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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct 11-16
Parent / Teacher
Conference Week
- Oct 15
No School Parent /
Teacher Conferences
- Oct 16
All Kindergarteners
are Early Birds
- Oct 19
No School IUSD
Staff Development
Day
- Oct 20
Conference Day for
Grades 4-6 only.
Dismal time of 1:00
for Grades 4-6 only

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Welcome Back to School



We are up and running to a fabulous start here at Meadow Park!

If you are new to the Meadow Park community, you are now part of a wonderful place for students to learn and meet new friends. We encourage the students to show school spirit on Fridays by wearing green and blue—our school colors. We also encourage students to follow the ROPES... Respect Oneself, Property, Each Other, and School. Welcome to our family!

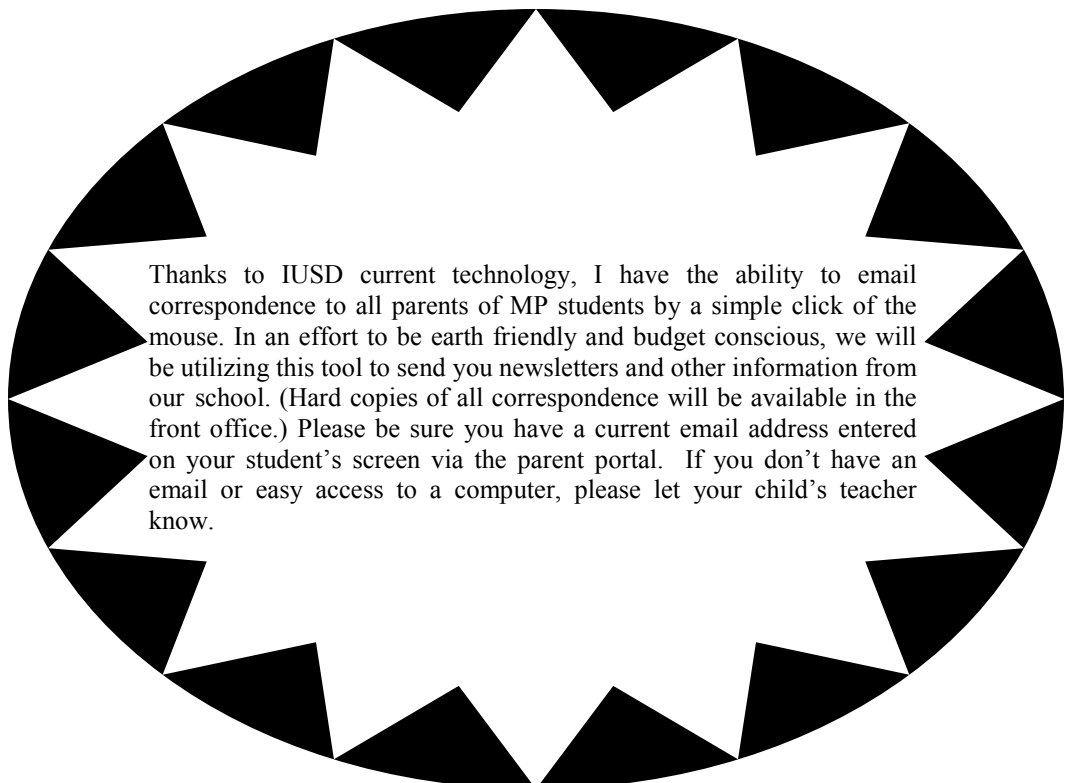
If you are returning to Meadow Park, you may have questions

about our staff. We were able to reinstate Kristen Jackson and Samantha Webster as 6th grade teachers. Brooke Kelley, returning from leave, has also joined our 6th grade team. Mrs. Wersching now has a job-share partner, Mrs. O'Neill, in 3rd grade.

Within IUSD, class size has increased in 1st, 2nd, and third grade. First and second have a maximum of 25 students, and third grade has a maximum of 26 students. Teachers have prepared for the class size and know we will have a great year!

Thank you to everyone for a smooth beginning of the year with the change to our new bell schedule!! Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated and have made a difference. We opened 3 more tetherball courts on the playground, added one teacher on duty at the student drop off zone and created designated waiting areas for after-school pick-up. Teachers will wear an orange vest on duty so they can be easily spotted by parents and students.

This is sure to be an exciting and memorable year!



Thanks to IUSD current technology, I have the ability to email correspondence to all parents of MP students by a simple click of the mouse. In an effort to be earth friendly and budget conscious, we will be utilizing this tool to send you newsletters and other information from our school. (Hard copies of all correspondence will be available in the front office.) Please be sure you have a current email address entered on your student's screen via the parent portal. If you don't have an email or easy access to a computer, please let your child's teacher know.



There is a
destiny that
makes us
brothers; none
goes his way
alone: All that we
send into the lives
of others comes
back into our own.
—Edwin Markham

PTA Corner

Dear Meadow Park Parents and Families,
On behalf of the Meadow Park PTA, welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. As PTA President, I am excited about the programs and activities that the PTA has planned to bring families together and to enrich the Meadow Park experience for our students. By now, I hoping many of you have joined our PTA. Membership forms went home the first week of school

and extra copies are available in the front office. I encourage you to join and help support our children, our school, and our community. Our **October PTA meeting** will be held October 13 in the Meadow Park Multi-Purpose Room beginning at 8:20 a.m. Your child directly benefits from your involvement and support of the PTA. We are also hoping many of you have participated in our 1st school fundraiser, Innisbrook Gift

Wrap. This is one of our major forms of fundraising we do throughout the year with 50% of every dollar goes directly to support all our wonderful programs. This year, the PTA Executive Board is comprised of 17 dedicated members who volunteer their time and resources to plan and carry-out a wide range of programs that support our children and school.

2009-2010 Meadow Park PTA Executive Board

Suzie Giberson	President
Jean Anne Astrup	1 st VP, Finance
Dawn Hood	2 nd VP, Ways and Means
Lisa Hoertig/Marlo Cooper	3 rd VP, Membership
Angie McCance/Casey King	4 th VP, Programs
Adrienne Duque-Cooke	Recording Secretary
Wendy Dallas	Treasurer
Kari Hamilton	Financial Secretary
Michelle Hoffpauer	Auditor
Merritt Blake	Historian
Deinyell Vollucci	Corresponding Secretary
Loretta Salemm/Debbi Maggio	Parliamentarian
Lisa Glasl	Room Parent Coordinator
Wendy Caudill	Leg. Action/IPSF Rep.

These board members work with our Meadow Park volunteers throughout the year. Many of our volunteers have already been hard at work on events and programs and therefore, a few thank yous are in order!

Welcome Back Coffee: Lisa Hoertig and Marlo Cooper

Gift Wrap Fundraising Program: Kari Hamilton and Wendy Dallas

Ice Cream Social: Teresa Leigh

Meadow Park Spirit Wear: Staci Steward

Walk to School Day: Connie Alves

Corporate Fundraising and Box Tops Coordinator: Jennifer Sheparovich

Throughout the year, I will continue to recognize our volunteers to let them know their time and help is so greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions about the PTA programs or would like to find out how you can become more involved at Meadow Park, please feel free to email me at keithg@cox.net or call me at 653-5791.

Suzie Giberson
Meadow Park PTA President

Lunch Program and Lunchtime Activities

Thanks to the Meadow Park PTA our students are enjoying the Lunchtime Activities hosted by Heritage Park and the City of Irvine. Staff members come for the entire lunch period on Wednesdays and Fridays. The kids love having them with us each week. THANK YOU PTA!



Lunch Program

Meadow Park has a hot lunch program for students called "Lunch Box." Lunch costs \$3.25 including milk. Milk is only \$.75 cents. Parents are asked to deposit funds in the child's account either electronically at www.iusd.org or by sending a check to school with your child.

Lunch Menus for the month are available on the school website at www.iusd.org/mp or in the front office.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

You have been sent applications to apply for a free or reduced lunch in the Thursday folders. A new application must be completed each year, and proof of income is required for approval. Please complete the application as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need help with the application, please contact Nancy Karamanos in the office at 949-936-5900 or stop by!

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Health Services

At Meadow Park, we continually reinforce hand washing and smart coughing and sneezing habits. Please see the links on our website for posters we have displayed in our classrooms. You can print them out for home use as well! Additionally the Irvine Unified School District has set up a special webpage to help students, parents and employees learn more about the H1N1 flu, along with strategies for staying healthy this season.

The IUSD Health Services department also prepared the following guidelines to assist you in decisions relating to your students health and school attendance. A student who has a temperature of 100 F or higher, has an undiagnosed rash or experiences nausea or vomiting needs to stay home from school. Any student suspected of having an infectious disease/condition should also stay home and should not

return to school until he or she has been symptom free for one day or a physician provides a written statement that the child is not contagious. A student who has a cold needs to remain home if he or she has an excessive runny nose, excessive coughing, elevated temperature, or is too uncomfortable to function at school. Let's work together to keep our students healthy!

California Healthy Kids Survey

The Irvine Unified School District will be administering the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) in November, 2009 to all 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade students. The survey gathers information on behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; school safety; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; as well as environmental and individual strengths and assets. The survey is anonymous. No names or other per-

sonal identifying information is connected to the answers. Participation in the survey is voluntary and will take approximately 30 minutes of classroom time. In October, 5th grade parents will be asked to sign and return a survey consent form. We hope you will give permission so that your child's opinion and knowledge can be part of the results that are used to improve district prevention programs and services.

For Further Information:

The statewide survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, call the district at 949-936-7980. You may examine the questionnaire at the district's website www.iusd.org/guidance_resources.



2009-10 Meadow Park Calendar

Oct 12-16	M-F	modified days: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	Parent-Teacher Conference Week
Oct 15	TH	no school for students	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct 19	M	no school for students	K-12 IUSD Staff Development Day
Oct 20	T	modified day for grades 4-6 only	Parent-Teacher Conference Day for 4-6 grades only
Oct 27	T		School Picture Make-up Day
Oct 30	F		Halloween Parade
Nov 11	W	no school	Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 26-27	TH,F	no school	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 4	F		First Trimester Ends
Dec 18	F		K-6 Report Cards Go Home
Dec 18	F	modified day	Last day before Winter Recess
Dec 21-Jan 1		no school	Winter Break
Jan 4	M		Classes Resume
Jan 18	M	no school	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb 5	F	modified day	
Feb 8	M	no school	Lincoln's Birthday holiday
Feb 15	M	no school	Washington's Birthday Holiday
Mar 4	TH		Spring Picture Day
Mar 19	F		Second Trimester Ends
Apr 2	F		Report Cards/ Conference Slips Go Home
Apr 2	F	modified day	Last day before Spring Break
Apr 5-9	M-F	no school	Spring Break
Apr 12	M		Classes Resume
Apr 19-23	M-F	modified days	Spring Conference Week
Apr 23	F		Excellence in Teaching Awards Banquet
Apr 26-30	M-F		6 th Grade Outdoor Education Week
May 27	TH	modified day	Last day before Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	F	no school	Teacher/Student Holiday (K-8)
May 31	M	no school	Memorial Day Holiday
Jun 3	TH	modified day	Open House
Jun 23	W		Last Day for Students
			6 th Grade Promotion Ceremony (8:30 am)
			Report Cards Go Home / Last Day for Teachers
Jun 28-July 23		Summer School K-8	

Attendance Line

936-5901

Please call the attendance line each day your student is absent. It would be very helpful if you would simply say your child's name, spell the last name and give the reason for the absence.

To request homework, please call 936-5900, don't leave a homework request with your attendance line message.



"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being."

- Johann Von Goethe

Cans for Cash

City Recycling Challenge

Irvine will be competing nationally against similarly-sized cities for up to \$10,000 in awards—money that the City has pledged to donate to the Irvine Public Schools Foundation. You CAN make a difference. Participating is as easy as:

1. Collecting aluminum beverage cans for recycling.
2. Bringing the cans to Meadow Park between Oct 1-31 (remember to rinse and crush your cans!)
3. Receiving \$1 back to Meadow Park for every pound collected.