

Meadowlawn Middle School Family Communication

Week of October 4, 2021

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

- Thursday, October 7th : Last Day of 1st Quarter
- Friday, October 8th : Teacher Planning Day- No School
- Monday, October 11th – 2nd Quarter begins
- Tuesday, October 19th : 1st Quarter Grades Posted in FOCUS

Operations/Facilities

- **Breakfast** is provided for our scholars every morning in various location that correspond with where they are dropped off in the morning.
- Attendance and punctuality are very important. Please prepare accordingly so that scholars to school on time, every day.
- All scholars will be issued a laptop this school year. We encourage them to bring it every day to complete assignments in class. Please work with them on responsible care of the device. Each family is responsible for the care and protection of their assigned device and must pay for any damage that may occur.
- Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms and common areas throughout the school.

Curriculum and Scheduling



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Ursula Parris, Principal

September 24, 2021

Dear Parents of Meadowlawn Middle School:

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. The following teachers are currently out of field for the listed areas:

HAMILTON, ANDREW Subjects: ESOL ENDRSMNT
LEE, SUSAN Subjects: ESOL ENDRSMNT
OLIVA, VIRGINIA Subjects: ESOL ENDRSMNT
RUBIN, HILLARY Subjects: ESOL ENDRSMNT

Sincerely,

Ursula Parris, Principal

Curriculum and Scheduling

1st Grading Period – Ends Thursday 10/7/2021

Families, the 1st grading period will come to an end on Thursday 10/7/2021. You are highly encouraged to review your students grade with them and encourage them to complete any missing work.

Report cards will be released on Tuesday 10/19/2021.

Athletics Updates

- **Volleyball** continues to shine. Our girls are racking up victories while our boys have made tremendous improvements. Matches this week are Monday at Azalea, Wednesday at John Hopkins, and Thursday at home vs Sanderlin at 4:45. This is the final match. Please be able to pick your student up by 6:30 if they are attending.
- All paperwork for sports must be turned into Jerry Wicks in the 8th grade office or emailed to him at wicksge@pcsb.org. Copies of the paperwork are in the cafeteria and are on the school website under Quick Links. **Requirements** are a current physical, purchase of school insurance, signed participation form and a 2.0 GPA. **You can turn paperwork in early for basketball, cheerleading, and track.** Basketball and cheer will start at the beginning of November.
- Email wicksge@pcsb.org if you have any questions.

Clubs and Activities

- **Make Up Pictures for those absent early in the year is October 18. Details will be sent out later.**
- We will have a number of clubs forming and meeting at MMS. Each club will determine when it meets: before school, lunch or after school. Student Council (Ms. Rubin), Crochet Club (Mr. Hamilton), GSA (Ms. Mayo), and Book Club (Ms. Putkonen) have had a successful meetings. Your students should see these sponsors if interested. Student Council is currently planning for upcoming officer elections.
- STEAM (formerly known as STEM) meets every Wednesday with Mr. White in 5-210 from 4:15-5:15.
- Our mentoring clubs are Girlfriends (Ms. Dickey) and 5000 Role Models (Mr. Thurman). Please contact Sponsors if interested

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.
- Congratulations to our **PBIS Student and Staff members** of the Month for September. Students are: 6th Kaiden Barkley and Gabriela Calderon, 7th – Ryan Dwyer and Zy'aire Landers, 8th – Alexis Phanphilathip and Gavin Rahilly. Staff Members are Ms. Wasilewska (paraprofessional) and Ms. Kelly (ELA / Title 1).
- Scholars are earning Lancer Loot for positive behavior and meeting school expectations. We have begun schoolwide focuses to reward scholars. The focus last week and this week is on time behavior and being prepared for class.
- **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
- 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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Return 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 (1:30mins) 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.

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- 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.

Technology Reminders

Computer Repair Center Opens Sept 20th

Starting next week, our **Computer Repair Center** will be open (in the library) from 9:15 - 9:40 AM Monday through Friday.

Scholars may turn in their repairs during this time **ONLY** and not during class time this year.

Technology Reminders

Computer Repairs

- For any damage involving a replacement of parts (damaged screen, keys, etc.) scholars must return a letter signed by their parents about the costs of repairs before they can receive a loaner device. The loaner will not be a touch screen device.

**PLEASE make sure to protect
your laptop from any damage!
Bubble wrap it if you must!**

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Computer Repairs

- If a scholar needs a ***second*** repair, (even accidental!) the family will be billed for this repair. The scholar will lose their touch screen laptop after a second damage and will receive an older device for the remainder of the year. (This only includes parts damage, not issues like wifi, etc.)

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Cost of Computer Repairs 2021-2022

Repair Item	Cost
Keyboard 3190 & 3190 2/1 I/O Board 3189 I/O Board 3190 2/1	\$25.00
LCD 3190, 3180 LCD Assembly 3190 2/1 LCD 3189 LCD Assembly 3390 2/1	\$125.00
Dell 65-Watt AC Adapter - 7.4mm barrel for 3190, 3190 2-in-1, & 5510	\$20.00
Motherboard 3180 Motherboard 3390 Motherboard 3390 2-in-1 Motherboard 3189 2-in-1	\$135.00
iPad mini 2 Digitizer Repair iPad mini 4 Charge Port Repair iPad 5,6,7 Digitizer Repair	\$80.00
Palm Rests Bottom Covers Top LCD covers Hinges DC-In Jack	\$30.00

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