

Meadowlawn Middle School Family Communication

Week of January 24, 2022

PCS Stakeholder Survey

The survey window will open on Saturday, January 22 and will remain open until Sunday, February 6

Student Survey: A student survey button will be available in CLEVER starting on Monday, January 24 so that students in grades 3 through 12 can access the survey without having to enter the website address. In addition, links for student access will also be posted at www.pcsb.org/survey.

Family Survey: Families with email addresses in FOCUS will receive an email from K12 Insight with a link directly to the family survey. In addition, families can access the survey by going to www.pcsb.org/survey



FREE COVID-19 TESTING

FOR PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS STAFF, STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Due to high testing demand throughout the region, sites are experiencing delays and supply shortages. The Department of Health has two large-scale testing sites in Pinellas County.

Pinellas County/DOH
Supported Site (St. Pete)
2333 34th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri. (new clients accepted until 4:30 p.m.)
Call 844-770-8548 for more info
(Open to public)

Pinellas County/DOH
Supported Site (Largo)
7150 114th Ave., Largo, FL
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., daily (new clients accepted until 4:30 p.m.)
Call 844-770-8548 for more info
(Open to public)

NEW - Tropicana Field Testing Site (St. Petersburg) at Tropicana Field Lot 2 – line up southbound on 16th St. South and turn west on 3rd Ave. South
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., daily (Closed Jan. 17)
No appt. required; pre-registration recommended: impacthealth.com/StPeteTrop

Evvara Health at High Point
14100 58th St. N, Clearwater, FL 33760
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
The Evvara Health site is smaller, but is also available to PCS staff, students, families & first responders.

ADDITIONAL TESTING SITES CAN BE FOUND AT
[PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/COVID19](https://pinellascounty.org/COVID19)

Updated January 13, 2022



VISION: 100% STUDENT SUCCESS
MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE

Due to high testing demand throughout the region, sites are experiencing delays and supply shortages. Please note that dates, times and locations may change due to demand.

Additional testing sites can be found at
<https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/>

Meadowlawn Middle School -

Ursula Parris, Principal

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NIGHT



Come join Meadowlawn Middle School's scholars as they showcase their projects under the direction of Ms. Cindy Steinel and Mrs. Amy Putkonen.

Thursday January 27th
5pm - 7pm

Literacy Week

Week of Jan 24 -28

Monday, Jan 24th

Teachers will spend 5 -10 minutes sharing a favorite book with their classes (summary of book or read aloud a passage)

“Million Minute Marathon”

PCS Schools is trying to read ONE MILLION MINUTES this week!

Tuesday, Jan 25th

MATH classes will stop, drop, & read for 10 minutes & report minutes to Ms. Putkonen (IE: 25 students X 10 min = 250 minutes)

Wednesday, Jan 26th

SCIENCE classes will stop, drop, & read for 10 minutes & report minutes to Ms. Putkonen (IE: 25 students X 10 min = 250 minutes)

Thursday, Jan 27th

SOCIAL STUDIES and ELECTIVE classes will stop, drop, & read for 10 minutes & report minutes to Ms. Putkonen (IE: 25 students X 10 min = 250 minutes)

Friday, Jan 28th

ELA classes will stop, drop, & read for 10 minutes & report minutes to Ms. Putkonen (IE: 25 students X 10 min = 250 minutes)

Submit photos of students reading to PhotoCircle!



Students – use #meadowlawnreads on IG to post a pic of you with ur favorite book!

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

- February 21st : No School for Students
- March 11th : End of 1st Quarter
- March 12th – March 20th : 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 **8th 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 calendar year), signed participation form, purchase of school accident insurance, and **a previous semester GPA of 2.0 or higher**. For both boys and girls, track and flag football are beginning February 14 or 15. Paperwork should be turned into Mr. Wicks in the 8th grade office ASAP. Email questions to wicksge@pcsb.org
- Thank you to the cheerleaders and Ms. Dennison for incredible support during the basketball games. We appreciate your spirit
- This is the final week for basketball. Thank you to the players for some incredible hustle and effort. Games are Monday – girls home vs Bay Point, Tuesday – boys at Azalea, Wednesday – girls at Bay Point

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 weekly on Wednesdays with Mr. White and just had a successful rocket launch.
- Anime Club meets weekly with Ms. Bennett and they are getting great attendance.
- 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
- 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_2jh9-Gt21dLstep6J8MbONUNEFURo5VMVIFNoFQN1ExT1BYUjRIRjdYUi4u
- Scholars who failed first semester core courses are given paperwork for Edmentum and to enroll in AM ELP to recover the grade from the first semester. The course recovery for ELP will be from 8:15-9:15 Monday/Thursday/Friday. Passing the course in Edmentum prevents summer school or possible grade level retention. Scholars should see their counselor 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 908-721-2362
- Please register your scholar with the link below:
- https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5Gk_aGb_3ye_PH_99pqxPXyVFPuInShwqBXIFUODRUSEcxTk1NWVpSME1MTlc5SThDUVpITy4u

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

727-570-3097