



# MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Meadows Messenger

*the greatest ACHIEVEMENTS are ACCOMPLISHED little by little!*

**KINDNESS CHANGES EVERYTHING!**

2018-19 SCHOOL-WIDE THEME

Week of May 13, 2019

### Message from the Principal

Thank you for your efforts to make last week successful! The 2019 Teacher Appreciation Week left the teachers feeling loved and appreciated as they received kind notes and beautiful flowers and enjoyed delicious lunches and desserts. During Open House, the students were filled with a sense of accomplishment as they shared their projects with their families.

Thank you to all of you who have taken time to complete the online School Effectiveness Survey! If you have not yet done so, please click on the **PARENT SURVEY** link located on our school website as it will be available until tomorrow, 5/13/19, morning at 8AM.

The staff and I encourage your child to participate in the **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS** for the week of 5/13/19:

*Pick your own Random Act of Kindness and stop by the front office to share what is was and how it made you feel!  
There will be a special KINDNESS CHANGES EVERYTHING bucket for you to drop your note in.*

There are only 23 more days of the school year! Thank you for your continued partnership and support. :0)

Kim Sorenson-Howe, Principal  
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### Upcoming Events and Reminders

#### Morning Ceremony:

Meadows' Morning Ceremony takes place promptly at 7:55AM each morning. Mrs. Bronstein's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will lead the Morning Ceremony during the week of 5/13/19.

#### GATE testing results:

Gate testing results will be sent home with students on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2019-2020 First Lego Robotics Afterschool Enrichment Applications:

MW's after school Robotics enrichment program is open to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The 2019-2020 Robotics application is available to download from our MW's website or picked up from the front office.

## Meadows Guardians Update:

- The Meadows Guardians, Chaired by Mrs. Qiana Tarlow, continue to work collaboratively with Site Administration to find solutions for concerns around morning drop off. Below are a few of the action steps that have been taken thus far:
  - 1-2 Meadows Guardians help to facilitate the front valet line as often as they are able.
  - A request for a crossing guard at Mill Valley/Fedala intersection has been submitted to the city.
  - The hedges, located south of the front driveway, have been trimmed back in an effort to improve visibility of pedestrians.
  - Signage hung along the valet line indicating the location of the Kiss and Drop Zone.

## Front Gate/Valet Procedures, refer to attached map:

- **Kiss and Drop Zone Expectations:**
  - Drop off begins at fence - pull as far forward as possible before letting child out of car, unload when cars stop
  - Please unlock doors and roll down passenger windows for volunteers
  - Parents are not to exit car
  - Children sit on passenger side and have belongings together and ready
  - Say goodbyes before kids exit car
  - No U-turns in driveways or at YMCA, do not drive through Staff Parking Lot
- **Park and Walk Zone Expectations:**
  - No parking in driveways or double parking
  - No U-turns in driveways or middle of the street, turn around in cul-de-sac only, please use crosswalks

## 2019 School Effectiveness **ONLINE** Survey:

The School Effectiveness Surveys that have traditionally been sent home with your children every year have been in a paper/pencil format. As you will see when you click on the link below, the **2019 School Effectiveness Survey** is now an online experience! I kindly ask that every parent take a few minutes and complete the 10 question survey. There is a section for comments available for parents who would like to provide specific feedback. You are encouraged to click on the link below at your convenience.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSDParentSurvey>

Thank you for taking the time to complete the School Effectiveness Survey as both Mrs. Sorenson-Howe and Mrs. Van Gelderen value your input, feedback, and suggestions. The **2019 School Effectiveness Survey** link will be housed on our school website and remain **active until Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8AM.**

## The CAASPP testing window begins tomorrow:

The CAASPP testing window begins on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue through May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have a designated testing window starting at 8:30 and ending at 10:30. Testing sessions will begin promptly at 8:30AM. Students that arrive after 8:30 will remain in the office until the testing session is complete. Grades 3-6 will have an adjusted recess schedule throughout the testing window. All four grade levels will go to recess from 10:30AM-10:50AM.

## Chorus and Orchestra Students:

You will be performing during the school day on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! Do your best to arrive to school on time as ALL orchestra and choir students will report to MPR at 8am for warm-up. Orchestra students, please remember to bring your instruments to school on Wednesday. Due to limited space in the MPR, this concert is for Meadows students and staff only.

## PTSA Meeting, 5/15/19, 8AM:

All MW's parents are invited to attend the next PTSA Association Meeting on Wednesday, 5/15/19, at 8:00AM, in the MPR.

## Kindergarten Orientation, Thursday, 5/16/19, 5:30PM:

Incoming TK and Kindergarten families please mark your calendar for this special event that will take place in the MPR.

## PTSA Mother/Son Activity, 5/17/19:

Join our PTSA for a Magical Mother Son Night, Featuring **Magician Brian Hoffman!** Come ready to play games, enjoy music and experience a magic show! Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Meadows MPR. Doors open at 5:30pm. Show begins at 6:00pm. \$10 per mother and son(s). Magic tricks will be available for purchase. Below is the sign-up Genius for the Mother/Son Activity. Please click on the link to sign up to help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090848aaa628a1fb6-mother>

**We are the Meadows family, and together, we will change lives!**

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