



Prairie Central CUSD #8
 Meadowbrook Elementary School
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 Forrest, IL 61741
 815-657-8461

October 2014

Dear Meadowbrook Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Hog Roast last Friday in Forrest Park. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious, as always! The money raised will be used to purchase additional technology for the classrooms.

I would like to thank the PTO Board, Wendy Zimmerman, Marsha Lanz, Teresa Bachtold, and teacher Erin Bundy, for their many hours of planning, preparation and organization. A big thank you goes to the following: Tory and Wendy Zimmerman and Mike and Marsha Lanz for donating the hogs; Allan Edelman who spent an entire day roasting and preparing the meat; Kent Blunier who loaned us his smoker; Ray and Gladys Slagel who donated their ice cream machine; and many other people also contributed food and time to this wonderful family and community event.

Our students will be very busy this month. The first week we will celebrate Fire Prevention Week with a fire drill and a visit from the Forrest Fire Department. The second week we will participate in *The Great American Shake Out* national earthquake drill by practicing "Drop, Cover and Hold On." The third week is Red Ribbon Week. We close the month of October as students begin learning about the election process, in preparation for Election Day in November.

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 6- 10	Fire Prevention Week
Oct 7	Early Dismissal @ 1:06 for School Improvement
Oct 9	Early Dismissal @ 2:06 - Due to High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 9	Ag Expo – 2 nd Grade
Oct 13	No School - Columbus Day
Oct 16	Great American Shake Out
Oct 16	Student Mentoring Begins
Oct 17	End of 1 st Quarter
Oct 21	PTO Meeting 3:30
Oct 23	Picture Retakes
Oct 23 - 31	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 24	AR Reward – 1 st Quarter
Oct 25	Donkey Basketball @ the HS Sponsored by the Athletic Boosters
Oct 28 – 30	Book Fair
Oct 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 - 7:30 Dismiss @ 2:06
Oct 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 - 7:30 Dismiss @ 2:06
Oct 30	Fall Harvest Celebration PTO Sponsors Cider & Donuts
Oct 30	No student mentoring
Oct 31	No School
Nov 4	Early Dismissal 2:06

**It is time to collect Box Tops!
 Send them to school October 6 through October 17.**

PTO Meetings for 2014-2015



October 21, 2014
November 18, 2014
January 20, 2015
February 17, 2015
March 17, 2015
April 21, 2015
May 19, 2014

@ 3:30

***There is no meeting in December.**

PTO Officers

Wendy Zimmerman – President

Teresa Bachtold – Vice President

Erin Bundy – 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 2014-2015

Student Breakfast - \$1.95

Student Lunch - \$2.60

Adult Lunch - \$4.25

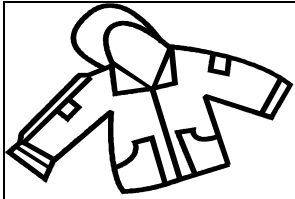
Bus Lane Safety for Student Car Riders

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.



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.



Cooler Days have arrived!

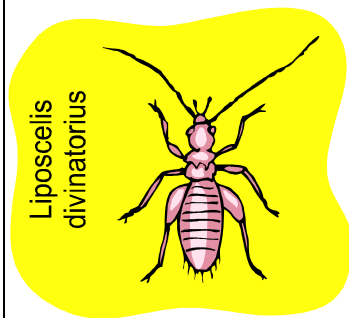
Please send a jacket or sweatshirt with your child.

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

Immunizations and Physical Forms are due by October 15, 2014



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.)



**Congratulations to those students
who completed the
1000 Minute Reading Challenge**

Kari Leman
Kelsey Stoller
Brittney Slagel
Kyle Leman
Jacob Mueller
Kinzey Bachtold
Adi Bachtold
Lakin Bachtold
Justin Leman