



Meadow Brook

Elementary School

THE PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE: BEING A TEAM

Dear Meadow Brook Partners,

I started writing this reflection from the pool deck of a hotel in a Cincinnati suburb last night. I'm here for a soccer tournament with our 12 year-old. It's been a great weekend, so far. I do love spending time with the whole family, but these one kid adventures are truly meaningful as well.

We had two games so far. Knocked it out of the park in the morning...7-0!

Learned some valuable lessons in the afternoon...0-7.

One more game before we head home.

The thing is, the guys were just as upbeat and happy to be together after the morning shut out as they were after the afternoon shut out. Didn't matter who was being shut out, just that they were together in Cincinnati and having fun!

They are a team.

They played in the pool until 9:30 pm. Then the kid and I went upstairs, found a movie, pretended we were going to watch it, and fell asleep immediately.

We were up at 6:45 am, we ate some breakfast, and we're for the pitches to dry up so we can play final Cincinnati tournament game.

The boys are hanging out joyfully in the hotel lobby.

Win or lose, we'll have fun. Win or lose, they'll jump all over each other, shout and laugh, and walk off the field with huge smiles on their faces.

What makes them a team is that they truly like being together, on and off the field. They're having just as much fun playing in the pool and the lobby as they are playing on the field.

They enjoy each other's company, they care about one another, they feel safe around each other, and each of them wants the best for every other one of them.

We're a team, too. Spending this weekend with the kid's team reminds me of what a special thing we have going at Meadow Brook.

We enjoy each other's company, we care about one another, we feel safe around each other, and each one of us want's the best for every other one of us. It's all so that every MBE student can have a school experience in which they feel safe, valued and respected.

Thanks, team Meadow Brook...I appreciate you!

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, October 30th: Lansing Field Trip (5th grade, 9:15 am - 3:15 pm)

Monday, October 30th: Bases Pokemania (Art Room)

Tuesday, October 31st: Halloween Parade (9:30 am)

Tuesday, October 31st: Halloween Parties (Contact Teacher for Details - Scheduled Volunteers)

Wednesday, November 1st: Fire Drill (10 am)

Thursday, November 2nd: PTA Board Meeting (6-9 pm, PTA Board Members)

Thursday, November 2nd: PTA Pie Sale Begins

Friday, November 3rd: No Special Events

HALLOWEEN PARADE

This year our Halloween parade will begin at the front door and move east and north around the building to the bus loop doors. Parents, caregivers and family members are welcome to view the parade from anywhere along the route.

Before we head outside, the kids will have fun parading through every classroom so that they can share in the costume fun with one another. This will be a kids only portion of the parade.

If weather prevents us from having a parade outside, we will open the gym/cafeteria wall and invite parents in through the SAC entrance (north/west door near the gym). If that happens, parents can view the parade from inside the gym/cafeteria.

IMPORTANT HALLOWEEN SAFETY REMINDERS

- **Costumes should be worn to school.**
- **Costumes worn at school should not include masks that cover faces or have depictions of weapons of any kind.**
- **If the parade is inside for weather, please only enter the building from the north/west doors, and exit the building from the same doors directly after the parade int the gym/cafeteria.**
- **Please remember that only scheduled volunteers are able to attend classroom school parties.**
- **If you need to have your child dismissed from school early, please coordinate with Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Kowal in the front office.**

Thank you for your patience and your partnership...in it together for the kids!
Here's to another joyful and balanced Meadow Brook week,
Seth