



Prairie Central CUSD #8  
 Meadowbrook Elementary School  
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## September 2015

Dear Meadowbrook Family,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We are off to a great start as we welcome all of our new and returning students.

This year, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Heidi Kiefer, our new kindergarten teacher. There are a few additional staff changes. Miss Stephanie McCormick is teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Heather Pierce is providing art instruction for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade and I am serving as the librarian and principal.

As you know, this is the last year Meadowbrook will be open. At the end of this school year, the building will close. As we plan for this change, I want you to know that we will make this the best year possible for Meadowbrook students. This year, we will continue to offer special celebrations like the Fall Festival with cider and donuts, the Holiday Feast, and special dress days. We are also looking forward to class parties, field trips, and assemblies. We are continuing our quarterly AR Rewards and will enjoy the end of year Field Day. Along with all of the fun, we continue to have high expectations for behavior and learning and we are confident our students will have a great year!

I hope that you and your child are looking forward to this year of learning and growing!

Sincerely,

Trish Paulson  
 Principal

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DATE	ACTIVITY
Sept 1 – Sept 4	Early Dismissal @ 2:06
Mon Sept 7	No School – Labor Day
Tues Sept 8	3:06 Dismissal Starts
Tues Sept 15	PTO Meeting 3:30 – 4:30 PM child care provided
Mon Sept 14	Assembly 10:15 – The Emperor’s New Clothes
Fri Sept 18	Picture Day
Thurs Oct 1	Parent Teacher Conf @ JH/HS School Improvement K - 6 Early Dismissal 1:06
Fri Oct 2	Homecoming Early Dismissal 1:06
Thurs Oct 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip - Ag Expo in Pontiac
Mon Oct 12	No School Columbus Day

Immunizations  
 and  
 Physical Forms



are due by  
 October 15, 2015

Students who do not meet  
 this requirement will be  
 excluded from school

## End of Day Dismissal

Please be patient during afternoon dismissal. We have a small window of time to make sure 150 students make it safely to their proper dismissal area. Students are traveling home by bus, car, bike and feet!

Please form a line across the parking area to the East of the school. The drive in front of the school should be left clear for busses. Cars may enter the drive after the busses leave. Since this is such a busy time of the day, we ask parents who pick up their children to please wait in their car.

Students will be dismissed in the following order:

- 1- Busses will leave at approximately 3:10
- 2- Cars will load as soon as the busses are away. Students are released in small groups directly from the school door to their car. We do not release students until we verify that their car is here.
- 3- Bike Riders and walkers are released after the car line is gone.

If you have an appointment after school and need to make a quick get-away, we recommend that you come to the office to pick up your child before 3:00.



Please make sure your child is supervised when crossing the parking lot and street.

Drivers are reminded to drive S L O W L Y and watch for children.

Our main concern is for the safety of our students.

## Please Welcome Our New Staff to Meadowbrook

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Mrs. Heidi Kiefer -  
Kindergarten  
Mrs. Heather Pierce - Art

*\*Please Mark Your Calendars\**

### Early Dismissals for the 2015-2016 School Term

Aug 24 – Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:06 Dismissal
Oct 1	1:06 Dismissal
Oct 2	1:06 Dismissal
Oct 29	1:06 Dismissal
Nov 3	1:06 Dismissal
Nov 25	2:06 Dismissal
Dec 22	2:06 Dismissal
Feb 2	1:06 Dismissal
Mar 18	2:06 Dismissal
Last Day of School	2:06 Dismissal



Picture day will be  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch! Please call the office by 8:30 am to order an adult lunch.



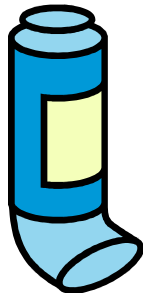
## Medication at School

If your child must take medication while at school, an ADULT must bring the medication to the school office.

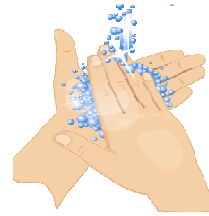
It is a violation of school policy for a student to carry prescription or non-prescription medication to school. This includes over the counter medications\*.

In order for your child to take medication at school, you must bring a Medication Authorization Form signed by the parent AND a doctor.

Students who require an inhaler or Epi-pan may be permitted to carry these. Please see the school nurse if you have questions. A Medication Authorization Form is also required for inhalers and Epi-Pens.



\*The **only** exception is for cough drops. If you would like for your child to have a cough drop, please send a note with the cough drops. Your child's teacher will dispense the cough drops per your instructions.



## Help Keep Kids Healthy!

Remind children to wash their hands frequently!

Wash Hands

- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After sneezing or coughing
- After wiping your nose
- After playing outside



## Health Reminder

Children with a fever of 100 degrees or higher are not allowed at school.

Children must be free of fever for 24 hours, without a fever reducing medication, before they can come back to school.

Please do not give your child a fever reducing medication and send them to school. This spreads illness to others.

For questions or concerns about health issues, please contact Lisa Benoit, our school nurse, at [lbenoit@prairiecentral.org](mailto:lbenoit@prairiecentral.org).