



Meadow Glens Elementary School • 1150 Muirhead Avenue • Naperville, Illinois 60565 • (630) 420-3200

Dear Meadow Glens Families,

Welcome to Meadow Glens School for the 2025-2026 school year! I hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer and are beginning to feel excited about another fabulous year ahead. It's my pleasure to welcome both new and returning families to our Meadow Glens community.

Below you'll find important information and dates to help your family prepare for the start of the school year. Our teachers and staff are eager to begin the 2025-2026 school year and are committed to ensuring a successful and joyful year of learning for every student.

### **Summer Update Information**

The 2025-2026 Back to School Update Information can be found on our website by hovering your cursor over the "Our School" tab in the middle of the gray banner and then click on the "2025-2026 Back to School Update" tab in the drop-down menu. You can also click on the website's Back to School Update banner.

### **Popsicles at the Park**

Our Meadow Glens Home & School organization will be hosting a Popsicle gathering for all new and returning students on August 12, at 1:00 p.m. Families are invited to join us on the blacktop and playground for a sweet treat and the opportunity to reconnect or meet other Meadow Glens friends and families. We hope to see you there!

### **Welcome to our staff!**

We are thrilled to welcome some new eagles to our staff family. Please join me in welcoming:

- Shannon March, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher
- Alexis Venegas, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Annie Tassi, Multineeds LBS
- Matt Breslow, Lily Skwarek, and Tracy Barrios, permanent building substitute teachers
- Alyssa Ritson, senior secretary
- Lauren Krok, reading specialist
- Jordan Wiles and Cierra Johnson, school psychologists
- Carlie Kurtenbach, part time speech and language pathologist
- Brandi Brennan and Courtney Peters, student services coordinators
- ADD IN SARAH'S SUB
- New Paraprofessionals are continuing to be added to our staff

### **Meet and Greet**

All students and parents are invited to meet their teachers on August 12, at 2:00 p.m. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m. for families to meet teachers, drop off school supplies, and explore classrooms. We hope you'll join us to start building connections and relationships that are so important to a successful school year. This is an informal event; more detailed information about classroom activities and curriculum will be shared during Parent Curriculum Night on August 20.



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### **Class Assignments**

Classroom and teacher assignments for kindergarten through fifth grade will be posted through Infinite Campus on Wednesday, August 6 at 3:00 p.m. Parents will access their child's classroom assignment via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Visit the District 203 website (<http://www.Naperville203.org>) and click on the Resources tab on the far right in the gray banner and then click on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal link on the right side. Follow the prompts to create your parent account. If you have difficulty with your account, contact the help desk by email at [parentsupport@naperville203.org](mailto:parentsupport@naperville203.org).

### **New Literacy Resource Implementation**

During the 2025-2026 school year, District 203 will be implementing a new elementary literacy curriculum supported by a Board adopted resource. The literacy resource is entitled Into Reading. Our revised curriculum addresses all of the essential elements of literacy, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, handwriting, and grammar. It supports the Illinois Learning Standards and provides a rigorous structure that aligns with the Science of Reading Research. Students will engage with authentic, complex texts that are infused into daily instruction and include both fiction and nonfiction that are connected to rich themes.

The implementation of this new resource will reflect current best practices in literacy instruction, which emphasize the integration of reading, writing, word study, and comprehension as essential components of a comprehensive and effective literacy block from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Due to the change of the elementary literacy curriculum being implemented this coming school year, the literacy instruction for our 4th and 5th grade students in the Project Idea (PI) Program will mirror the core literacy block and PI students will engage in a literacy block with the same teacher for both reading and writing.

To implement this new structure and ensure that all students continue to receive the dedicated support they need, we're strategically utilizing the expertise of additional talented staff members, along with Ms. Jaime Noffke, to provide instruction to our students in Project Idea and Honors Math. This approach allows us to maintain the high quality of instruction across all critical areas, providing the best possible learning environment for your children. We will be communicating specific information to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families regarding the specific teachers who will be working with their children for literacy and math instruction as a result of the new structure.



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## School Supplies

School supply kits ordered online will be waiting for your child in their classroom for the Meet and Greet event. If you didn't order supplies, grade-level supply lists are available on our website.

## First Day of School

The first day of school for all kindergarten through fifth-grade students will be Thursday, August 14. Instruction begins promptly at 8:15 a.m., with students entering the building after 8:00 a.m. *On the first day of school, students will meet their teachers outside by their classroom doors:*

- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Door 8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: doors 5 and 6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: doors 4 and 5
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: door 4
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: door 3
- PI+: doors 1 and 2

Regular arrival procedures will begin on the second day of school. Please ensure your child is not dropped off before 8:00 a.m., as staff supervision begins at that time. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be considered tardy and must enter through Door 1, where parents will sign them in at the front office. Dismissal for all students is at 2:30 p.m and will not change due to the first day of school.

## Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival and dismissal times at Meadow Glens are busy with over 500 students coming and going each day. It's essential that we work together to keep these times safe for everyone. Please review the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures, traffic flow, and maps posted on our website. If you need to pick up your child before dismissal, please use the intercom at Door 1 and present a valid ID to our office staff, who will assist you from there.

## Bus Transportation

All bus riders will be met by staff members at the start of the school year to guide children to their grade level classrooms. While transportation information can be accessed in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal (<http://www.Naperville203.org>) starting on August 6 at 3:00 p.m., please check back frequently, including the day before school starts, as changes can occur in routes, pick-up times, and/or drop-off times. If you need assistance regarding transportation information, call the Transportation Department at (630) 420-6464.

## Absence Reporting

If your child will be absent, please call the Attendance Line before the start of the school day at (630) 420-3203 or report the absence online by 8:00 a.m.

## Important Dates for the Beginning of 2025-2026

- H&S Popsicles at the Park – August 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- New Family Tour – August 12, 1:40-2:00 p.m.
- Meet and Greet – August 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- First Day of School K-5 – Thursday, August 14, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Parent Curriculum Night – August 20
  - K-2 (in classrooms): 5:30-6:00 p.m. and 6:10-6:40 p.m.
  - 4 (MPR)-5 (Gym) and PI+ (in classrooms): 5:30-6:00 p.m. and 6:10-6:40 p.m.
  - MN (in classrooms): 5:30-6:00 p.m.
  - EL (in EL/Reading specialist room) 5:30-6:00 and 6:10-6:40
- Home & School Meeting – Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Picture Day – Thursday, September 5 during the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the Meadow Glens community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (630) 420-3200.

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmly,  
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