

Message from the Meadows

...a weekly update from Mrs. Battaglia

September 18, 2020

Happy Friday, South Meadows Families!

It's been a great week:) We continue to get our heads wrapped around this virtual learning experience and from my view...your kids are doing GREAT!!! While I understand that this situation is not ideal for all, it continues to amaze me how we have all come together as a South Meadows' family to support and understand that we are doing our very best in a new and uncontrollable situation. So, once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your support. Thank you for your positive feedback and messages to our amazing teachers. I guarantee it makes a difference and means a lot.

Phase- In to Hybrid Update

You can anticipate a decision and communication from Dr. Helber on Monday (September 21st) regarding our return to school Hybrid plan. Following that decision, I will reach out with details as needed.

Hybrid Learning

It is important to note that should we move into the Hybrid phase, there may be slight changes to your child's virtual days at home...we will do our best to keep as consistent as possible and get information out to you as soon as we can.

ZOOM Protocol

Thank you so much for supporting your child's at home learning! We know that many of you have worked hard to have an appropriate set-up and ability to help monitor their learning. I am asking that if at all possible, you are not "in" the Zoom viewing screen with your child. We are finding that the adult presence is distracting for some of our students. Thank you for your understanding.

HALF DAY next Friday

Friday, September 25, is a half day for students and staff. We will make a couple adjustments to the Friday schedule so that kids can still get their specials. Your child's teacher will also remind students about these changes.

ALL 4th Grade PE: 10:00 - 10:30

ALL 3rd Grade PE: 10:35-11:05

Pollack - 5th grade Art: 10:00 - 10:30

Heydlauff - 5th Grade Art: 10:35 - 11:05

iPad Insurance

Forms, and money if you are selecting insurance (\$20 payable to South Meadows), were due last week. Please take a moment to drop your form off at the school or drop it in the mail to 335 Pierce Street, Chelsea 48118. Thank you.

NWEA TEsting

Just as in a traditional school year, we are still held accountable for the proper assessment of our students. Over the next month, our Kindergarten through eighth grade students will take the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) test. This assessment helps us determine each child's instructional level and needs, guide instructional planning, and measure progress throughout the year. This year, the assessment also helps us meet the requirements of our State Continuity of Learning plan. Our students will take the assessment again in the winter and in the spring. Though this assessment is not new to students and families in the district, it

may feel and look a bit different this year if/when delivered in the remote environment. We will be providing support for teachers, families, and students in making this shift. Assessment dates and specific information as to how this will look at our building will be coming soon.

[Chelsea Cub Scouts](#)

Have a great weekend,
Stacie