



MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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the greatest ACHIEVEMENTS are ACCOMPLISHED *little by little!*

KINDNESS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

2018-19 SCHOOL-WIDE THEME

Week of May 20, 2019

Message from the Principal

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, 5/20/19, at midnight!

A HUGE shout out to our newly formed Meadows Guardians parent volunteer group who worked collaboratively with Mrs. Howe to come up with a positive solution to morning drop off congestion across campus. As a result of their collaborative solution approach and willingness to be a part of the solution, the **LARGE SIDE GATE** will be opened every morning, beginning tomorrow, 5/20, at 7:30AM. A huge THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Qiana Tarlow and her team of Guardians for their willingness to help our Meadows family! If you would like to be a part of the Meadows Guardians, please contact the front office at (661) 291-4050.

The staff and I encourage your child to participate in the **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS** for the week of 5/20/19:

*If you notice trash on the ground next time you take a walk, enjoy a hike,
or spend time at a park do your part to pick it up and throw it away!*

Thank you for your continued partnership and support! :0)

Kim Howe, Principal
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Upcoming Events and Reminders

Morning Ceremony:

Meadows' Morning Ceremony takes place promptly at 7:55AM each morning. Mrs. Coffey's 5th grade class will lead the Morning Ceremony during the week of 5/20/19.

The CAASPP testing window CONTINUES this week:

CAASPP testing in 3rd through 6th grades will continue this week and will continue through May 31st. We will have a designated testing window starting at 8:30AM and ending at 10:30AM. 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 as there will be no classroom interruptions during this time period. Thank you for not scheduling appointments during this time. 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.

2019-2020 First Lego Robotics Afterschool Enrichment Applications:

There is still time for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to register for 2019-2020 MW's after school Robotics enrichment program. The application is available to download on our MW's website or can be picked up from the front office.

2019 School Effectiveness *ONLINE* Survey:

You have until tomorrow, Monday, 5/20, at midnight to complete the 2019 School Effectiveness Survey! The link has been e-mailed to families several times the past week and will be housed on our school website and remain **active until Monday, May 20th, at midnight**. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSDParentSurvey>

McTeacher Night @ McDonalds, Wednesday, 5/22, 4-7PM:

Please plan to join our Meadows family on Wednesday evening at our May PTSA Restaurant Night at the McDonalds, located on Hamburger Hill (25323 Chiquella Lane, Stevenson Ranch, 91381).

No School – Memorial Day, 5/27:

There will be no school on Monday, 5/27, in honor of Memorial Day.

Kona Ice Day, 5/28, Dismissal:

The cost of a Kona Ice is \$4. Kona Ice will be sold to the Meadows school community immediately following *Kinder dismissal (1:40PM) and 1st – 6th grade dismissal (2:40PM). At dismissal on Kona Ice Days, there will be two Kona Ice trucks on opposite sides of the Meadows property to accommodate families preferred pick up locations.

FINAL MWs Family Flag Day of the 2018-19 school year, 6/3, 7:55AM:

Please plan to join us for our final Family Flag Ceremony on Monday, 6/3/19. Families are welcome!

NSD Celebration of the Arts, 6/4, Newhall ES:

Please plan to drop by the NSD Art Show on June 5th at Newhall ES as many of our students' art work will be on display at the NSD Art Show. The art program that our students participate in at Meadows provides them an opportunity to learn about, develop, and produce beautiful pieces of art. The NSD Art Show never disappoints!! We hope to see our Meadows families there!

Beach Spirit Day, 6/7:

Students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing appropriate beach wear (no bathing suits) to school on Friday, 6/7/19.

Cafeteria – End of the School Year Procedures:

Food Services has stopped accepting checks for the rest of the school year. Balances and lunch/breakfast purchases must be paid in cash. As a reminder, all cafeteria balances must be paid in full before the last day of school, 6/13/19.

6th Grade Promotion, 6/12/19, 8:15AM, Valencia-Meadows Park:

Sixth grade students must arrive to their classrooms no later than 7:55 AM! Boys should wear clean slacks or shorts and a collared shirt. No jeans. Girls may wear a blouse and skirt, a simple dress or jumper that meets the school dress code. Safe and sensible shoes are encouraged for walking on grass. All family and close friends are welcome to attend. Seating is on a first-come-first served basis, but there will be plenty of standing room. Please keep the aisles clear and do not allow younger children to run around near the ceremony. We discourage balloons, but if you do bring them, please sit in the back so the balloons do not block views. When taking pictures or video, please do not stand and block the view of other audience members. In the event that we have rain on June 13th, the ceremony will take place in our school Multipurpose Room. The audience will be limited to **TWO** individuals for each student in order to comply with fire code restrictions. Please park on the streets surrounding the park. Keep in mind there are multiple entries to the park. Please complete the proper paperwork (sent home with 6th grade students) if siblings at Meadows will be attending the ceremony. If siblings do not attend school after the ceremony, it will be marked as an unexcused absence.

Minimum Day Dismissal - Last Day of School, 6/13/19:

Students will be dismissed at 12PM on the last day of school.

End of Year Picnic, Thursday, 6/13/19, 12:15PM, Valencia Meadows Park:

To celebrate the end of the school year with our Meadows family, you are invited to bring a picnic and a blanket for your family to enjoy a fun lunch together under the trees at Meadows park. This event will begin after the dismissal bell rings at 12PM. ☺

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

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