



Meadow Glens Newsletter  
News from Katy Lynch, Principal  
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### **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CROSTOWN CLASSIC**

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019 Meadow Glens, as well as ALL elementary schools in District 203, will be participating in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Crosstown Classic hosted by Mill Street School. K-5 grade students have been invited to participate. In the past MG has only had 20-25 kids participate and we are hoping that this year we can entice more students to participate. Many of the other schools bring upwards of 75-100 kids. Mr. Benyo would love MG to get close to that number this year.

All of the students as they arrive will be directed to the “staging area” that will be labeled Meadow Glens. Volunteer MG staff will help MG kids when they arrive to put Bib Number on and cheer them on during their races. However, they ARE NOT a babysitter. Parents are EXPECTED to stay for the event and may leave after child has completed his/her race. The first race starts at 4:10pm and last race starts at 6:00pm. Parents do not have to check out with MG staff or stay for whole event. Here’s to a wonderful Crosstown Classic!

### **ARTSONIA**

**Artsonia is now in progress! In order for your child to participate, it’s important to check your email (and spam folder). Artsonia sent a request for your permission. Please select “[Give Permission](#)” and follow the prompts. It’s quick and easy, but a necessary step to view your child’s artwork online.**

**\*\*Please disregard this message if you already gave online permission for Artsonia and can view your child’s work. Your child is ready to begin Artsonia this year. The permission covers all years at Meadow Glens\*\***

#### **What is Artsonia?**

Our school is a member of Artsonia.com ([www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)), the largest online student art museum! Artsonia showcases artwork from thousands of schools around the world. Artsonia’s goals are to develop students’ pride and self-esteem, increase their multicultural understanding through art, and involve parents and relatives in student accomplishments. With Artsonia you can view your child’s artwork, give positive comments to your child, share your child’s artwork with relatives, and support Meadow Glens & the art program. You can also upload artwork that your child created at home!

I’m excited for your child to be a part of this experience to create, present, respond, and connect through our online portfolio. We have amazing, creative, and thoughtful artists at Meadow Glens! Thank you for supporting your child, our school, and the arts!

Sincerely,

Ms. Shaner, Meadow Glens Art Teacher

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE MG SUMMER READING CONTEST!**

It is a pleasure to announce that the winners of the *Meadow Glens Summer Reading Contest* are now posted on the [MG Literacy Site](#)! Congratulations and thank you to all of the students who participated in the contest!

*The Meadow Glens Literacy* site has just been updated with a list of suggested literacy apps from *Reading Rockets*. *The MG Literacy Site* contains resources for both **students** and **parents** including articles, book lists, websites, and videos. The site can be found in the Spotlight News section of the Meadow Glens website. If you have any questions about the [MG Literacy Site](#) please email Christy Miller at [cmiller@naperville203.org](mailto:cmiller@naperville203.org).

### **KUMBAYA CHESS TOURNAMENT**

Meadow Glens won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place amongst all the U1200-Rated players on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 127<sup>th</sup> Kumbaya Chess Tournament at Niles North High School. This tournament is an officially recognized tournament by the United States Chess Federation, the governing body of chess in the US, and we are proud of all the students that participated in the event. We also had several individual players that were recognized with individual trophies. The team members for **U1200-rated from Meadow Glens Elementary School**: Emily H and Kyle W. Congratulations to the participating players and our entire school chess team!

### **EMERGENCY DRILL PRACTICE**

Next week, Meadow Glens students will participate in a fire drill with the Naperville Fire Department (NFD). The goal of practicing emergency drills is to help our students feel safe at school and to know what to do should an emergency arise. During the drill, our students practice how to exit the school in a quick and orderly manner. Each class will follow an exit route and will be accounted for while waiting quietly with teachers outside the building. No one is allowed to enter the school during an evacuation. Meadow Glens’ kindergarten through second grade students will attend an assembly presented by the NFD directly after the drill. Students will learn how firefighters stay safe in a fire and what they should do if they are ever in a fire. The purpose of sharing this information with you is so you may discuss the drill with your child(ren). I strongly encourage you to talk to your students about what to do both at school and at home in the event of an emergency and/or fire.

### **SFCP KICKING OFF AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD– JOIN US!**

The Meadow Glens Committee for School Family Community Partnership (SFCP) will hold its kickoff meeting on Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m., to which we invite all parents and guardians.

The School Family Community Partnership brings school staff, teachers, and parent volunteers together as a team with the goal to provide activities for students, families and community members that enrich our students' experiences and support the Meadow Glens School improvement plan. The SFCP team collaborates and supports our school's principal in delivering the Mission of Naperville School District 203: graduating students who are self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers and community contributors. We invite all parents and guardians to get involved and support your SFCP and your child's experiences at Meadow Glens.

### **MEADOW GLENS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

Meadow Glens is pleased to announce we're assembling a team to compete in the 2020 Illinois Elementary Science Olympiad (ESO) tournament. We're thrilled to be entering our fifth consecutive year of competition. ESO is Science Olympiad for students at the elementary-school level, open to students in third, fourth and fifth grades.

#### **What is Elementary Science Olympiad (ESO)?**

ESO is a competitive tournament in which participating schools (including Meadow Glens) send teams of students (with parent-volunteer coaches) to participate in a series of 12 events spanning various science disciplines.

Science Olympiad began in Michigan and Delaware 30+ years ago to promote student interest in science and engineering through team-based, interscholastic science competition, supervised by state organizations throughout the country.

#### **How are the teams chosen?**

Each ESO team typically consists of 15-20 students, and is open to students in third, fourth and fifth grades. The Meadow Glens team is selected based on several criteria, including:

- balancing student interests (i.e., ensuring we have students to cover each of the 12 events)
- balancing the team across the third-, fourth- and fifth-grade levels
- students' ability to commit to the team practice schedule
- families' ability to support the ESO team as parent coaches

Our ESO practice team will be announced in October; the final team will be announced in early December. Unfortunately, students who make the practice team are not guaranteed a spot on the final team.

#### **What's the timeline and schedule for this year's ESO?**

The Meadow Glens ESO program is sponsored by Meadow Glens administration and is organized and run by parent volunteers. Completed student applications are due to the Meadow Glens office by **Monday, September 30**.

We anticipate the practice team will be announced around **Friday, October 18**. Practice sessions will begin **Friday, October 25**, and will take place at Meadow Glens on various **Tuesday and Friday evenings, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. We anticipate the final team will be announced around **early December**. The Illinois ESO tournament will be held Saturday, February 8, 2020.

For more details regarding this exciting STEM opportunity and how your family can get involved, please join us for a **mandatory Science Olympiad parents' meeting on Friday, September 20, in the Meadow Glens multi-purpose room, from 7:00-8:00 PM**.

**Questions?** Please contact us at [mg203scienceolympiad@gmail.com](mailto:mg203scienceolympiad@gmail.com) Tracey Gorrell & BJ Tolia, MG ESO co-chairs

### **MEADOW GLENS HOME & SCHOOL**

**CHIPOTLE** - On Saturday, September 21st from 4:00pm-8:00pm H&S will be hosting a fundraiser at the North Naperville Road Chipotle. If you mention Meadow Glens, 33% will be donated to Meadow Glens Home & School.

**BOX TOPS** - For FAQ on the new BOX TOPS App, traditional clips, or how to submit box tops from online grocery or store orders go to: <http://links.emails.generalmills.com/cttkn=42&ms=NDAzNjQxNTgS1&r=NjUzMzM5NzlwOTkS1&b=0&j=MTU4MDUyMjI3OQS2&mt=2&ri=MTU4MDUyMjI3OQS2&rt=0>

*For more information or any questions, please contact Kristina Stiens, MG Box Tops Coordinator at [mg203shopshare@gmail.com](mailto:mg203shopshare@gmail.com)! Every Box Top earns 10 cents back to MG Home & School! Watch MG Earnings through the new Box Tops App!*

### **IT'S TIME FOR A SUPER COOL DONUT DAY!**

Please join us on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am - 8:00am in the Learning Commons and shop the **book fair** early with your dad, mom or someone special! Donuts, Muffins, and Coffee are in the MPR (\$1/donut, \$2/muffin, \$0.50 for coffee!)

***Please park across the street so Meadow Glens' staff and teachers can park in the parking lot!***

### **CONFERENCES AND BOOK FAIR**

There will be **No School on October 10 and 11** due to the District K-12 Teacher Institute Day and Conferences (Conference dates and times: October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm–8:30pm and October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am– noon). Home & School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the LC during conferences. Please stop by and check out the great selection of books.

### **THINKING AHEAD TO CONFERENCES**

As you know, conferences are held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Teachers spend a great deal of time preparing for a conference, gathering materials, reviewing relevant data, and prioritizing issues that need to be discussed. It would be helpful for you to think about what you would like to discuss at your child's conference, too. The National PTA and the National Education Association suggest these tips for better parent teacher conferences:

- Write notes before the conferences about important topics to cover. You might want the teacher to know about your child's home life, personality, problems, habits, or hobbies. Or you might want to discuss your child's progress in a particular academic area.
- Ask your children what they would like you to talk about with their teacher. Also, ask your children what they think are their best and most challenging subjects and have them explain why.
- Stay calm during the conference. Remember, you are both there for only one reason- to help your child.
- Ask important questions first, just in case you run out of time.
- Ask for an explanation if the teacher uses a term, or talks about something you don't understand.
- Try to ask questions like: How well does my child get along with others? Is my child working up to his or her ability? Does my child participate in class discussions? How well does my child handle taking tests?
- Find out specific ways that you can help your child perform better in school. At home, discuss these strategies with your child and let him or her know that you and the teacher care what happens. Then start working on the plan immediately. Finally, remember to follow up with the teacher to discuss your child's continuing progress.

Communication between home and school is a critical aspect of a child's growth and education, one that we believe must be encouraged at every juncture. You, as parents, must know about your child's school experience, from the daily classroom routine, to grade level expectations. We, as educators, need the information and understanding only you can provide about your child. Together, we can and do make a difference for each child attending Meadow Glens School.

### **THINKING AHEAD TO THE HARVEST PARADE/PARTY**

Before you go out to buy that costume for the parade at the end of October I wanted to provide a few reminders: Parents, please use good judgment when helping your child choose a costume for the Harvest Parade/Party.

- No play weapons of any kind should be brought to school. That includes plastic swords, knives, guns, ninja items, and anything else that is used to inflict harm on another person in the real world. If kids bring them, they will be brought to the school office and they can pick them up at the end of the day.
- Due to safety issues, children will not be allowed to wear masks in the parade. They can impede vision, depth perception, and physical mobility, which have caused tripping and falling accidents. If masks are worn at the parties, they should not depict a character from any of the violent "slasher" movies that are popular with the teenage crowd.

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Sept 21	Meadow Glens Chipotle Night
Oct 1	Crosstown Classic
Oct 9	Super Cool Donut Day-7am-8am in the LC and MPR
Oct 10	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Institute Day
Oct 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences (5:00-8:30pm)
Oct 11	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences (8:00-Noon)

### **Student Council Spirit Days 2019-2020**

Western Day, 10/18  
Patriot Day, 11/11  
Pajama Day, 12/13  
Career Day, 1/17  
Sports Day, 2/21  
Hawaiian Day, 3/13  
Color Competition Day, 4/17  
Summer Olympics Day, 5/15