

# Meadowlawn Middle School Family Communication

Week of January 10, 2022

# Arrival and Dismissal

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- **School operating hours are 9:40AM-4:10PM.**
- **Early Pick Up due to medical or personal appointments are limited to 3:30 PM.**
- Please do not arrive on campus for AM Arrival prior to 9:15AM. We take supervision of our Scholars very seriously and our Supervising Staff will not be available to supervise your child before that time.
- As of Thursday September 30th, we have adjusted our AM Drop Off Process. **We will no longer permit scholars to enter the building at the front of the school.** All drop off will occur in the Parent Car Circle at the back of the school.
- Scholars that usually exit through the Front Area (Near the Main Office) may continue to do so. Our **PM Dismissal Process will not change.**

# Upcoming Dates

- January 11<sup>th</sup> : 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Distributed
- January 17<sup>th</sup> : Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School for Students
- January 18<sup>th</sup> : SAC and PTSA Meeting (Virtual) 5:00 PM
- February 21<sup>st</sup> : No School for Students
- March 11<sup>th</sup> : End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> : Spring Holidays – No School for Students



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*Ursula Parris, Principal*

January 4, 2022

Dear Meadowlawn MS Parent/Guardian(s):

Teacher

Michael Douglas  
Kirt Kaemper  
Jeannesha Watkins

Subject Area

ELA  
Physical Education  
Social Studies

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to our vision of 100% student success. They are all certified by the state of Florida. In addition, they attend workshops and trainings designed to support them and offer strategies to help our students achieve.

Teacher selection and scheduling can be a challenging process. Occasionally it becomes necessary to assign a course to a teacher for which he/she is not currently certified. These decisions are made with consideration to teacher competence and with a continual commitment to highest student achievement.

Any teacher assigned out of field is chosen carefully, given additional district support, and is expected to work toward appropriate certification in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Ursula Parris, Principal

# MMS 2021-2022 Yearbooks

- Honor your **8<sup>th</sup> Grade scholar** with a **Recognition Ad** in this year's Yearbook.
- A Yearbook Ad is a loving tribute to your scholar, personalized with your own sentimental message and a cherished photo or photo collage.
- It is quick, easy and it will last forever
- Order your ad today by **visiting the Meadowlawn MS website** and **select the link titled "Yearbooks"**

# Curriculum and Scheduling

## FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM 2021–2022 SCHEDULE\*

### FSA Testing Windows:

Specific grade  
level testing days  
will be provided at  
a later time.

English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science	
Dates	Assessment
April 4–15, 2022	Grades 4–10 ELA Writing Grade 3 ELA Reading
May 2–13, 2022	Grades 4–6 ELA Reading Grades 3–6 Mathematics
May 2–27, 2022	Grades 7–10 ELA Reading Grades 7 & 8 Mathematics
May 9–20, 2022	Grades 5 & 8 Science
End-of-Course Assessments	
Dates	Assessment
September 13–October 1, 2021 November 29–December 17, 2021 May 2–27, 2022 July 11–22, 2022	Algebra 1, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry & U.S. History

# Athletics Updates

- All forms for athletics are under site shortcuts on the Meadowlawn website. Requirements are a current physical (within the last year), signed participation form, purchase of school accident insurance, and a previous semester GPA of 2.0 or higher. **Students, boys and girls, interested in track and flag football this spring can turn their paperwork in early.** Email questions to [wicksge@pcsb.org](mailto:wicksge@pcsb.org)
- Thank you to the cheerleaders and Ms. Dennison for incredible support during the basketball games. We appreciate your spirit
- Both the boys and girls basketball teams are off to great starts with both recording some wins and some great effort.

# Clubs and Activities

- ***Many of our clubs and activities are meeting regularly with success. If your scholars are interested in the clubs below, they should contact the sponsors!***
- Book Club has been meeting 2-4 times per month but is changing to meeting weekly with Ms. Putkonen.
- Student Council meets 1-2 times per month with Ms. Rubin and Ms. McCann. They are currently planning for a school dance on January 14!
- STEM meets 2-4 times per month with Mr. White and just had a successful rocket launch.
- Kindness Club meets 1-2 times per month at lunch with Ms. Metellus.
- Crochet Club meets 2-4 times per month with Mr. Hamilton.
- GSA meets 2-4 times per month with Ms. Mayo, Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Stifnell.
- Girlfriends (mentoring) meets periodically with Ms. Dickey and 5000 Role Models (mentoring) meets periodically with Mr. Thurman.



# PBIS and Scholar Behavior

- Please be sure to have access FOCUS on a regular basis to check your child's grades and attendance. One item to look for is whether your scholar has been marked tardy or absent for a period. Tardy sweeps and detentions are continuing. Contact the school if you need assistance with your parent account.
- Our school store, the Lancer Lot, is quite popular with scholars who have earned Lancer Loot. Many loves the various snacks sold, but they also purchase other items as well. If you want to donate anything to the Lancer Lot, please email Mr. Wicks at [wicksge@pcsb.org](mailto:wicksge@pcsb.org)
- Courtesy emails and phone calls go out the night before a scholar has detention or extra school. If you do not receive the call, please reach out to your grade level clerk to ensure that the correct contact information is listed in Focus.
- **Kona Ice** is on site after school **every Friday**. They donate 20% back to MMS. Please support this business that supports us!

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# ELP – Extended Learning Program

- ELP (tutoring) is offered Monday – Thursday from 4:15-5:15 in the media center with content area teachers present to assist our scholars. If you are interested in signing up your scholar, please complete the link below. If your scholar attends, he or she can be picked up in front of school at 5:15.
- [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_2jhg-Gt21dLstep6J8MbONUNEFURo5VMVIFNoFQN1ExT1BYUjRIRjdYUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_2jhg-Gt21dLstep6J8MbONUNEFURo5VMVIFNoFQN1ExT1BYUjRIRjdYUi4u)
- We have reached out to select families of scholars who need to finish course recovery from last year. The course recovery for ELP will be from 8:15-9:15 Monday/Thursday/Friday. Communication regarding this will go directly to those families this may affect. Scholars should see Mr. Dixon or Mr. Wicks if interested or with any questions.

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# Mindful Movement Program

- **Mindful Movement (MM)** takes a 360-degree approach to helping individuals become their most well-balanced, educated, and healthy selves. The organization's mission is to serve youth and families from underserved communities in Pinellas County without access to this type of health information.
- Mindful Movement uses the power of holistic teachings to empower students. In addition to the **physical components of yoga**, they also teach **mediation**, a **transformative skill that helps students relax** and enhance their self-understanding.
- The organization encourages positive thinking and teaches the power of affirmation. These tools become the foundation for positive behavior, conflict resolution, and making positive life choices among the youth they serve.
- Contact: Clayton Sizemore, Founder / Senior Instructor; [sizemoreo@aol.com](mailto:sizemoreo@aol.com) 908-721-2362
- Please register your scholar with the link below:
- [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5Gk\\_aGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_99pqxPXyVFPuInShwqBXIFUODRUSEcxTk1NWVpSME1MTlc5SThDUVpITy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5Gk_aGb_3ye_PH_99pqxPXyVFPuInShwqBXIFUODRUSEcxTk1NWVpSME1MTlc5SThDUVpITy4u)

# Return to Learn Process

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

- 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.

# Ready to Learn Process

- **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 (1:15mins) T/TH 3:45pm-5:00pm**
- Students who commit more serious offenses (leaving campus, class disruption, etc.), repeat offenses or fail to serve detention will serve a 1:15 minute extra school detention. A list will be emailed to all teachers every Tuesday and Thursday, instructing them to send these students to the designated location at 3:45 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), 1 day of ABS, or an alternate consequence determined by the assistant principal.
- **Alternate Bell Schedule (ABS) T/TH 12:00-5:00**
- Students who commit more serious offenses with regards to not attending detentions and extra school may be assigned ABS. These students attend school from 12:00-5:00 and will be in the IC (In-School Suspension) room during these five hours.

# Library & Technology Reminders

Please encourage your child/ren to read  
outside of School.



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School Office Hours  
9:00AM-4:30PM

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