

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)

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 (Mr. Blanco, Assistant Principal of Curriculum)

Learning Options Change Request;

Please click on the link below to indicate your request. **If you do not want to make a change you do not need to do anything.** 2nd semester begins January 20th, 2021. The request window will be open beginning Thursday December 17, 2020. Please make sure to submit ONLY 1 request per student. Families will be contacted by their grade level counselor regarding their students change in Learning Options and to discuss any changes to your child's schedule. Please note that there may be changes to your child's schedule and / or teachers in an attempt to meet the needs of all learners.

MyPCS Families that are intending to change their learning option MUST have counselor or administrative approval prior to reporting on campus.

Thank you

<https://tinyurl.com/MMSLearningOptionRequest>

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 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.

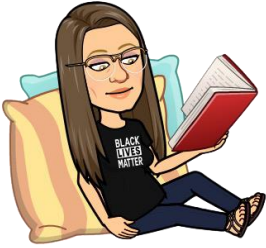
School Expectations (Mr. Wicks, Assistant Principal of Athletics, Activities and Behavior Management)

- **Title 1 Parent Survey: January 20 – February 11**
- Please click this survey link below to participate in the annual Meadowlawn Title I Parent Survey. The purpose of this survey is to provide the Pinellas County School District's (PCS) Title I Program leadership with valuable feedback from parents of students enrolled at Meadowlawn. Your opinion counts!
- **English, Spanish and Vietnamese versions are also available online.**
- *Interpretation in other languages available upon request.*
- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCS_TitleI_20-21



- See Ready to Learn Information on last page of this document
- **Athletic News** – due to the rapid rise in Covid19 cases recently, volleyball has been cancelled. A decision regarding basketball and track will be made in late February. Scholars interested in those sports should complete the athletic packet and turn it into Mr. Wicks in the 7th grade office. The packet is available in the cafeteria and on the Meadowlawn website under Quick Links.
- Parents/Guardians, we are looking for assistance. **Scholars must report on campus no earlier than 9:15 AM. Doors do not open into the building until 9:20 AM** and we don't want **scholars on campus earlier** as we want to ensure that they are properly supervised and due to Covid-19 we are trying to avoid larger crowds. Please keep your scholars at home longer in the morning to assist us. **Also, many come without masks. Please ensure your scholars has masks with him or her daily.**
- **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, 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!

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



It was so nice to see so many scholars in the library last week for LITERACY WEEK! Let's please keep it up! Reading for pleasure shouldn't be a "once a year" kind of event. It should be an EVERY DAY event. Please encourage your child(ren) to have a reading book ready at all times for when they are finished with their work! If they do not have a library book, please tell them to go to the library to get one. I would like to see ALL SCHOLARS reading more. Studies show that regular reading practice helps them to learn to read and to comprehend better what they read for school, including testing but also textbooks and other things that they need to read.

[Here's how to get a FREE public library card!](#)

Your children *will* learn to love books if you will show them your excitement about books. If you are reading a book, share it with your children – even if it is a book that is not geared for younger people – they will understand that reading is important and they look up to you! Ask them about what they are reading. They love to tell you about their latest book! If they say that they don't read, tell them to go to the library at school. I will get a book in their hands based on what their interests are! Your child/ren can learn to love reading! We just need to keep working on it!

A note for MyPCS (virtual) scholars:

If you are not in school in person, you can still check out library books! You can either check out ebooks through Sora, MackinVia, or Destiny Discover (all available through Clever)

OR

You can place a book on HOLD through Destiny Discover and then call me at school to schedule a time to pick it up! My extension is 1030, so just call the school and go to my extension. I will meet you out back in the car circle and drop it off for you!

Ensuring all Meadowlawn M.S. Students Are 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.

**Bus Transportation will be provided beginning Monday, January 11, 2021. It has 5 stops in our general area, listed below.

Stop 1: 76th Ave N & 200' E of 4th St N Stop 2: Shore Acres Blvd & 14th Way NE Stop 3: 30th Ave N & 13th St N
Stop 4: SP 7th St S & 20th Ave S @ Rec Center Stop 5: 45th St S & 13th Ave S @ Park