



# Howard-Suamico School District Meadowbrook ELEMENTARY

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## August 2018

Print Newsletter

Everything you need to know about Meadowbrook Elementary is found on our website: [Meadowbrook](#)

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### Food Service

Click [HERE](#) for the September menu

#### HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS – LET US SERVE YOU!

The Howard-Suamico School District School Nutrition Department aims to please in the service of the daily National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.

**FRUITS & VEGGIES:** All student meals must include a ½ c. fruit and/or vegetable. A lunch tray requires three components from available meat/meat alternate, bread/grain, fruit, vegetable and milk choices to qualify as a meal; a breakfast meal requires three items to qualify as a meal.

**PRICING:** A very affordable and healthy meal awaits for you or your child: Lunch is \$2.25, \$.40 if reduced price, \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.75 for senior (≥60) and child visitors. Breakfast is \$1.30, free to those approved for free/reduced price meals, and \$2.00 for adults. Milk is \$.35 if taken as an extra or a la carte. Please make reservations before 9:00 a.m. if visiting for lunch. Payment for visitor meals may be deducted from the student’s lunch account, or a meal ticket may be purchased through the office.

**CONFIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS:** Every student has an account identified by the

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### Important Dates to Remember

#### August

- 22 Literacy Assessments 11am-7pm
- 23 Literacy Assessments 7 am - 4 pm
- 29 Open House 4:30-6:00 pm

#### September

- 4 1st Day for 1/2 of kinders and all of Grades 1-4
- 5 1st Day for second half of kinders
- 6 ALL students in attendance
- 11 PSA Meeting 6 pm in Library  
Kinder Teachers are presenting
- 13 Bridging Brighter Smiles On Site Dental Clinic
- 21 Early Release - K-4 Students released at 1:25 pm

There are changes to the printed calendar:

- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are held on Nov. 6 & 8 only. **No P/T Conferences will be held on Nov. 7.**
- K-12 Half Day No Lunch is November 21 & February 22, **not on January 22.**

Dates of school events may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date events, go to [www.hssd.k12.wi.us](#).

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## Welcome Back Bulldogs!

You can only imagine how lonely the halls have been while our families enjoyed their summer break. The staff have been in and out, working hard to prepare their classroom, but the halls were made for the sounds of children giggling and chattering.

On behalf of the entire staff here at Meadowbrook, I would like to welcome all new and returning students and their families. We're so happy to have your children and look forward to another great school year! The theme for this school year is, "Together is Better" We believe that all students are capable of achieving great things!

The Parent School Association has a volunteer program; and we encourage each one of you to stay involved with your child's education. I look forward to seeing

student's district identification number. Meal/milk prices are deducted from the student account balance as purchases are made. The student enters his/her account number on a keypad in the lunch line, or a bar code version of the number is scanned for younger students. A student opting to purchase school meals or milk must have sufficient funds to cover any purchases. (See Administrative Policy 8500 at <http://www.neola.com/howard-wi/> for additional details related to negative meal charges.)

**PAYMENTS:** Parents/guardians can deposit money *in advance* for mealtime purchases either via: [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com) a debit/credit card payment system thru *from mid-August until the end of the school year* Parents can use the MySchoolBucks.com program to also monitor account activities Checks (to Howard-Suamico School District) submitted through classroom envelopes. Please include student ID numbers on any account-related communications and assist your student in learning his/her account number.

**FREE & REDUCED MEALS:** Free or reduced price meal eligibility from the prior year will carry over for up to 30 days or until eligibility status is updated. Those qualifying for free meals via direct certification are identified and notified in mid-August. New students and others not identified will need a new application submitted for approval.

**DO YOU NEED AN APPLICATION?**

Application materials are attached to electronic communications sent to district households in early-August and via a link on the Power School-InfoSnap data base. Copies are also available in the school office or through the School Nutrition office at 1217 Cardinal Lane. An online application can also be found at

<https://www.hssd.k12.wi.us/foodservices>

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Please refer to our School Nutrition page at <https://www.hssd.k12.wi.us/foodservices> for links to our menus and nutrition information, cashier contacts, free and reduced price meal forms and other information related to our programs. Questions concerning lunch accounts should be directed to the School Nutrition Cashier. Other questions about our district meal programs may be directed to Laura Rowell, School Nutrition Manager, at 662-7702 or Jill Stordeur, School Nutrition Secretary, at 662-7723.

Thank you for letting us serve your family!

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you at the PSA meeting on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm in the Meadowbrook Library.

This newsletter is published on a weekly basis, and is emailed out every Thursday to showcase all of the great things going on here at Meadowbrook! You can also like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Becky Zimmer  
920-662-5000  
rebezimm@hssd.k12.wi.us

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# The Very First Day

We attempt to make the first day of school as normal as possible. Your child will likely arrive at school at approximately 8:20 am if he/she rides the bus. If you plan to drop off; please do not arrive earlier than 8:20 am; as there will be no supervision. Students who would like to eat breakfast will be welcomed in at 8:20 am by the supervisor. All other students will enter the building at 8:30 am through a variety of doors; and go directly to their classroom. Those eating breakfast will head to their classrooms when they are finished; or by 8:40 am at the latest. Kindergartners attending on Wednesday the 5th will follow the same process.

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## Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

These procedures are in place for the safety of your children; we ask that you adhere to them and respect the staff that will be outside enforcing the process.

**ARRIVAL:**

The doors to Meadowbrook are opened at 8:20 am for breakfast; and then at 8:30 am for all remaining students. Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:20 am; as there is no supervision outside. Children are not allowed on the playground before school - as this is the staging area for buses. You are welcome to use either driveway; please have your child exit curbside. If your child needs assistance exiting the vehicle - please find a parking spot in the staff lot. In order to accommodate the large number of families who transport their children to school, please make sure to pull up as far as you can to the car in front of you.

**Dismissal:**

All grades will be dismissed at 3:25 pm. Buses will be waiting in the back and will not leave the grounds until everyone has boarded. If you would like to meet your child in the office or out front; please park your car in the staff lot - do not use either driveway, as it is important to keep traffic moving.

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## Parents using Wrap Around Care or Lamers Bus Lines

Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to communicate with **Lamers Bus Lines at 920-434-5100** if your child is not riding the bus during their scheduled times. In addition; it is very important for you to notify both the school AND your care provider if your child will be absent or when their schedule changes. Although **Champions** is housed onsite; they should be contacted at **920-434-6043**; as they are a separate entity.

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## Child Custody Matters

## 2018-2019 Lunch Schedule

Click here to view the 2018/2019 school lunch times broken down by classroom.

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## P.S.A. NEWS

To view all the current P.S.A. news/events/promos/dates go to

[www.meadowbrookpsa.weebly.com](http://www.meadowbrookpsa.weebly.com)

Please consider joining us for the first meeting; being held on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm in the library. The Kindergarten teachers will be presenting.

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## Staff Roster for 2018-2019

Please click [here](#) for the staff roster which includes names, phone numbers and email addresses for our team.

We have added several new staff members to our team; and will be sharing more about them in upcoming newsletters.

- Ms. Theresa Kwiatkowski - Student Advocate
- Ms. Katie Thibodeau - Reading Interventionist
- Ms. Brenda Noel - 2nd Grade
- Ms. Emily Losert - 3rd Grade
- Ms. Devin Demerath - 3rd Grade
- Ms. Diana Bauknecht - 4th Grade
- Ms. Nicole Berg - 4th Grade

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## Important Dates to Remember

**Monday, October 1 - Picture Day**

**Winter Concerts-** held at Bay Port in the P.A.C

**Monday, December 10:** 5pm Kindergarten  
6pm 1st grade

**Thursday, December 13:** 5pm 2nd Grade  
6pm 3rd Grade  
7pm 4th Grade

**4th Grade Field Trip to Madison:**

**Thursday, May 30th ALL DAY** (parent(s) welcome to attend)

**4th Grade Graduation Celebration:**

**Friday, May 31 2:00 pm** ( Families encouraged to attend)

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Our role as educators is to stay neutral in all custody matters. We will follow all court orders regarding your child(ren). If we do not have an official court order on file in our school office, we will treat both parents equally. Both parents, regardless of placement, can receive report cards and other communication about your child's progress unless we have court documentation directing us not to do so.

Questions regarding policies dealing with these types of matters should be directed to Becky Zimmer, Meadowbrook principal, or you can access more information on the District web site.

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## Attendance/Absentee Procedures

Parents are required to call us anytime their child is absent. Please call the school attendance line at 662-5036 prior to 8:30 am; this line is available to take calls 24 hours a day. If we do not receive a call on an absent student, a follow up call will be made so we can verify the whereabouts of your child. The safety of your child is our top priority; so we take this process very seriously. If you do not call in prior to 8:45 am with the reason your child will be absent or tardy, an unexcused absence will be recorded.

**Extended Absences:** If you are planning a family vacation, etc. please pick up an Excused Absence Request Form from our office; or download and print one from the District web site. Forms should be completed and returned to the office or classroom teacher at least one week prior to the start of the absence. All extended absences must be approved by the building principal; and a copy of the approved form will be sent home with your child.

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## Let's Recycle Together



New this year we will be collecting aluminum cans; and periodically taking them into Alter Recycling. All money earned will benefit Meadowbrook directly! So rather than throwing them into your general recycling; please consider dropping them off in the fenced in area near the sheds in our staff parking lot. We will discuss our progress at the monthly Bulldog Bash and promise to update as the money begins to accumulate. Thanks for your consideration!

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**\*\*SCHOOL NUTRITION IS HIRING \*\***

Would you like to work when your children are at school?  
Do you have a passion for customer service and kids?  
Do you need flexibility?  
If you said yes, we would love to have you apply to our District's School Nutrition Department! Please use the link below and scroll down to "Substitutes – Support

Staff" to apply for this fun and exciting job opportunity. Pay is \$11.50/hr.

<https://www.applitrack.com/hssd/onlineapp/>

Should you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to Laura Rowell the School Nutrition Manager at [laurrowe@hssd.k12.wi.us](mailto:laurrowe@hssd.k12.wi.us) or 920.662.7702. This District is an equal opportunity provider.

To access handouts/flyers for area community events [click here](#). The HSSD Community Page includes a Google Calendar list highlighting community events for families in the villages of Howard & Suamico i.e. scouting, festivals, parades, etc. Visit the Howard - Suamico School District Website for school events i.e. Holiday Concerts, Plays, Musicals, Athletic and Art events using our FREE Mobile App is available for the iPhone, iPad, and Android devices in both the iTunes App Store and also on Google Play.



**MOVIE**  
**In The Park**

Saturday, September 8  
Meadowbrook Park   
Movie starting at dusk

**Completely FREE event**

 Please bring a donation item for the teachers at Meadowbrook Elementary such as pencils, pens, tissues, etc.

 ILLUMINATION PRESENTS  
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## Order your Meadowbrook T Shirts!

Help us promote the Bulldog Way by purchasing a T shirt for your child to wear on our Bulldog Bash Fridays. Read 20 Shirts will once again be encouraged to promote our monthly Read 20 events. By clicking [here](#) you will be taken to the District web site, and able to pay by debit or credit card. Click here for the [Read 20 order form](#); or here for the [Bulldog Way order form](#) if you prefer to pay by cash or check. The deadline to order is Friday, September 14th.