

# MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL

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Good afternoon parents/guardians,

We'd like to welcome all of our Bulldogs back from their holiday break and a Happy New Year! We had a busy finish in December and we hope that families had an opportunity to enjoy some quality time together over the holidays. We have some updates to share with you on what is happening in our school as we kick off the New Year at Meadowbrook School:

## **Student Leadership Update:**

**Bulldog Changemakers Club:** We are pleased to announce that our Bulldog Changemakers Club was able to raise an astounding \$925.00 in gift cards to donate to Airdrie 1<sup>st</sup> Club right before the holidays! Our students worked hard to provide an array of fundraising initiatives to give back to the community and we were also able to collect food bank donations for the Airdrie Food Bank at our Winter Concert right before the break. Thank you to all our Bulldogs for exemplifying the spirit of giving during the holiday season. Well done, Bulldogs!

Theme Day on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>: Jersey Day! Wear your favourite team colours or jerseys!

## **Bulldog Athletics:**

**Junior A Basketball:** Our second tournaments are being played on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> with the girls hosting at Meadowbrook School and the boys at CW Perry. The final tournaments will be hosted on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> with the final divisionals occurring in February before the break.

**Junior B Basketball:** Sign-up for Junior B Basketball teams will occur at the end of January and more information will be shared in PE classes.

**Grade 6 Basketball:** The Grade 6 basketball season begins in March and more information will be shared in PE classes for sign-ups.

Please refer to any updates on our school calendar for practice and tournament information for teams in the current season.

For any schedules of tournaments, please refer to the Rocky View Middle School Sports page: <https://rvsa.rockyview.ab.ca/middle-school-sports>

A friendly reminder that all athletes and spectators are expected to adhere to the Rocky View Code of Conduct when attending any sporting events.

## **Provincial Achievement Exams:**

**May/June 2022 Grade 6 PAT results:** Grade 7 students who attended Meadowbrook School as a grade 6 student and wrote Provincial Achievement Exams in May and June of 2022 will be mailed their results this week. Please note that PAT results are not counted towards achievement outcomes in PowerSchool and it is used as data to improve teaching and learning practices.

**Current Grade 6 PAT Schedule:** Grade 6 Provincial Achievement schedules have shifted to be administered province-wide at the same time. Please refer to the attachment for the most recent dates and times of these exams in core subject areas for our Grade 6 students.

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### **Student-Led Conferences:**

Our student-led conferences will be held on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm. Student-led conferences focus on our students having an opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and what they are proud of. Please stay tuned for future information related to bookings for these dates.

### **Upcoming Meadowbrook Presentations for Parents:**

**“I Got Mind” presented by Bob Wilkie:** Meadowbrook and Heloise Lorimer Parent Council have collaborated to bring in Bob Wilkie to do an uplifting in-person talk on the social and emotional well-being of children. The session will be hosted in the Meadowbrook Learning Commons on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

**Free Online Parenting Sessions:** Alberta Health Services, Stepping Stones, and Rocky View School Division are providing free online parenting sessions related to mental health and well-being for children and adults. If you would like to find out more information or sign-up please see the attachments!

### **Winter Preparedness:**

Students are reminded to be dressed and prepared to go outside for recess and certain Options (Sports Performance, Outdoor Education, etc.) courses in all conditions. Ideally, students should have proper footwear, coats, and mitts and hats to cover up extremities.

### **Safety/Bus Transportation Updates:**

To accommodate our bus transported students, we remind all parents to ensure they are not dropping off students in the bus loading zones or the staff parking lot. Two of our buses must use the drop-off locations east of the school which have visible signage. Buses are dropping off students anytime between 7:55am and 8:08am, as school begins. We anticipate adjustments to bus drop off times due to expected changes in weather conditions. We also ask that morning drop-offs remain in the designated areas across the street from the school or further down the block.

Safety is the priority for our students, and we thank you for your support during the rush hour within our school zone.

### **School Council Message:**

Partners of Meadowbrook Middle School Association would like to announce that funding from our most recent casino has officially been received from AGLC (Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission). We'd like to share that the amount our school received was \$39,977.80! Thank you again to all the parents and staff that volunteered their time in July of 2022 to ensure the event ran smoothly and our volunteer commitments were fulfilled. In the coming months we will meet to discuss how best to spend these funds and support student learning. If you'd like more information, please reach out to [erin\\_leggett@shaw.ca](mailto:erin_leggett@shaw.ca) or join us at our next meeting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **Communication:**

A reminder that all our important dates and events are updated regularly on our school calendar on our main website at <https://meadowbrook.rockyview.ab.ca/calendar>. This can be added to your personal calendar if you click the + sign in the bottom right-hand corner of the page and events will be added as they are added by the office!

We also have social media pages through Twitter and Facebook. To follow our Twitter page, you can look up “@meadowbk\_rvs” and to follow our Facebook page, you can look up “Meadowbrook School”.

### **Communication of Student Learning:**

Rocky View School Division has a document prepared to help parents understand student achievement. Please note, that students are graded according to their understanding of outcomes throughout various types of assessments to demonstrate and communicate student learning. Please refer to the link to find out more information about accessing PowerSchool and understanding real time reporting: [https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/learning/powerschool\\_information](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/learning/powerschool_information).

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Teachers are communicating student learning in course outcomes every 2-3 weeks in PowerSchool and sending emails weekly or biweekly. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers.

**Healthy Hunger**

You will need to log in to your Healthy Hunger account and your child's new homeroom teacher to be able to order if you already have an existing account. If you need a new account, you can register at [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca).

Be sure to save the following dates in your calendars!

Junior A Basketball Tournament: January 20  
Jersey Day (Student Leadership theme day): January 20  
Healthy Hunger Lunch from Chopped Leaf: January 26  
Grade 6 Active Living Day Group 2: January 26  
Junior A Basketball Tournament: January 27  
Professional Learning Day (NO SCHOOL): February 10  
February Break (NO SCHOOL): February 18-26  
"I Got Mind" Presentation from Bob Wilkie: March 9 at 6:30pm  
Student-Led Conferences: March 15-16 from 4pm-7pm

Sincerely,

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