

Meadowlawn Middle Parent Newsletter

Weekly Updates: Week of 10/12/2020

Reminders from Ms. Parris, Principal

- **Tuesday, October 13th 5:00PM Virtual "SAC" Meeting (School Advisory Council)**
- Thank you to our parents that joined us for our Virtual Principal Let's Chat Session and PTSA Meeting. Our next session is Thursday, November 12th at 5:30pm. Visit our School Website for further information
- **Change Phone/Email Contact Information**
Our school district requires accurate contact information to send parents phone calls and emails about:
 - Emergencies or severe weather.
 - School or district events.
 - Special application opportunities.To update your phone and email address:
 1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username and password. If you do not have a parent ID or forgot yours, please contact Meadowlawn MS Main Office at 727-570-3097, ext. 2000 for assistance.
 2. Select the option: "Change Phone and Email Address Only"
 3. Enter your child's name and date of birth or student ID number, and update your phone number and email address.

Curriculum and Scheduling Info (Mr. Blanco, Assistant Principal of Curriculum)

Progress reports will be posted on Focus on Friday 10/16/2020. Please encourage your child speak to their teacher about any missing work. Report card schedule for the 1st grading period is as follows:

SECONDARY (GRADES 6-12) STUDENTS				
Mid Period Report (for those students needing a mid-term report- see note below)	End of Report Period	# of Days	Final Grades and Comment Codes Due in FOCUS	Report Cards Distributed
Thursday September 17, 2020	Friday October 23, 2020	44	Friday - 4:00 p.m. October 30, 2020	Tuesday November 3, 2020

School Advisory Council (SAC) will have its 1st meeting of the school year on Tuesday 10/13/2020 @ 5:00pm. Please go to the **Meadowlawn MS website on Tuesday for the Zoom link to join the meeting.** We will be voting in board members, so your attendance and participation would be greatly appreciated.

What is SAC? The SAC assists in the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the school improvement plan; promotes communication among students, staff, parents, administration, and the community; assist in the preparation of the school's annual budget; serve as a resource for the principal and perform such other functions as are requested by the principal.

Please consider joining Meadowlawn Middle School's SAC.

School Operations (Dr. Gordon, Assistant Principal of Operations)

Our school safety and sanitizing procedures are in full swing. We are practicing **social distancing** in all areas of the school this includes **one directional hallways and stairways**. Each hall has hand sanitizer, and all classrooms are equipped with a **sanitizing station**. We have also implemented **staggered class transitions and dismissal** to minimize the number of students moving at one time. At the end of each school day, all classrooms are disinfected and sanitized. **Please remind your scholar to wear their mask so that it covers their mouth and nose. Also remind them to stay six feet apart from their classmates as they move through the hallways.** We will be conducting a safety drill this week. These drills prepare our students in case there is an emergency situation that arises.

Please remind all scholars that have been issued a laptop to store it in their book bag when not in use. This will reduce the chance of damage and costly repairs that take time and leave the scholar without a device.

School Expectations (Mr. Wicks, Assistant Principal of Athletics, Activities and Behavior Management)

For everyone's health, it is vital for our scholars to wear masks at all times while on campus (inside or outside), refrain from both physical contact whether we are talking about hugs, high fives, and handshakes or physical horseplay. Please discuss the importance of this during COVID -19 times with your scholar. Our goal is to have healthy students in class and online every day and every class. Please ensure that your scholar not only has a mask to wear at school; but also has extras in his/her bookbag. Numerous scholars are showing up to school daily without masks as well as masks can break during the day.

The best keys to great behavior are going to class right away and being highly involved and interactive during class. As a parent or guardian, please check Focus for your scholar's grades and discuss with them. **Great Behavior + Great Student Interaction = Great Grades**

A district decision was made last week to not have middle school athletics until 2nd semester. At that time, we will have three truncated seasons: volleyball, basketball, track. More information about tryouts for those seasons will come later as we approach the seasons.

Technology Updates (Ms. Putkonen, Media and Technology Specialist)

[New Hours for Car Circle – Appointment Only](#)

We will be changing our hours for the car circle starting Monday, September 21st. By now, most families have devices so if you need a device or want to **schedule an appointment** to talk with me about your child's computer, please email me **at putkonena@pcsb.org** and I will set up a time to work with you. You can also call me at **727-570-3097 x1030** to schedule a time to stop by the car circle to drop off library books or to handle a computer issue that you are having.

[MyPCS Scholars Can Check Out Library Books Too!](#)

Starting Monday, September 21st, the library will be open at Meadowlawn! If you are a MyPCS scholar and want to check out a library book, you can either borrow an ebook through the Sora app on Clever or you can go to the website Destiny.PCSB.org and place a book on hold. We will message you in Focus when it is ready for pickup and you can come around to the car circle to pick it up. **Car circle is by appointment only now**, so please call us before you drive over so that we can meet you outside with your book.

If you are a face-to-face scholar, you can come and check out a library book. Please make sure to put any books on the return cart that you have touched so that we can let them sit for a few days before shelving them again. Your support in keeping us all safe is greatly appreciated!

Family and Community Engagement (Ms. Covington, Family and Community Liaison)

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