

# Meadowlark Elementary


## ABOUT US

Meadowlark opened in 1995 and has 3 sections of each grade. The current student population is 400+ students. An active Parent Advisory Council, along with the WATCH D.O.G. program provides valuable student support and adult role models.

Teachers do a wonderful job of differentiating and collaborating to fit each learners' interests & abilities. We work to teach students to be better citizens through a variety of partnerships and character education. We strive to build strong relationships with students and families which elevates the commitment among stakeholders. Our academics are excellent, and our hearts are huge!

## CONTACT US

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# Morning Schedule



## 7:30 AM

Morning Before School:  
Students may enter the front doors at 7:30 AM and wait in the front lobby until 7:45 AM unless eating breakfast.

## 7:35 AM

At 7:35 AM, students may go eat breakfast.

## 7:45 AM

At 7:45 AM all students can make their way to their classroom.

## 8:05 AM

At 8:05 AM all students will listen to birthdays, pledge of allegiance, character pledge and quotes, and Watch DOGS info. Meadowlark news station will go live after this.

## 8:10 AM

Tardy bell rings at 8:10 AM

# Lunch/Recess Schedule

## Kindergarten

Lunch 10:45 to 11:10 AM

Recess 11:10 to 11:40 AM

## First Grade

Recess 10:50 to 11:10 AM

Lunch 11:10 to 11:40 AM

## Second Grade

Lunch 11:40 AM to 12:00 PM

Recess 12:00 to 12:20 PM

## Third Grade

Recess 11:40 AM to 12:00 PM

Lunch 12:00 to 12:20 PM

## Fourth Grade

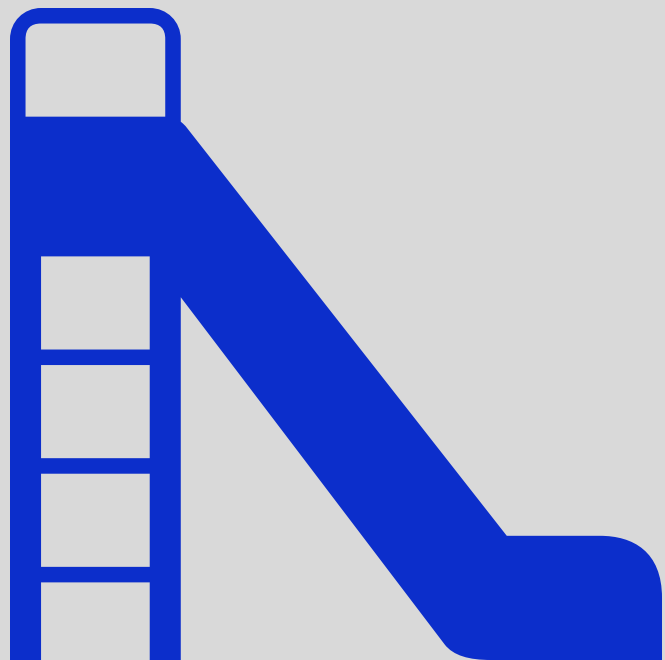
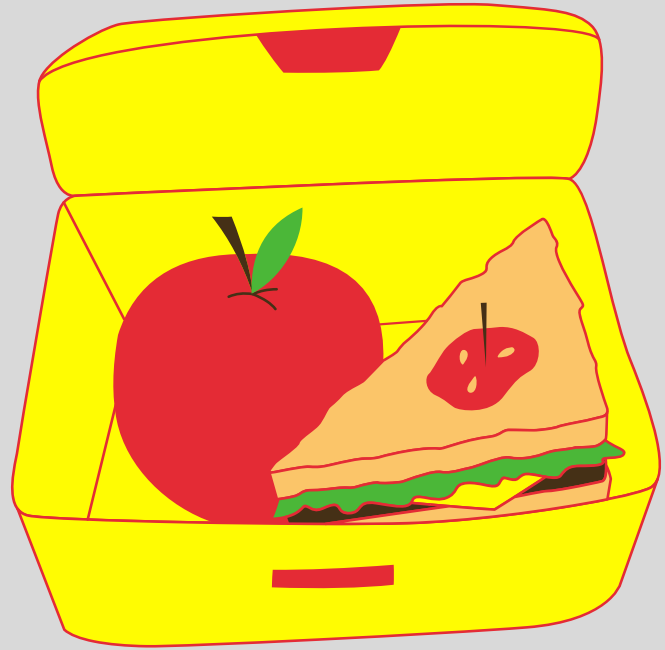
Lunch 12:20 to 12:40 PM

Recess 12:40 to 1:00 PM

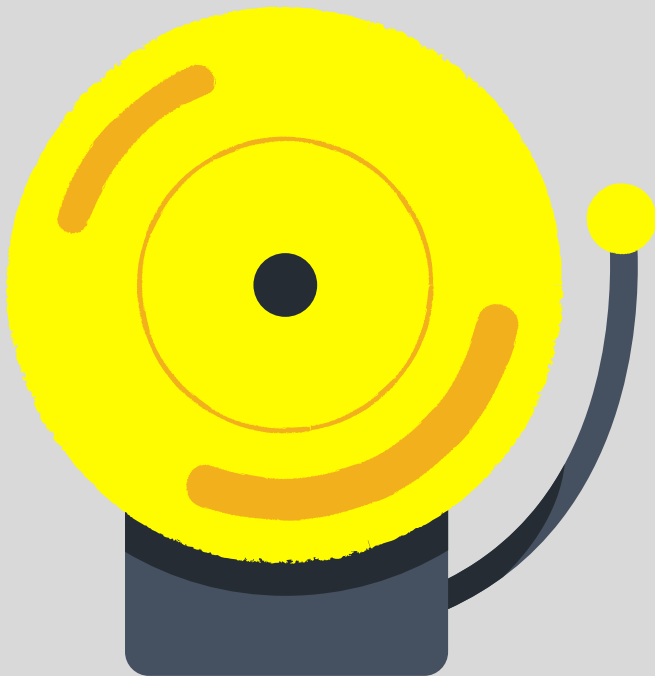
## Fifth Grade

Recess 12:20 to 12:40 PM

Lunch 12:40 to 1:00 PM



# After School Schedule



## Dismissal time is 3:30 PM (Staggered)

- Kindergarten is out the front doors (Dismissed at 3:20 PM)
- KPS bus riders out the front doors (Dismissed at 3:15 PM)
- All other buses out the cafeteria doors (Dismissed at 3:20 PM)
- 1st & 2nd oldest and only are out the front doors (Dismissed at 3:25 PM)
- 3rd & 4th as students with no siblings will go out the back door (Dismissed at 3:25 PM)
- 3rd, 4th & 5th with younger siblings will go out the front doors at 3:30 PM and meet their younger siblings. 5th without siblings out the back.

\*Younger siblings dismissed before older siblings will wait with their teacher in front of the school until the older sibling meets them\*

# Need to Know

## TRAFFIC

Meadowlark Elementary traffic is a very big priority for all! We know that all parents are busy, and our number one goal is to make sure all staff and students are safe. In order to accomplish this, we need traffic to run smoothly each morning and afternoon.

Watch:  
[VIDEO](#)



## DROP OFF/PICK UP REMINDERS

- KISS AND GO: We need to keep the line moving. Please talk with your child about how this will look.
- Get out on the right side: This helps keep everyone safe as traffic passes on the left.
- Pull all the way up: The more cars we can fit, the less time everyone has to wait.
- Before school, if you need to park or get out of your vehicle you must park on the left side of the street.
- Use the crosswalk always if you need to enter the building.
- Safety patrol students help will guide traffic, as well as assist any student into the school that may be having a hard morning.



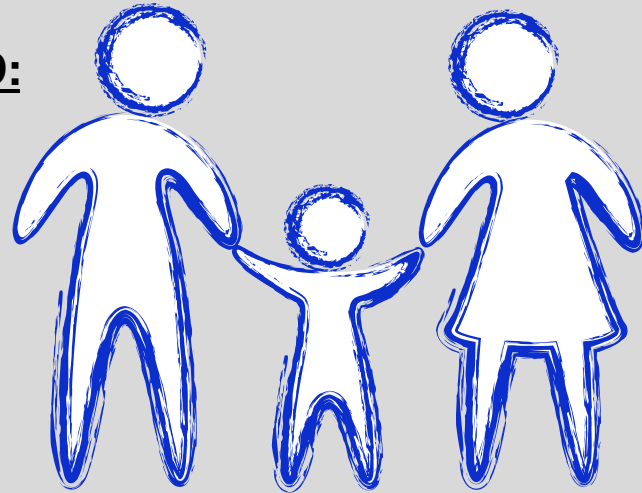
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## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Each year, the PAC has an advisory board with the hope of getting more parents involved in the child's education and helping each classroom have a voice in PAC. Each classroom has one-two parents/guardians to represent them at the monthly PAC meeting as well as ANY parents who would also like to attend.

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED:

- \*Come to the PAC Meeting each month
- \*Serve on a committee organized by the PAC
- \*Read the *Meadowlark Message* (Sundays)
- \*Be actively involved in your child's literacy
- \*Read with your child and work on math facts
- \*Look over your child's work
- \*Communicate with your child's teacher
- \*Check the KPS website or our Facebook for updates



## WATCH D.O.G.S

The Dads of Great Students WATCH D.O.G.S.® program is one of the nation's largest and most respected school-based, family, and community engagement, organizations designed and developed by educators, experts and parent & guardian volunteers over more than two decades.

This program helps provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. Meanwhile, we provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security, reduce bullying and provide a greater sense of campus safety allowing students and teachers to focus on learning and instruction.

# Need to Know

## SAFETY

Our number one job is to keep your child safe when they come to us each day! This is something we take very seriously. We utilize the Standard Response Protocol as a district. The benefits of SRP become quickly apparent in the case of an emergency. By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event.

For students, this provides continuity of expectations and actions throughout their educational career. For teachers, this becomes a simpler process to train and drill. For communities, it leverages the growing adoption of the protocols from residents of all ages. For first responders, the common vocabulary and protocols establish a greater predictability that persists through the duration of an incident.



**Hold** is followed by the Directive: "In Your Room or Area" and is the protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants.



**Secure** is followed by the Directive: "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors" and is the protocol used to safeguard people within the building.



**Lockdown** is followed by "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place.



**Evacuate** may be followed by a location, and is used to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building.



**Shelter** and state the **Hazard** and **Safety Strategy** for group and self protection.

# Need to Know

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Each grade level will communicate specific academic expectations for your child.

Below are some important ways that you can support your learner.

- Attend fall and spring parent-teacher conferences
- Attend our fall curriculum nights
- Check backpacks, folders, and work coming home
- Review your child's planner (3rd-5th)
- Practice sight words linked on the KPS website (K-3)
- Read with your child
- Encourage Accelerated Reader and IXL practice
- Communicate with us to help support your unique learner



## BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

In order to maintain a productive learning environment, we ask that you partner with us in helping hold all kids accountable.

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

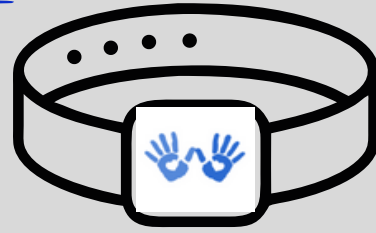
**Be a Worker**





# Need to Know

## BRACELETS



We will be using our “Above and Beyond” bracelets again this year. We are looking for our students to go “Above and Beyond”. We already have wonderful students, so this gives the staff the opportunity to catch a student doing something “Above & Beyond” what is already expected. This program generated a great deal of excitement within the school. So, if you see your child or another child wearing a bracelet that says “High 5 – Ask Me Why?”, please ask them why and give them that “High 5” they deserve!

## INVITATIONS AND TREATS

It is district policy that students do not hand out invitations or treats at school. We want to ensure the protection of our students with allergies, as well as prevent disruptions to the school day.



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is very important for routines and student growth! Parents will get a letter when their student misses or is tardy:  
**5 days; 10 days; 15 days; 19 days; 20 days.**

# Need to Know



## OFFICE REMINDERS



**Visitors:** ALL visitors must come through the front doors and sign in at the office. Thank you for helping us keep a safe school.

**Absences:** Please call the school when your child is going to be absent! This communication helps us tremendously.

**Appointments:** Please call Mrs. Rademacher to set up appointments. There are so many meetings after school required by our teachers that we need to ensure that your child's teacher is available to meet at a convenient time with you.

**Picking Up:** If you are picking up your child for an appointment of any kind, please let the office know ahead of time, and we will try to have your student ready for you to pick them up!

**Eating With Your Child:** If you would like to eat lunch with your child, we start this after 1st quarter. Please call the office in the morning, so we can order a tray for you if needed. If you are bringing outside lunch we will have you eat in the office with your child.

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Partnership with parents is very important to us. Reach out with any information that can help us support your child. Please also plan to attend conferences to discuss all of the progress they are making!

**Wednesday, September 17th, 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Monday, September 22nd, 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, September 24th 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, February 11th, 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM**



**Monday, February 16th, 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, February 18th, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

# Need to Know

## COMMUNICATION

Each classroom teacher will communicate with parents directly for all pertinent classroom topics. Each week, you can expect a *Meadowlark Message* from Mr. Williams that will run down all the things to prepare for. Lots of reminders will come to help ensure you are well informed!

<div>MEADOWLARK  ELEMENTARY</div> <div><u>MEADOWLARK WEEKLY MESSAGE: *Date*</u></div>	
Important Reminders 	
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Monday: 8/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Tuesday: 8/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Wednesday: 8/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Thursday: 8/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Friday: 8/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Links	
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<div>OWN <i>Your</i> FUTURE</div>	

# Meet Mr. Williams

Meadowlark Elementary Principal

## Quick Bio:

- I grew up in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.
- My family includes my wife Terah, my 4 year old Grayden, and my boxer/lab Mila.
- My previous educational experience has been:
  - Teaching 4th-6th grade in Littleton (CO), Papillon, and Lexington.
  - Instructional Coach in Lexington.
  - Director of Teaching and Learning in Cozad.
- My sports fandom includes: KC Chiefs, KC Royals, Arsenal, SA Spurs, and all things GBR.
- We love to travel and explore new places.
- Family is a huge part of my life. We enjoy being lakeside together at Johnson Lake!



**Please contact me with any  
questions or concerns!**

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# Important Links

## District Links

- [Kearney Public Schools](#)
- [KPS Board Policies](#)
- [KPS Vision/Mission/Beliefs](#)
- [Community Activities](#)
- [Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Sight Words](#)
- [District Calendar 25-26](#)

## Meadowlark Links

- [Meadowlark Homepage](#)
- [Meadowlark Elementary Facebook](#)
- [Meadowlark Activities](#)
- [Home Connect for Accelerated Reader](#)
- [Meadowlark Mission Statement](#)



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*Home of the Voyagers*