

August 2023



# Take Flight at Meadowlark Ridge

## A Note from the Principal

Welcome to Meadowlark Ridge Elementary! This will be my second year as the Principal of MLR. Our theme this year is "To the Stars." We will be encouraging all children to set positive goals for themselves. We also want them to know it's okay to make mistakes; this is how we learn and grow. I'm excited to present our new logo and vision for the 23-24 school year!

Vision: Meadowlark Ridge will uphold a positive and safe environment that promotes kindness, acceptance, diversity, and learning for all.

- Heather Galvan, Principal

## Drop-off and Dismissal

### *Morning Drop-off:*

All students will enter through the front doors. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. Please drop students off "curbside." It is not safe for students to walk through a lane of traffic to get onto school grounds. Please stay in your car while dropping off your child. **Please note: there is no supervision before 8:00 a.m.**

### *Morning Procedures:*

Breakfast will be served in the small gym again this year. Students will enter the building at 8:00 a.m. and drop off their bags in the big gym. Then they may get their breakfast trays and go to the small gym to eat. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:25 a.m. If students do not eat breakfast, they do not need to be dropped off until 8:20 a.m.

### *Dismissal:*

Students will dismiss at 3:25 p.m. through their grade level doors. Preschool and Kindergarten students will be dismissed through the front door.



# KINDERGARTEN INFO

Each student entering Kindergarten needs to have the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE completed before starting the school year. Teachers will meet with parents/guardians and students for a scheduled conference on August 11 or 14. During these conferences, the teacher will discuss the results from the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE along with any other important information about the child. Kindergarten students will come to school on Tuesday, August 15 and Wednesday, August 16 for Kindergarten Camp. They will get a wristband at the front door and then go with their teachers. The students will be divided into three different groups and they will rotate through all three kindergarten classrooms throughout the day.

Please do not send a book bag or sack lunch either of these days. If your child has a food allergy, please call the office. Meet the Teacher Night for Kindergarten is Tuesday, August 16 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. Students may bring their supplies and meet their classroom teacher during this time. The first day for Kindergarten students in their homeroom will be Thursday, August 17. Check your email for information regarding the ASQ.

## New Faces At Meadowlark Ridge

Decelia Brungardt - Lead Teacher

Makenzi Cullins - Kindergarten

Alexandria Wilson - Kindergarten

Tasha Gibson - 1st Grade

Kristyn Burnett - 5th Grade

Kayley Hurley - ESL

Erin Dugan Michaud - Art

Elon Emig - Night Custodian

Andrea Bolhuis - SPED Tech in EBD

Gary Demuth - Instructional Assitsant

Gabrielle Herzog - Student Teacher with Mrs. Blackim

Josie Deckinger - Student Teacher with Mr. Zamora

## Staff Changes at Meadowlark Ridge

Amy Bunting - Preschool Teacher

Joslyn Wilcox - Kindergarten

Jacy Murphy - 1st Grade

Kayla Snyder - 3rd Grade

Evan Firner - 3rd Grade

Marcie Wentzel - Intervention Teacher

Tara Vanderbilt - Library Media Specialist



## Marathon Kick Off:

The marathon starts Monday, August 28. Students will go to the blacktop to get their bracelet. They may begin the marathon at 8:00 a.m. If they eat breakfast, they will go out to the marathon when they are done eating. When students finish their laps, they may go into the building. Students need to be in class by 8:40 a.m. Students showing up after 8:30 a.m. will not be able to participate in the marathon that day.



## All Bus Riders:

Students who ride the bus will receive a bus pass at dismissal. If your child is not going to ride the bus, please call the office before 2:45 p.m.!

# August Calendar

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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

**10th - Meet the Teacher**

**11th - First Day for 1-5**

**15th - First Day Kindergarten**



**16th - First Day for Pre-K**

**25th - No School**

**28th - First Day of Marathon**

## Contact Us

**Heather Galvan - Principal**

**Decelia Brungardt - Lead Teacher**

**Buffy True - Secretary**

**Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4300**

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**#305GrowsGreatness**

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 **School Website**

 **District Website**

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