



September 2025

# Take Flight at Meadowlark Ridge

## A Note from the Principal

As we kick off the 2025-2026 school year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated staff members. Your countless hours of preparation have set us up for a successful year. I also want to express our gratitude to PTO and all parents for their unwavering support. It is truly appreciated!

- Heather Galvan, Principal

## What's Happening at MLR?



## Fun Night

MLR Fun night will be on September 26.

- Fun night will be held outside.
- The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end with prize drawings starting at 8:00 p.m.
- Wristbands and prize drawing tickets will be available for purchase.
- Wristbands will allow children to play games.
- Tickets are used for the prize drawing.
- Snacks will also be available for purchase at the event.

Additional information will be sent home from PTO soon!

# Social Media

Be sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events happening at Meadowlark. It is a great way to get a glimpse into the school day.

We also have a new and updated website, it is a great place to get information about our school.

## Marathon

Another Meadowlark Marathon is off and running! Students, parents, and volunteers gathered on the blacktop the morning of August 26 to begin the annual Meadowlark Marathon!

MLR is able to provide this opportunity to students with the help of The School Marathon Foundation and a grant funded through the Salina Regional Health Center, the support of our wonderful parent volunteers, and race directors, Dana Johnson and Lexi Fenn.

- Students K - 5 will run two laps around the outside of the playground this year (or 5 laps on the inside track).
- Each student will have a QR code on a bracelet that will be scanned each time they go around the school.
- Marathon special events are posted on the calendar. If your student is planning to participate in the marathon please have them arrive at 8 a.m.
- No new laps will be started after 8:20 a.m.
- This year's marathon will be Monday through Friday.



## Superheroes

We love to celebrate and recognize students for achievement inside and outside of school.

If you would like to submit a spotlight celebration for your student please fill out the google form on our website, under the parents tab.

This will then be posted on our school wide bulletin board.



## Need Health Coverage? Our School Social Workers Can Help!

Did you know our school social workers can now assist families with **Presumptive Eligibility (PE)** enrollment? PE provides **temporary Medicaid coverage** for children and pregnant individuals who appear to be eligible, giving access to important health services while the full application is being processed.

If your family is in need of health coverage or you're unsure where to start, our social workers are here to help guide you through the process. It's quick, confidential, and can make a big difference in ensuring your child stays healthy and supported.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please contact your school's social worker directly.

We're here for you!

## Greatness Grows When You're Here!

Our district is launching a district wide attendance campaign to reinforce the importance of school attendance and to support families in helping every student achieve their personal best.

Did you know that missing just **2 days a month** for any reason, whether excused, unexcused, or due to suspension, can add up to a student being **chronically absent**? Chronic absence (missing 10% or more of the school year) can cause students to fall behind academically and feel disconnected from school.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to help build strong attendance habits by setting consistent routines, scheduling appointments outside of school hours when possible, and avoiding vacations or trips when school is in session.

If your child will be absent, please communicate with the school, and don't hesitate to reach out to our school counselor or social worker if you have any concerns. They are here to support you and your student.

Together, we can help all students grow and succeed because

**greatness truly grows when you're here!**



## **Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School**

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within two school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.

## **Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness**

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness.

By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning.

Thank you for your support!

## **Title I Schools Annual Notice**

As part of our commitment to transparency and providing the best education for your children, we want to remind you of your rights under Title I.

You can request information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher and any instructional aides who work with your child. This includes their certification, college degrees, and other qualifications.

We aim to keep open communication and ensure you feel confident in the education your child receives. If you have any questions or would like to request this information, please contact our office.

## Attention Parents/Guardians of MLR Students

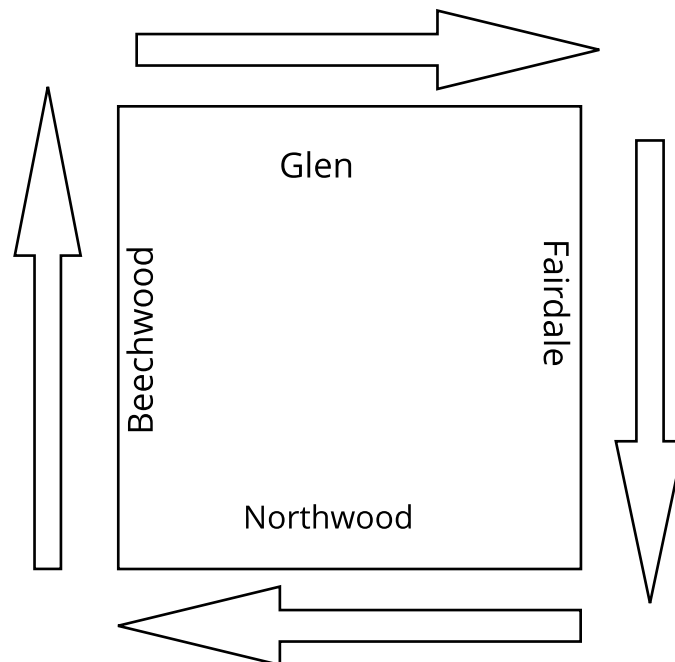
It is our goal to keep students safe. We ask that you always drop off/pick up students curbside so their feet land on the sidewalk. Students should not cross Glen, Fairdale, Northwood, or Beechwood during drop off/pick up times. These streets are very congested making it unsafe for children to cross.

To ensure the safety of all students, the curb in front of the school is for unloading and loading only. It is designated a **No Parking Zone during school hours**. If you need to enter the school building, utilize the parking lot. Parents/Guardians may park in the north parking lot or on the east side of Beechwood.

**Important:** We ask that parents **not** park on the west side of Beechwood. This will allow traffic to flow north and south safely.

## One Way All the Way

It is quicker and safer if everyone goes the same way!



## Skill of the Month

### Composure-

No one can make you angry without your permission.

Reclaim your power by actively calming yourself in times of distress.



### We Persevere-

Finish What is Started And Don't Give Up



# September Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1 - Labor Day/No School

10 - Color Run

26 - Fun Night



## Contact Us

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