

## Reminders from Ms. Parris, Principal

- It is our hope that you and your family are healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. If your child exhibits **symptoms relative to coronavirus, COVID**, please **seek medical attention, do not send your child to school** and contact the school for proper attendance reporting. If there is a member of **your family that has tested positive for coronavirus, please do not send your child to school** and contact the school for proper attendance reporting. If you have further questions about our COVID Health and Wellness Protocols, please visit <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/32652>.
- Face Covering Requirement- Scholars are **expected to wear Face Masks daily in school**. School staff will provide Face Coverings to scholars that report to school without a mask. **Scholars that do not follow the Face Covering Policy will be enrolled in MyPCS Online Learning**
- Please be review our RTL-**Ready to Learn process** which began this month (located on page 4)
- Parents of iReady Reading Scholars – Reference the iReady Parent Virtual Session (located on p. 2)

## 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.

## 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.**
- 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.
- **We have received the remainder of the digital devices for students. By now most scholars should have a device. if you still do not have a device and would like one, please contact the school**



# You are invited!

Get ready to learn about *i-Ready*.



## PLEASE JOIN US

Come learn about how

### Meadowlawn Middle School

will utilize *i-Ready* this school year. Find out how it will help identify student strengths and areas of need, guide personalized learning paths for students, and help them achieve more. You will also learn how *i-Ready's* mobile apps provide targeted skill instruction to boost student achievement.

*\*\*For Families that attend, scholars will receive a **free bag of popcorn** during the next school day\*\**

**WHEN:** December 17, 2020

**WHERE:** Access Zoom Link

**TIME:** 10:00AM-11:00AM

**FACILITATOR:** Leah Donnelly, LITERACY COACH



**CLICK HERE TO RSVP**

<https://tinyurl.com/RSVPiReadyParentVirtual>

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81403897145?pwd=Z3cwb0xlRmdBYjRiZExFamZFRTg4Zz09>

**WHEN:** December 17, 2020

**WHERE:** Access Zoom Link

**TIME:** 5:30PM- 6:30PM

**FACILITATOR:** Melissa Johnson, IREADY TEACHER



*Ms. Johnson's scholars will receive Extra Credit for Family Participation*

today! Visit [i-Ready.com/Tour](https://i-Ready.com/Tour)

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

- **Athletics** for the middle schools will not be until semester 2 with three truncated seasons (volleyball; basketball, cheerleading; track). Please begin preparing ahead of time. In order to try out, all athletes will need an athletic physical within the last year on file with the school. Athletic eligibility is having a minimum GPA of 2.0 from the previous semester. Since our sports will not be until semester 2, this means that the GPA requirement is based on their semester 1 grades (not quarters). If grades are in question, it is time to begin working to make gains. **Take advantage of the ELP tutoring program before school for PCS scholars and after school for Face to Face scholars.** Athletic participation packets are in the cafeteria and are on the website under quick links. All completed packets should be returned to Jerry Wicks in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade office. Scholars interested in boys volleyball should email Mr. Woods ([woodsmik@pcsb.org](mailto:woodsmik@pcsb.org)) and scholars interested in girls volleyball should email Ms. Guyotte ([guyottek@pcsb.org](mailto:guyottek@pcsb.org)). **It is vital that scholars email the coaches with interest ASAP. We have to make a decision by Dec 17 if we have enough interest to form teams and have a season!** Volleyball tryouts begin when we return from winter break and scholars must have all parts of the packet completed to participate.
- **Congratulations to our December PBIS Award Winners! 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month – Kayla Phrasikaysone; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month - Shianne Farley ; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month – Latrellis Anderson; Non-Certified Staff Member of the Month – Nieves Freitas; Certified Staff Member of the Month - Leah Donnelly**
- Parents, please discuss the importance of proper hallway behavior with your scholars. This includes going directly to the next class in order to be early / on time, eliminating the horseplay, and wearing masks properly. This helps us keep all students as safe as possible and helps them become ready to learn when entering their classrooms.
- With the use of bells, we have assigned detentions for tardies beginning this week. Detentions are after school Monday or Wednesday from 4:15-5:00. Your scholar has been notified of the date to serve if assigned. Students who miss will be assigned extra school the following day which starts at the beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> and goes until 5:00. Both are in the cafeteria.
- Parents/Guardians, we are looking for assistance. We are seeing an increasing number of students arrive on campus well before 9:00. **Doors do not open into the building until 9:20** and we don't want **scholars on campus before 9:15** as we want to ensure that they are properly supervised. Unfortunately, we see students on campus before 8AM! Please keep scholars at home longer in the morning to assist us.
- **With students having laptops, cell phones are not needed in the classroom. As a reminder, phones should be turned off and out of site.** Parents/guardians, please help us by not texting scholars during the day. Also, if you want to truly see how much your scholar may be using her or her phone or how distracted he or she may be during the day, take a look at his/her phone in the evening and go through the various texts, Snaps, social media posts, etc. One of the best ways to know what is going on in the life of your student is **monitoring their electronics!**
- We will have two make-up days in January for scholars who have not taken pictures: PCS scholars will take **pictures** the morning of Jan 19 (non-student attendance day) and Face-to-Face scholars will take pictures the morning of Jan 20.

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

### Battle of the Books Reading Challenge

This week is the official start of the **school-wide Battle of the Books reading challenge!** All ELA and Reading classes are included. How many Battle of the Books titles will your child read? [Here is a list of titles.](#) Please make sure that they take a Reading Counts quiz after reading each book for it to count in the totals.

*To take a Reading Counts quiz, go to Clever >> search HMH >> Click on Reading Counts.*

### NEW Makerspace Challenges

In our Meadowlawn Virtual Library, we have a new Makerspace Challenge for the month of December. Visit our Meadowlawn Virtual Library Canvas course to see what it is!

# **Ensuring all Meadowlawn M.S. Students Are to Ready to Learn**

## **Detention (45mins) M/W 4:15pm-5:00pm**

Multiple staff members, in highly visible areas will issue detentions to students at the time they see students committing infractions (dress code, profanity, out of area, running, disruptive, tardy, etc.). The student will select an upcoming Monday or Wednesday date for the 45-minute detention from 4:15pm-5:00pm. It is the students' responsibility to inform the parent that a detention has been assigned. Students who fail to attend or disrupt detention on the date they selected, will automatically be assigned an extra school on the following day of the missed detention, and a call to the parent will be made informing them of the missed detention and assigned extra school.

## **Extra School (1:30mins) T/TH 3:30pm-5:00pm**

Students who commit more serious offenses (leaving campus, class disruption, etc.), repeat offenses or fail to serve detention will serve a 1:30 minute extra school detention. An afternoon D.N.A. (Do Not Admit) list will be emailed to all teachers every Tuesday and Thursday, instructing them to send the Do Not Admit students to the designated location unless they show an all-clear pass from the office. Students who fail to attend or disrupt Extra School will be assigned 1 day of IC (In-School Suspension) or an alternate consequence determined by the assistant principal.

## **D.N.A. (Do Not Admit) List**

The DNA list will be emailed to all staff, instructing them to send the students to the office who need to be seen by administration. All RTL staff will clear their assign buildings at the designated times. Students who are cleared from the list will be issued an all-clear pass and show it to his/her teachers each period that day.

## **Progressive Discipline**

Students who commit more serious or repeat offenses will be subject to more serious consequences as a result of the continuous disruptive behavior. Consequences will be up to and including multiple days IC, OSS and Reassignment.

## **Repeated Misconduct**

In order to ensure all teachers can teach and all students have the right to learn in a safe and orderly environment, students who fail to respond to interventions/support and reach or exceed the established criteria (# referrals/ IC visits), will have all behaviors identified as Repeated Misconduct. Repeated Misconduct requires the student, along with their parents, sign a behavioral contract outlining the expectations moving forward. All students continuing repeated misconduct, according to the progressive discipline matrix will only receive IC or OSS as a consequence for any and all infractions (ESE exceptions). Students who violate the behavioral contract, present a danger to the safe and orderly operation of the school and/or continually disrupt the teaching and learning process will be referred for reassignment.