



Prairie Central CUSD #8
 Meadowbrook Elementary School
 450 N. Bach Street
 Forrest, IL 61741
 815-657-8461

October 2015

Dear Meadowbrook Families,

We have big plans for the month of October!

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 – 10. The theme this year is, “Hear the bleep where you sleep!” I encourage you to:

- 1) Check every smoke alarm in your home to make sure the batteries are working.
- 2) Have your child go into his/her bedroom and listen to what the smoke alarm sounds like with the door closed.
- 3) Practice leaving the house and going to your meeting place.
- 4) Practice opening a window and pushing the screen out. (This might be the only escape route available.)

At school, we will hold a fire drill with the Forrest Fire Department and talk about fire safety.

On Thursday, October 15th, we will participate in *The Great American Shake Out* national earthquake drill by practicing “Drop, Cover and Hold On.” Students will drop to the ground, get under their desks and hold on to the desk.

The last week of October is Red Ribbon Week. The theme this year is “Respect yourself, be drug free.” Teachers are working on activities for the week. We will end the week with our annual Fall Celebration of cider and donuts. We will also have a Hay-less Rack Ride for students who read their AR goal for this quarter.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Parent-Teacher conferences at the end of the month.

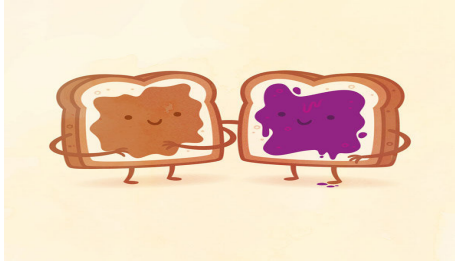
Have a wonderful October!

Trish Paulson, Principal

DATE	ACTIVITY
Oct 1	Early Dismissal @ 1:06 - Due to Junior High and High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 2	Early Dismissal @ 1:06 for Homecoming Parade
Oct 2	Progress Reports Home
Oct 5 – Oct 9	Fire Prevention Week
Oct 8	Ag Expo Field Trip – 2 nd Grade
Oct 8	K,1,3,4 - Field Trip to Fire Dept. Demonstration in Fairbury 9:00 – 11:00
Oct 12	No School - Columbus Day
Oct 15	Great American Shake Out
Oct 23	End of 1 st Quarter
Oct 26 - 30	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3 - 6:30 Dismiss @ 1:06
Oct 30	AR Reward – 1 st Quarter Hay-less Rack Ride, Donuts & Cider
End of Oct	Book Fair
Nov 3	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3 - 6:30 Dismiss @ 1:06
Nov 6	Picture Retakes
Nov 6	Iditarod Assembly with Karen Land
Nov 17	PTO Meeting 3:30
Nov 25	Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving 2:06

**It is time to collect Box
Tops!**

**Send them to school
October 5 through
October 16**



Lunch Choices

Meadowbrook will now have two choices as a main course for lunch. Students will be able to choose between what is being served that day or a PB & J Uncrustable. All the sides on menu for the day will be the same. Students will sign up in the morning for the menu item of their chose.



Transportation Changes

Whenever possible, parents need to send transportation changes with their child in the morning. When calling the school with a change it needs to be done no later than 2:00 pm or one hour prior to an early dismissal time.

Bus Lane Safety Student Car Riders

Students should **NOT** cross the grass area or bus lane unless accompanied by an adult. Parents should drive through the bus lane to drop off students or let them out at the end of the sidewalk.

PTO Meeting



November 17, 2015

@ 3:30

PTO Officers

**Wendy Zimmerman –
President**

Teresa Bachtold – Vice President

Erin McComas – Staff Liaison

Marsha Lanz – Secretary/Treasurer

Meal Pay Plus

Meal Pay Plus is a way for you to check your student’s lunch account and to pay for lunch on-line!

www.MealpayPlus.com

There is no cost to check your child’s lunch account on line, monitor lunchroom purchases and receive e-mail notices when your account is low.

For an additional fee, you can make payments to your student’s account and set up an auto-pay.

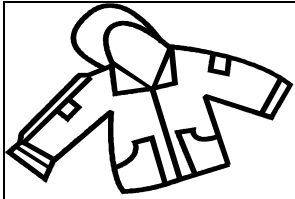
You will need your student’s ID number to register. Call the school office for this number at 815-657-8461.

Meal Prices 2015-2016

Student Breakfast - \$2.15

Student Lunch - \$2.90

Adult Lunch - \$4.70



Cooler Days have arrived!

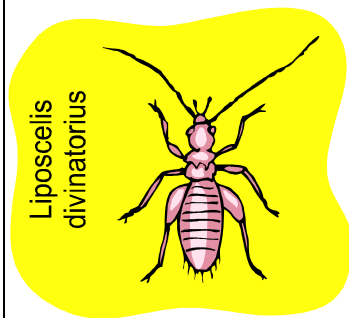
Please send a jacket or sweatshirt with your child.

It is also helpful to write your child's name on the tag inside.

Immunizations and Physical Forms are due by October 15, 2015



for all kindergarten students and students who are entering school for the first time in the State of Illinois.



Head Lice Season

Please check your children on a regular basis. If you find nits or live lice, please treat your child.

A child with head lice will receive a 1 day excused absence. Additional days are considered unexcused.

Contact your family doctor or pharmacist if you have questions about the treatment process or recommended products. Please follow instructions carefully to prevent re-infestation.

Head lice are very common and are easily transferred to others. Please make sure your child does not share hair accessories, combs, brushes and hats with others.

Miscellaneous Reminders:

- Do not send medication to school with your child. Parent and Physician must sign a form before medication will be given at school. Please read page 17 of the handbook for more details.
- Each day that your child is absent the school needs to be contacted by 8:30 a.m.
- Students are permitted to wear shorts, but make sure to dress appropriately for the weather.
- Flip flops, plastic shoes, and high heeled shoes are NOT recommended footwear. Please choose footwear that is easy to run in. This helps reduce injuries related to falls and crushed toes.
- If you have changed your address or phone number, please make sure we have the change on file in our computer. (Just give us a call 815-657-8141.)

