



Meadowdale

Messenger/Mensajero

October/Octubre 2015

Can you believe we are already in our sixth week of school? By now your child should be accustomed to the new ABCDE schedule as discussed at Open Houses. This schedule allows the students to receive their specials (media, music and physical education) on an on-going basis without missing them due to school days off. This does not include the District half days.

The first round of i-Ready testing was completed in early September and the staff had three days of meetings to discuss how to use this data to help instruct the students better. We looked at their strengths and weaknesses in the subcategories for Reading and Math so we can group them better based on what they know.

Starting next month, I will begin a new section in the newsletter and also on our website focused on our School Improvement Plan. It is an on-going plan to improve our school as a whole, improving our teachers, their instruction, the community involvement and school leadership. We are looking for a parent to join this team. If you are interested, we meet once a month, to discuss our yearly goals and what we are doing to reach them.

I want to thank all of the parents who are getting their child (ren) to school on time (before 8:15 am). The list of daily late students has dropped dramatically from last year. We want to keep it up throughout the winter months. If your child eats breakfast at home, they do not need to arrive until 8:10 am, that's when the students can get into the classrooms and put their supplies away, so they are in their seats ready to learn at the 8:15 bell.

I hope to see you all at the PTO Fall Family Dance on October 30th from 6-8. The PTO is always looking for new members to join. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00; the next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6th. Come join us to plan activities for the school community.

Please continue reading to or with your child at least 20 minutes every day, including the weekends. This time is vital to increasing your child's vocabulary in a relaxed atmosphere outside of the classroom learning environment. Remember to ask open ended questions about school, so that you can have that two way conversation.

Sincerely

Mr. Jack Melfi

Calendar of Events

October

- Oct.1... Picture Retake
- Oct.5...PTO Meeting - 6:00p.m.
- Oct.9... Early Release - 12:15 p.m.
- Oct.12... Columbus Day
District Closed.
- Oct.23... Early Release – 12:15 p.m.

November

- Nov.5... PTO Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Nov.6... Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- Nov.20... Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- Nov. 23 24... PreK- 4th non-attend Day
Parent – Teacher Conferences.
- Nov.25, 26, 27 Thanksgiving District
Close

Calendario de Eventos

Octubre

- 1... Retoma de Fotografías
- 5... Reunión del PTO 6:00 p.m.
- 9... Salida Temprana- 12:15 p.m.
- 12...Día de la Raza
Distrito Cerrado
- 23... Salida Temprana -12:15 p.m.

Noviembre

- 5... Reunión del PTO 6:00 p.m.
- 6... Salida Temprana- 12:15 p.m.
- 20... Salida Temprana – 12:15 p.m.
- 23- 24... No hay clases
Conferencias de padres/Maestros
- 25, 26, 27....Día de Acción de Gracias

Notes from the School Nurse

Promote safety in our community: Teach your child to follow the rules for getting to school on time, safely. Students should always use the safe marked-crosswalks to the front door of the building in the morning and the safe marked cross walks from both doors in the afternoon. Do not have your child walk across the parking lot; drivers in cars may not see them. Or walk with your child to school for the added health benefit.

Promote good health habits: Help your child maintain good health habits. Provide breakfast or see that they arrive at school early enough to have breakfast before school. See that they get plenty of rest and limit TV and video game time. Be sure that they dress appropriately for the weather. Everyone is expected to participate in physical education and recess. Teach your child the proper way to wash their hands and cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze.

Reporting illness to school: If your child does become ill, take their temperature; if it is 100 degrees or above, the best place for them is in the comfort of their own home. They may only return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication). Every home with children should have a thermometer for taking a child's temperature.

We are reporting numbers of absences with flu-like symptoms weekly to the health department. Please be sure to report absences to the office promptly. Please specify if the absence is due to fever and a cough or fever and a sore throat.

Medications at school: No medication will be administered at school without a doctor's written order. "Administration of medication at school" forms are available at the health office or online through the Parent portal, under health services.

If your child requires **life-saving medications (epi-pen, inhaler, diastat)** be sure you have given the health office the necessary forms for the current school year and supplied the emergency medication as outlined in the district's parent handbook p. 14.

Kindergarten vision exams are due in the nurse's office by October 1, 2015.

Notas de la Enfermera Escolar

Promueva la seguridad en nuestra comunidad:

Enséñele a su hijo a seguir las reglas de llegar a la escuela a tiempo y de manera segura. Los estudiantes siempre deben de usar las zonas de seguridad que están marcadas (cruce de peatones) para cruzar y llegar a la puerta principal en la mañana y las zonas de seguridad marcadas a lo largo de las dos puertas en la tarde. No permita que su hijo camine a través del estacionamiento, los conductores de los otros vehículos puede que no los vean. O simplemente camine a la escuela con su hijo como un beneficio adicional para la salud.

Promueva buenos hábitos de salud: Ayude a su hijo a mantener buenos hábitos de salud. Provea desayuno en casa o asegúrese de que lleguen a tiempo para recibir el desayuno en la escuela. Cerciórese de que su estudiante descansa lo suficiente y limite el tiempo de la televisión y los videojuegos. Por favor, asegúrese que su estudiante se vista de acuerdo al clima. Se espera que todos los estudiantes participen en educación física y recreo. Enséñele la manera apropiada de lavarse las manos y cubrirse la boca cuando tosa o estornude.

Notifique la ausencia a la oficina escolar: Si su estudiante se enferma, tómese la temperatura, si es 100^o o más, déjelo en casa, ya que no hay mejor lugar que la comodidad de su hogar. Su estudiante puede regresar a clases cuando se encuentre sin fiebre por un periodo de 24 horas (sin darle medicamento para bajarla) En todos los hogares donde haya niños deben tener un termómetro para tomar la temperatura.

Semanalmente la escuela reporta al departamento de salud el número de ausencias con síntomas de gripe. Por favor, asegúrese de reportar la ausencia a la oficina lo más pronto posible Cuando llame especifique la razón de la ausencia como: fiebre y tos o fiebre y dolor de garganta.

Medicamentos en la escuela: Ningún medicamento se suministrará en la escuela sin la autorización por escrito del doctor de su hijo. Las formas se encuentran en la oficina de salud escolar o en el Portal de Padres, bajo servicios de salud.

Si su estudiante requiere **medicamentos que le puedan salvar la vida (epi-pen, Inhalador, diastat)** asegúrese de que usted le ha dado a la oficina de salud las formas necesarias para este año escolar, con el medicamento correspondiente como se indica en el manual de padres del distrito en la pg. 14.

Los exámenes de la vista que se requieren en kínder, deben de estar en la oficina de salud antes del 1^o del 2015