

Reminders from Ms. Parris, Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

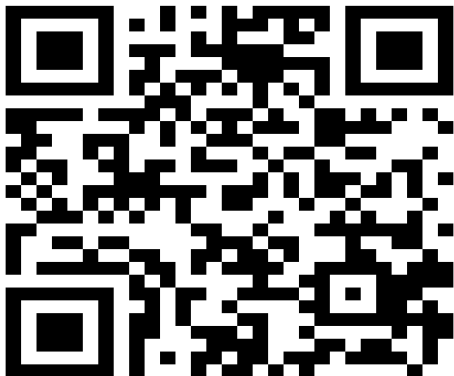
Mar. 31, 2021:	End of third quarter
Apr. 1, 2021:	No school for students. (a) <i>Possible hurricane make-up day</i>
Apr. 2, 2021:	No school for students.
May 31, 2021:	Memorial Day holiday - No school for students.
June 9, 2021:	Last day for all students (with the exception of Adult students at the Postsecondary Centers). Students will be released two hours early.

- 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**


MYPSC Families – Online Scholars

Please complete the Survey below ASAP. This will assist us with proper planning for upcoming State Assessments. Also reference the Testing Calendar below:

<http://tiny.cc/MyPCSScholarsTestingSurve>



• **FSA Writing Assessment Calendar**

 Meadowlawn Middle School April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Non-student day	2 Non-student day	3
4	5	6 FSA WRITING Small Groups (ESE, 504, ELL) 4-109, 4-101k, MC	7 FSA WRITING Small Groups (ESE, 504, ELL) 4-109, 4-101k, MC	8 FSA WRITING Small Groups (ESE, 504, ELL) 4-109, 4-101k, MC	9 FSA WRITING Small Groups (ESE, 504, ELL) 4-109, 4-101k, MC	10
11	12 FSA WRITING 6 th Grade F2F AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	13 FSA WRITING 7 th Grade F2F AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	14 FSA WRITING 8 th Grade F2F AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	15 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F) All Day 4109/MC	16 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F) All Day 4109/MC	17
18	19 FSA WRITING MyPCS Online AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	20 FSA WRITING MyPCS Online AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	21 FSA WRITING MyPCS Online AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	22 FSA WRITING MyPCS Online AM-4109/MC PM-4109/MC	23 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F & MyPCS) All Day 4109/MC	24
25	26 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F & MyPCS) All Day 4109/MC	27 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F & MyPCS) All Day 4109/MC	28 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F & MyPCS) All Day 4109/MC	29 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F & MyPCS) All Day 4109/MC	30 FSA WRITING Make-up Sessions (F2F & MyPCS) All Day 4109/MC	

Important Information:
 MyPCS students will be provided a Microsoft Form with the dates and times available (listed above). Families will have an opportunity to select the day and time that works best for them. They will rank up to 3 options and Admin will assign days and times based on availability.

Please Join our PTSA

PTSA is a great organization that helps teachers and families through fundraising and family engagement. It only costs \$8 a year to join and you can join without any extra time commitment. This money, raised from membership dues and from fundraisers put on by the PTSA helps everyone. To join PTSA, please [click here](#) and sign up. If you are interested in being a part of our PTSA team, please let Ms. Putkonen know.

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>

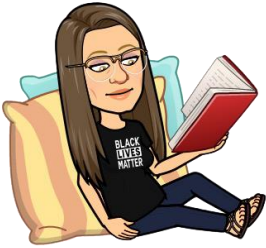
School Operations (Dr. Gordon, Assistant Principal of Operations)

- 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)

- See Ready to Learn Information on last page of the last page of the newsletter. When we have after school detentions they are on Monday and Wednesday from 4:15-5:00. The vast majority of students in detention are there due to be tardy to class. Please go into Focus and look at your student's attendance as it will show both absences and tardies. If you are seeing an excessive number of tardies I encourage you to have conversations with your student. Scholars have plenty of time to make it to class on time; but the vast majority of tardies are a result from socializing, horseplay, and/or not caring about being on time.
- **Athletic News** – **Track practice has started and is still open to scholars who wish to participate.** Practices are Mon-Thur from 4:15-5:15 with a regular season schedule between March 22 – April 28. There will be a championship held in early May. Scholars interested in track 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. Please note that all participants must have a 2.0 or higher semester 1 GPA, a current physical, purchase the school sports insurance, have a signed health/Covid waiver, and be able to provide transportation to and from meets.
- 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)



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