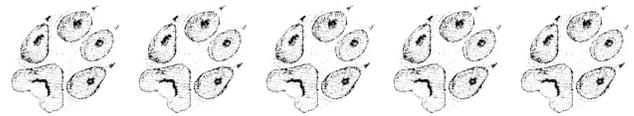




# Meadowood FOX Tracks



## Meadowood Child Development Center

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Dear Partners in Education,

What a great start to the year!  
Students are happily settling into their routines as each classroom begins to build relationships with one another.

Thank you for attending this year's Back to School Night! What a fabulous night filled with conversations and proud students showing off their classrooms, school and teachers.

Attached to this newsletter is several pieces of communication including:

- Parking lot expectations
- Special Education Staff
- Parent Day information
- Healthy Snack information

We hope to see you soon!

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## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

Sept 2 *LABOR DAY- NO CLASSES*  
Sept 13 Parent Coffee 9:45-10:45 am  
Sept 20 *Teacher Workday- NO CLASSES*  
Sept 27 Parent Day (times vary by classroom)

### October

Oct. 8 Family Literacy Night 4:00-5:30  
Oct 25 Parent Day (times vary by classroom)  
Oct. 28-Nov.1 Fall Break NO CLASSES



## ECE MISSION

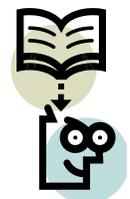
The mission of the Aurora Public Schools Early Childhood Education Department is to ensure that all preschool students will transition into kindergarten with the experiences and skills necessary to reach high levels of learning throughout their academic careers. The ECE Department will provide support to the APS [Vista 2015](#) mission: "Teach every student the knowledge, skills and values necessary to enter college or a career and become a contributing member of society who flourishes in a diverse, dynamic world." The opportunities for early learning provide a strong foundation that will help to ensure academic success.

## APS VISION

Graduate every student with the choice to attend college without remediation.

## Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
A.M. session 9:30-12:15  
P.M. session 1:15-4:00  
*NO School on Wednesdays*



## **From the School Nurse** **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

All parents must provide, within 30 days of enrollment, a current health appraisal completed and signed by your child's health care provider within the last 12 months. All students must show proof of immunizations before attending school.



Students will **NOT** be able to remain in preschool without a current health appraisal and immunizations.

If you need assistance or have any questions about the above mentioned items please contact your school nurse.

All APS students have access to the "Kids Clinics" that are located on site at Laredo or Crawford elementary schools. If you would like more information on the clinic please contact your school nurse.

If your child has a health condition ie: asthma, heart disease, life threatening allergies, seizures or **any** other health condition that our staff should be aware of please contact your school nurse immediately.

**Note:** Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive to school. They will be outside for 30 minutes every day, weather permitting. We do not supply or apply sunscreen at school.

### **Parent Coffees**

Parent Coffees are held once per month on Fridays; alternating morning and afternoon times. All parents/guardians are welcome.

Please join us for the first Parent Coffee of the new school year on September 13 at 9:45-10:45. We will be introducing you to some of the staff members that serve as supports to you and your child. We will also present information about how to read with your child at home, and how to foster a school-home connection with reading.

### **Interested in Running for the APS Board of Education?**

The Aurora Public Schools Board of Education will have four seats open this fall. The APS Board of Education is a seven-member group elected to establish policies for the school district. Board members are elected at large and serve four-year terms. The board addresses the concerns of the local community while working within the framework of state and federal laws. This includes approving curricula and instructional materials, evaluating the superintendent and adopting the annual budget.

Board candidates run on a non-partisan basis and do not need to be educators. The election will be held on November 5, 2013.

### **Have You Moved?**

Does Aurora Public Schools have a **current address** on file for you? If not, you will need to visit Centralized Admissions to complete the "Student Demographic Change" form. You must bring current proof of address and a photo I.D. If you need to change your phone number or email address just stop by the Meadowood office. Centralized Admissions is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. This office is open year-round (including fall, spring and summer breaks) but closed district holidays and winter break.

Centralized Admissions Office:  
1085 Peoria Street, Aurora, CO 80011  
(SW corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave and Peoria St)  
Contact by phone at 303-326-2200

For specific document requirements or to learn more about Centralized Admissions visit <http://admissions.aurorak12.org>.

### **Become a Volunteer!**

To ensure that our volunteers enhance the safety, security, well-being and success of our students, the Security department is now registering all volunteers and providing them with ID badges. Security requires that a background check be performed on each volunteer. If the volunteer is committing to a **one-time event**, he or she will simply need to register at the front office of the school or site.

#### **To register, volunteers will need to complete the following:**

1. All volunteers will need to obtain the Volunteer Approval Request form from the school where they will be volunteering prior to coming to the Security department. This form needs to be signed by the Principal. **Please note: The Security department will need to receive this form before the volunteer process can begin.**
2. Complete a volunteer registration form, [http://security.aurorak12.org/files/2011/07/Volunteer-Form\\_ENG-2012.pdf](http://security.aurorak12.org/files/2011/07/Volunteer-Form_ENG-2012.pdf) available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and return to the Meadowood office.
3. Schedule an appointment with [APS Security office](#) within seven business days to review the application and criminal background check, and to get an ID card. Please bring a **current government**



**issued** photo ID and the completed volunteer request form.

Directions to APS Security Office:  
<http://security.aurorak12.org/files/2011/07/Office-directions2.pdf>

4. Report to the front office at the school their child attends for scheduling and assignment of duties.

### **Home Visits**

Our staff is committed to providing students the skills and resources they need to ensure success within and beyond the classroom. We share your belief that the preschool years are critical for establishing a solid foundation for future success. To better connect with our students and their families, MCDC staff will be conducting home visits this year.

Our purpose is to:

- Become involved
- Encourage success for all
- Create positive relationships
- Promote partnerships
- Assist parents in their student's education at home



Our purpose is NOT to:

- Focus on discipline
- Make judgments or criticisms
- Enable or become primary caregivers

Please look for upcoming information to help us schedule a home visit for your family!



### **Classroom Snacks**

Every classroom has snack every day. We encourage families to sign up for snack about once per month to share with the class. Meadowood strives to provide



healthy snacks that will allow children to sustain their energy and help them to grow and learn. Good snack choices are fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, pretzels, crackers, applesauce, bagels, and dry cereal. Please read the attached information about healthy food options as well as choking hazards for preschoolers. Thank you for your support.

### **Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports**

Safety for ourselves, our friends, and our world is the motto of our PBI program. Our goal is to provide opportunities for children to develop and practice safe, positive behavior at school.

Some expectations we will be teaching children are to clean up after themselves, tell a teacher if someone is not safe, listen when a teacher is talking, keep their hands on their own body, and use their words to ask for help or solve problems.

Children will earn stamps on their hands and fill the class jar with pom poms in recognition of their safe choices. Please congratulate your child on their stamps and ask them what safe choice they made to earn it. If they don't have a stamp, don't worry. Sometimes they'll just get a verbal recognition without the stamps.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child this school year in developing safe and positive behavior in all our children.

Lisa Vratny-Smith, MSW  
Preschool Social Worker

### **Meet Our Volunteers**

We are happy to have several committed volunteers for the month of August. The entire Meadowood staff would like to extend our thanks to our hard-working volunteers! Because of their hard work, we are able to provide so many wonderful opportunities for our students! We will have many opportunities and needs for community volunteers, so please contact Cynthia Latimer if you have a special talent to share.

### **Meadowood Volunteers!**

