



Meadowlark Messenger

MEADOWLARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2019

Happy Fall!

We have had a wonderful start of the year and students and staff are really getting in to the swing of things! We hope you have had a great experience as well, and want you to know should anything ever come up, good or bad, please bring it to our attention so that we can work together to address the issue. We truly value the partnership between school and home when it comes to supporting our students and families.

In our continuing efforts to do what is best for each student, we are excited to try something new with our core math instruction at Meadowlark. After much discussion, we have collaborated as a staff to implement our own Walk to Math program. In our second year of Saxon Math, we have identified the need to differentiate our instruction even more so and are excited to take on the challenge. This will entail taking students within each grade level and splitting them into two groups among the grade-level teachers for their core math instruction. All students would still work on grade-level content at their readiness level. Decision making as to what would best meet each child's needs is based on teacher observation, in-class assessments, benchmark testing, and daily work. Students who qualified for Title Math will continue to get that vital intervention. We have seen this model and other forms of a Walk to Math program done successfully at Utterback School and other schools around the state and are excited to see the benefits for our students. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's classroom teacher.

We are also excited to start a rotational lunch schedule to help with the flow of the lunchroom and encourage students to get a full meal in their bellies to be ready to learn. Starting next week, we will follow the schedule below. If you have any questions, please ask!

- 11:10 - K & 1 - Eats Lunch**
- 2 & 3 - Recess**
- 11:35 - 2 & 3 - Eats Lunch**
- K & 1 - Recess**

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11

Fire Safety
Assemblies

October 14 & 15

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

October 14-16

No After-school
Program

October 17 & 18

No School
Teacher Professional
Development Days

October 29

Picture Retakes

October 31

Halloween Parade
2:30pm
Meadowlark Gym

November 11

Veteran's Program
CHS Gymnasium @
10:00am

Parent-Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER 14 & 15 - 4-7PM

This year we are trying something new to schedule parent teacher conferences. As you are the ones that best know your schedule, we are going to use a digital platform, SignMeUpGenius.Com, for you to select a time to meet with your child's teacher. If you have a child at Utterback, they will send out paper slips with your conference time so that you can plan accordingly. Please go to the following link to schedule your time!

<https://bit.ly/2ABVz7o>

Comment: Your Child's Name

We will also send this out on Remind to make things easier for you! If we see you haven't scheduled a time, we will book it for you and let you know when your time is. We hope this is a positive change and welcome and feedback. If you need assistance with this, please give us a call and we would be more than happy to help!

Please send kiddos in warm clothes for the winter conditions! If you need any support in this, please let us know!

