

Message from the Meadows

...a weekly update from Mrs. Battaglia

September 25, 2020

Happy Friday, South Meadows Families!

I hope that all of you have had an opportunity to enjoy the amazing Fall weather this week. It has been a busy week around here...staff have been working hard on the transition back to Hybrid and we are looking forward to having our students back on Monday and Tuesday! Once again, THANK YOU. This transition has not been without its glitches and I appreciate your understanding as we work through every aspect.

Schedules

You should have heard from your child's teacher about what schedules will look like beginning Monday. For our families in our virtual classes, you may see some changes to your specials schedules and slight adjustments in times.

Health and Safety

Please monitor your child's health closely. If he or she is showing any signs of illness, we ask that you keep them home from school. Each day your child attends school in person, you will need to fill out a daily [Health Screener](#) for them. Please try to complete this prior to their arrival at school. You can also access the screener through this [QR code](#).

Arrival

Our drop off time for South Meadows is **7:45 to 8:00 AM**. For drop off and pick up you may use both the Pierce Street (back lot) and Maywood (front office lot). When dropping off in morning, please pull all the way forward and have your child exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side of the vehicle. As he or she gets closer to the doors, there will be blue Xs on the sidewalk to help them keep a safe distance from others who may be entering at the same time.

3rd Graders and New Families (and everyone else too!)

We can't wait to welcome you to South Meadows!!! We know there may be some nervousness about arriving at a brand new building, and we plan to have plenty of staff on hand to help you make your way safely and easily into our building. We have also created this video tour to help you prepare! [Virtual Tour](#)

Dismissal

I anticipate that pick up may be a bit tricky this first week...but we will get through it!! Our scheduled dismissal time at South Meadows is **2:15 - 2:30 PM**. I am excited to let you know that I am in the midst of acquiring an APP that will allow us to dismiss students upon your arrival in the parking lot! Every family will be issued a car tag with a designated number. When you pull into the lot, a staff member will code your number into the APP and the classroom teacher will get

notification in the classroom for your child to leave the room. I hope to have tags ready to distribute by the end of the first week. IN THE MEANTIME:)

Please plan to have your child's name and teacher printed on a piece of paper for dismissal this week. When you pull up, we will walkie to a hallway monitor who will let the classroom know your child can be dismissed. Thank you in advance for your patience this week.

Transportation

You should have heard from our transportation department about your bus number and time. If not, you will need to reach out to them at (734) 433-2274.

Lunch and Breakfast

If you did not fill out the survey, please take a minute to do so now: [LUNCH Survey](#)

We want to assure that we have enough food prepared for these first days back. We will be sending paper menus home with your kids; but please know that you can access them on our website as well. As a reminder, lunch and breakfast are free until December for all students.

iPad Insurance

Forms, and money if you are selecting insurance (\$20 payable to South Meadows), were due September 11th. You can send payment and/or form to school with your child on Monday/ Tuesday.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Believe it or not, it is time for your first opportunity to "meet" with your child's teacher. Conferences at South are scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7th** and **Thursday, October 15th** from 3:45 - 7:00 PM. All conferences will be held via Zoom. You can expect a sign-up genius to come out on Monday.

PTO

Is excited to start back up and would like to invite ALL parents to their first meeting on October 1st. Click the link here to pre-register for the Zoom meeting.

[PTO Meeting](#)

Community Ed has asked us to let you know that the [Dawg Den](#) is still available to families.

Important Reminder

No parents or visitors will be allowed into our school buildings. You are welcome to walk your child up to the doors, but please use the blue Xs on our sidewalks to maintain a safe distance from others. If you need to drop off items or pick up your child early, please call the office upon arrival and we will greet you at the door.

I cannot express how excited I am to welcome students back. Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the weather and we will see you on MONDAY or TUESDAY!

Mrs. Battaglia