



At Meadow Glens, we strive to create an inclusive community where everyone feels safe and valued. Meadow Glens is definitely a great school and has so many positive qualities, yet it is important to continue to build on these skills. Ultimately, we want to help students acquire and apply the skills necessary to understand and manage their own emotions, feel and show empathy for others, and establish positive relationships with their peers. By doing this, we can truly live our mission of producing self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers and community contributors. The staff at Meadow Glens work hard to create a team approach in making our school community a positive and productive place to learn and we appreciate all of your support with this endeavor.

Class Lists for 2019-2020 SY

When we assemble classes we make them heterogeneous. Some major factors we consider are: the child's demonstrated academic achievement and rate of learning, the quality of the student's citizenship, work habits, study skills, boy-girl ratio in the class, and placement of honors math, PI, PI+ and the needs of special education students. You can see that this is a complicated process and is based upon our best assessment of each child. Many professional hours of planning and preparation are spent in the spring to ensure the most appropriate class placement for each child. To change even one student can upset the balance that was very carefully created by teachers, specialists, and administrators. Primarily we group children for instructional purposes and placing them in classes based on any other factor would defeat our ultimate academic goals for each student. If you have information about your child's needs such as learning styles, need for structure, organizational skills, etc. please send me a written note by April 12th. I cannot and will not honor requests for specific teachers. Thank you, in advance, for adhering to the guidelines listed above and respecting the professional judgment that goes into this process.

"2019-2020 Annual Update" (previously Spring Registration)

In our district, "registration" means different things to parents and their students based on the level. Renaming this part of the process to "Annual Update" allows us to be consistent throughout the district as parents can now do so for all their students regardless of grade-level. The Annual Update packet will be sent home on April 4th. This material is for new K-5 students and returning 1st-4th grade students. Included in the Annual Update packets are instructions on how to order a complete 2019/2020 school supply kit if you wish to order through H&S. The school supply kits include everything your student needs for the first day of school. No shopping or wondering if you have the right supplies. Parents will be able to complete all other forms online. **Annual Update online is due on May 3rd.**

Happy Retirement!

We have three certified staff (Sharon Ferrari, Barb Hunt, and Julie Kassen) that will be retiring at the end of this year. We will truly miss the dedication and expertise that these teachers bring to Meadow Glens. We hope that the next chapter of their lives brings them happiness and is as fulfilling as the first. We will miss you! H&S will honor the retirees on May 23rd in the MPR from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Spirit Days

Hawaiian Day - April 12th

Color Competition Day - May 17th

"Playscapes" Outdoor Playground Stencils

A few fifth grade students will be working on an authentic project to benefit all future students at Meadow Glens. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of H&S we have a budget to add custom stencil paths and games to our playground blacktop areas. The goal will be to create an engaging area for fitness, education, social, and sensory opportunities for students to enjoy.

The final design proposals will include the following:

1. A map of the blacktop noting the locations/placement of each of the Playscapes.
2. A list of all Playscapes including their price. Note the grand total for all the Playscapes proposed.
3. A short persuasive paragraph explaining the design choices and the overall vision for the blacktop.

Volunteer Luncheon (Date Change)

We invite you to attend our *Volunteer Thank You Luncheon* on **Tuesday, April 23rd**. Join us in the LRC from 10:45am-12:15pm so we can formally thank you for all you have done to support our children and our school. You'll have an opportunity to chat with friends and neighbors and visit with a teacher or two as well. We hope you will be able to attend.

5th Grade Show

5th Grade Parents only - Mark your calendars for the 5th Grade Show on Tuesday, April 30th at 1:30pm. You may have heard your student talking about our upcoming musical, Time Travel. The plot of the musical is written by our very own 5th graders!

In the story, the year is 3019. People are evacuating to Mars as Earth cannot be lived on anymore, due to global warming. A few kids go back in time to see if they can prevent Global Warming, so no one has to move to Mars. Our performance for Meadow Glens families will take place in the gym and we hope you will plan to attend this unique experience.

"IAR Testing" formerly PARCC Testing

This year, we will administer the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness). The IAR assesses the New Illinois Learning Standards Incorporating the Common Core and will be administered in ELA and Mathematics. This assessment, like PARCC, is aligned to the standards and our curriculum. **IAR testing at Meadow Glens will be April 8-12.** You can help your child do his/her best on the test by:

- Making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing and arrives on time.
- Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing
- Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing.
- Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions.
- Letting your child know that you have confidence in his/her ability to do his/her best.
- Advising your child not to worry about the test, just do their best.

Home & School Wish List Suggestions

At the end of each school year, the Meadow Glens Home & School Association forms a Wish List Committee to determine how to spend the non-designated funds earned through fundraising efforts. The funds are used to enhance the school and student learning at Meadow Glens. We are seeking EVERYONE'S ideas for the Wish List. All MG staff will also be asked for their ideas. It's important to consider the following for any ideas: 1) COST - the cost must be reasonable, as funds are limited and spread among the requests; and 2) STUDENT INVOLVEMENT - our goal is to spend the funds to best benefit the most students. Please use this link to the online form to submit your Wish List suggestions. [Home&School Wish List Link](#) DEADLINE for Wish List requests is April 4, 2019.

Flower Sale

Think Spring! On May 9th, the front lawn of Meadow Glens School will be littered with gorgeous plants and flowers. Instead of looking on with envy, you can take some home to enjoy all summer. Don't forget to **place your order by Wednesday, April 10th**. You can place your order online at [MG Flower Sale](#).

Nominations for H&S

We have a great school with some really generous volunteers. Joining the board and chairing a position is a great way to support your child's school and really make an impact. It's also a great way to have fun and get to know other families within our community. Please take a moment to look at the open positions and consider giving your time to support the students, families, and staff at Meadow Glens. [H&S Positions for 2019-2020](#)

End-of-the-year picnic

The end-of-the-year picnic is held on the last day of school (tentatively May 31st) during lunch. The lunch schedules are slightly different on the last day: **11:15 am** – MN, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; **12:15 pm** - 4th, 5th, PI+.

Last Day of School 2018-2019

Barring any unexpected situations (weather or otherwise) which would cause us to delay the final day of school for the 2018-2019 school year, the last day of school will be **Friday, May 31, 2019**. The last day of school is a full school day 8:15am-2:30pm.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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| April 4 | Elgin Symphony Orchestra 5 th grade (no PI+) 8:30am-11:30am |
| April 5 | 3 rd Grade Instrumental Clinic (students interested can try an instrument) in the MPR 8:30am-10:15am |
| April 5 | Drum Show 5 th grade (no PI+) at NCHS 9:15am-11:30am |
| April 8-12 | IAR testing- with makeup's the following week |
| Apr 12 | Student Council Hawaiian Day |
| April 15 | Rescheduled 2 nd Grade Naper Settlement 8:45am-11:45am |
| April 16 | 3 rd Grade NALCO (Science is Fun) MPR 8:20am-9:15am |
| April 19 | No School |
| April 23 | Volunteer Luncheon 10:45am-12:15pm in LRC |
| April 24 | Rescheduled 4 th PIP/ 4 th Grade - Katherine Applegate |
| April 29 | 5 th Grade Visits MJHS/KJHS 9:00-10:00am |
| April 30 | 5 th Grade Music Show (5 th grade parent performance 1:30pm in gym) |
| May 1 | Switch Day – Monday Special Schedule |
| May 3 | ½ Day Student Attendance- Dismissal at 11:35 |
| May 9 | Flower Order pick-up |