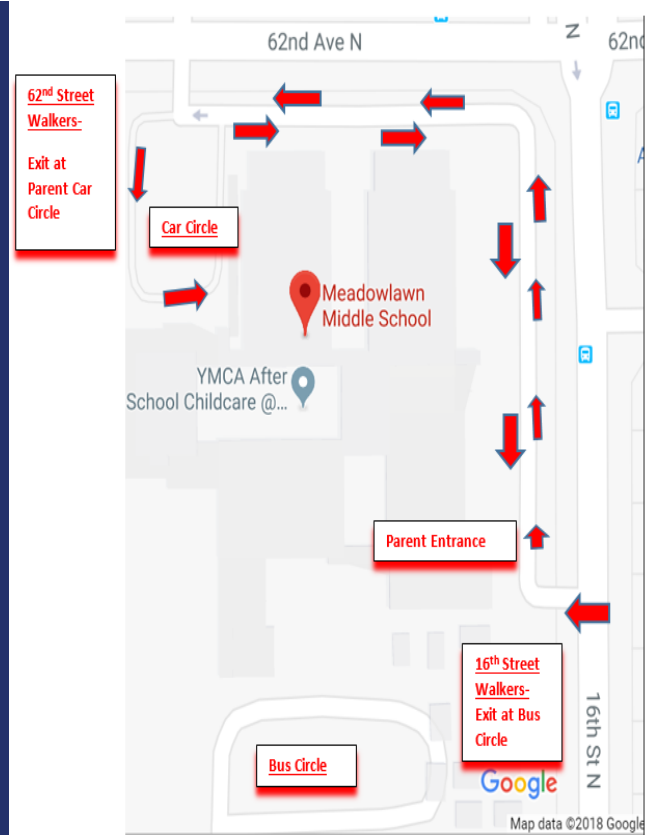
**Tardy to school:** Students arriving late to school must report to the Main Office.

**Walkers:** For all students who walk home, it is imperative that all walkers heading south on 62nd Ave begin their trek by leaving school at the Car Circle. Meadowlawn MS Staff will guide your child with this safety patterns. To all students who are walking on

16<sup>th</sup> Street must begin their exit at the Bus Circle. NO STUDENTS will be permitted to exit the school at the Main Entrance.

Parents: Please enter the Main Parking Lot of the School when dropping off (AM arrival) and picking up (PM dismissal) your child. Your child's safety is critically important to us, and this will provide the supervision of your child.

**Thank you for your support in the safety of all our students. Your cooperation is appreciated!**



### Important: Please Read!

Currently, we do not have a full-time nurse. Our nurse is on campus partially during the week. If a student becomes ill during the school day, he/she should notify the teacher and the teacher will send him/her to the grade level office to call a parent. If the nurse is available, the student will be sent to the clinic. If no one is able to pick up the student right away, the student is sent back to class to wait for the parent to arrive. In the event of an emergency illness or injury, an administrator will be notified and the appropriate action will be taken to obtain help for the child and to notify the parents. **Clinic Cards:** A clinic card, which is completed and signed by a parent, is essential for every student. This information provides a means for us to contact parents in the event of illness or accident, and, even more importantly, authorizes emergency medical treatment for a student, should it be necessary. Please look for the yellow clinic card to be brought home during the first days of school. Be sure to complete it and return it to the school. **Medications at School:** For all medication taken at school by students, we must have both parent and physician permission.

**Girlfriends ("Girls") Club** The mission of Girlfriends Club is to create a supportive environment for young ladies in Pinellas County that will promote student achievement, encourage positive behaviors, enhance self-discipline, develop personal dependability, cultivate high self-esteem, build strong relationships, encourage community service and provide positive role models. The MMS chapter of Girlfriends club is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls. Please contact **Ms. Dickey** for more information: [dickeyj@pcsb.org](mailto:dickeyj@pcsb.org).

**5000 Role Models** The goal of 5000 Role Models is to ensure that the youth of Pinellas County Schools are equipped with knowledge, skills, and experiences that will enable them to thrive in Mainstream America, while instilling in them self-confidence and self-respect. The MMS chapter of 5000 Role Models is open to all 6th, 7th & 8th grade boys. Please contact **Mr. Thurman** for more information: [thurmanb@pcsb.org](mailto:thurmanb@pcsb.org).

