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Meadowlawn Messenger

Behavior Skill for the Month of January:

GRIT

**Friday, Dec. 14, 2018**







Jan. 11, 2019

**Principal: Tim Hargis**





Jan. 18 ~ PTC Movie Night @ 6-8pm

Jan. 21 ~ MLK Day ~ No School

Jan. 25 ~ Family Swim Night @ EKHS

 6-9pm (cost = $1)

Feb. 12 ~ PTC Meeting @ 6pm

Feb. 13 ~ Count Day

Feb. 14 ~ ½ day; Valentine’s Party @ 11am

Feb. 15 ~ 5th gr. GR Symphony

Feb. 18 & 19 ~ No School; Mid-Winter Break

Feb. 22 ~ Father / Daughter Dance 6-8pm

Mar. 1 ~ ½ day; 12:03pm Dismissal

Mar. 7 ~ Kindergarten Registration @ 7pm

Mar. 22 ~ School Carnival 6-8pm

Mar. 26 ~ Parent Teacher Conf. 4-8pm

Mar. 27 ~ ½ Day; P/T Conf. 1-8pm

Mar. 28 ~ ½ Day; Parade of Nations

Mar. 29-Apr. 5 ~ Spring Break; No School

May 15 ~ Free Family Night @ Frederik Meijer Garden from 6-8pm

Hello everyone and happy new year to you! We are excited to be back at Meadowlawn and are looking forward to a productive second half of our school year.

As the second half gets rolling, I just wanted to offer up a few reminders and share some information with you:

* A reminder that the drop off time at school begins at **8:30 a.m.** Please do not drop off students before that time. We simply do not have staff available before 8:30 a.m. in the morning to meet the needs of your children. Also, another reminder **breakfast is** **done serving at 9 a.m.** unless the child is on the bus.
* If the snow returns (and let's face it...it's Michigan so it's bound to happen at some point!) please remember to send your children with snow boots and snow pants for outside recess. Students who do not have their snow boots and snow pants will need to remain on the pavement during recess time.
* Our next PTC movie night is Friday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. A reminder that this is a family movie night. **All students who attend must be accompanied by an adult.** More details to come.
* Finally, our PTC is planning a Father/Daughter Dance for February 22. Students will be able to come to school that evening with Dad, Grandpa, or another important male in their lives, for a fun evening. More details to come!

As always, thank you for all that you do at home to support us here at school. We truly appreciate it.

Tim Hargis

Meadolwawn Principal

**Upcoming Events:**













**Counselor’s Corner**



**K.I.D.S Winter Sports**

**Sport Grades Dates**

Soccer K-3 Jan. 14 - Feb. 11

Jazz K-4 Jan. 31 & Feb. 1

Basketball 3-6 Jan. 13 - Feb. 10

Flag Football 3-6 Jan. 13 - Feb. 10

Tennis 3-6 Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

Girls Volleyball 2-4 Jan. 14 - Feb. 11

Splash Ball 2-6 Jan. 14 - Feb.11

Swim Strokes 2-6 Jan. 16 - Feb. 6

Track & Field 2-6 Jan. 13 - Feb. 10

Learn to Skate 3-6 Jan. 27 - Feb. 24

Diving 2-6 Jan. 14 - Feb. 6

Registration forms are available in school office or online.

 REGISTRATION FEE: Kentwood Students - $5.00 Non-Kentwood Students - $10.00 **DO NOT SEND FORM TO SCHOOL**. Form may be turned into coach at first session.

**Future Success in Life: Delayed Gratification**

Future success in life has been proven to be *very* closely tied to the ability to WAIT for something we want (delay gratification). To help our kids reach their potential, here are some ways to help your child:

**Get them used to waiting/saving for something:** Stay away from loaning money to allow them to buy something sooner than would have been possible with their allowance. Also, look for opportunities to reinforce the point that by having spent money on immediate gratifications (ice cream, soda, arcade games), they are not in a position to buy something they really want (video game, outing, electronics, etc).

**Help them truly experience the consequences of their money choices**: When they buy something, make a mental note to ask them in a week or so later if they think it was a smart choice. Was it worth their money? Suze Orman once asked her six year old nephew to pull out every Power Ranger toy he had been given. She then put a stack of 300 $1 bills in front of him (the value of the Power Rangers) and asked him which he would prefer to have. The smart kid picked the money, but Auntie Suze said he couldn’t have it as it had already been spent on the Power Rangers. Imagine how memorable that lesson was.

**Build on good habits**: It’s always easier to reinforce positive behavior after all. Keep a record of their savings so they can see the progress they are making month after month and year after year.







**February 22**

6-8pm

Meadowlawn Elementary

Registration note is coming soon.



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