



Prairie Central CUSD #8
 Meadowbrook Elementary School
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March & April 2015

Dear Meadowbrook Family,

It may not seem like it now, but Spring is in sight! March 20th is the first day of Spring. I'm looking forward to seeing the daffodils and tulips that the *kindergarten* classes planted last August around the flag pole!

Our 3rd Quarter AR Reward will be Bounce Houses in the gym. Please help your child reach their 3rd quarter AR reading goal. We would like everyone to be able to join us on this fun filled day!

PARCC Testing (the standardized test that replaced ISAT) will be from March 2 - 13 for all 3rd & 4th graders with make ups the following week. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a hearty breakfast during this time.

Sincerely,



Trish Paulson, Principal

DATE	ACTIVITY
Mar 2 – 27	PARCC Testing
Mar 3 – Mar 6	National School Breakfast Week
Mar 3	Family Literacy Night 6:00 – 7:00
Mar 4	Red Cross Disaster Risk Presentation for 3 rd & 4 th Grades 12:15 – 1:00
Mar 4 - 5	Preschool Screenings @ Westview
Mar 13	End of 3 rd Quarter
Mar 17	PTO Meeting 3:30 – 4:30
Mar 18	Spring Pictures
Mar 20	Report Cards Home
Mar 23 – Mar 27	Read Across America
Mar 25	Cares Clowns Assembly 9:25 am
Mar 26	MB Music Program @ UE 7:00
Mar 27	3 rd Quarter AR Reward – Bouncy Houses
Mar 27	Early Dismissal 2:06
Mar 30 – Apr 6	Spring Break
Apr 7	School Resumes
Apr 14	Early Dismissal 2:06
Apr 16	Mobile Dentist
Apr 17	4 th Grade Field Trip to Springfield
Apr 21	PTO Meeting 3:30 – 4:30
Apr 21	Kindergarten Orientation 6:00 pm
Apr 23	2 nd Grade Field Trip to Orchestra
Apr 24	Progress Report
Apr 28	1 st Grade Field Trip to Gibson City Hospital

Preschool Screening for the 2015 - 2016 School Year

March 4 & 5 by appointment

Please call Westview Elementary for an appointment - 815-692-2623

Screenings are FREE and open to any child in Livingston County
 from birth to age 6 years.

THIS IS THE LAST SCREENING DATE THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

Dental Program – Thursday, April 16

The in-school dentist will be at Meadowbrook. It's an easy and convenient way for your child to get quality dental care, and most insurance covers 100% of treatment.

Permission forms were sent home with each child – to participate, please make sure your child brings a completed and signed form back to his or her teacher. If you haven't received a form, please contact the school right away. We're providing this service because taking care of your child's teeth is important to keeping them healthy.

BOX TOPS

Meadowbrook's Box Top total for the year is **\$809.70!**

Remember to keep saving this summer. The money collected saving box tops helps support the AR rewards and reading prizes throughout the year!

Handbook Information

Meadowbrook has been having issues with students bringing electronic devices to school. The handbook addresses this in Student Discipline, number 5:

The term "electronic devices" shall mean any and all devices which accomplish their purposes electronically and include, without limitation, cell phones, pagers, electronic emailing devices (e.g. Blackberry, iPhone), radios, tape players, CD players, DVD players, video cameras, iPods, MP3 players, laser pointers, portable video game players, personal digital assistants (PDAs), cameras, laptop computers, and any device that provides a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet or is capable of transmitting or receiving audio-video data or text messaging.

Use of these electronic devices is strictly prohibited at school. Possession of these items is prohibited during the school day; however the student may immediately take the items to his or her locker upon arrival and exit the building with them immediately after school. The building principal may grant permission, under special circumstances, for student use of personally owned electronic devices. These items are brought to school under your own risk. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal items.

KISS A PIG

Meadowbrook celebrated Valentine's Day with our Kiss a Pig Fundraiser. The money raised was donated to the Forrest Food Pantry and Meadowbrook's Needy Kid Fund. The students collected a total of \$307.74. The five lucky staff members who kissed the pig are Mrs. Delong, Mrs. Dozier, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Masters and Mr. McGuire. **Thank you to Patrick & Julie Harms for bringing in the pig!**