

December 2023



# Take Flight at Meadowlark Ridge

## A Note from the Principal

Happy Holidays Meadowlark Ridge Families! December will be a busy month with concerts, activities, and holiday parties. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who have made these events successful. I hope you enjoy time with your family and friends this holiday season. If you need anything, please call or email me. Thank you.

- Heather Galvan, Principal

## What's Happening at MLR?



## **Cookies with Santa**

Meadowlark Ridge Elementary would like to invite Meadowlark Ridge families to decorate cookies and meet Santa on December 7. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. This is a come and go event until 5:00 p.m. Students will be able to decorate a sugar cookie with their families and meet Santa if they choose. Non-school aged children are also welcome to decorate a cookie and visit Santa. This is a free event and we hope all families are able to attend. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture this special moment! If you have any questions about this event please call the office!

## Reminder

Winder Break Starts  
December 20 -  
January 3

## Reminder

December 12  
1st Grade @ 6:15 p.m.  
in the Big Gym

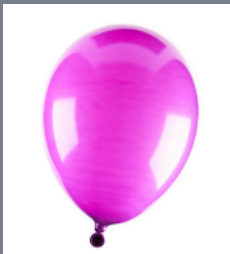
## Reminder

December 12  
3rd Grade @ 7:15 p.m.  
in the Big Gym

## Balloon Breath

I can put my hands on my head.

I can take a deep breath and fill up my balloon.



## 4th Grade Music Program

Congratulations to our fourth grade students for a successful performance of “Jazz” during their music program!



## 2nd Grade Music Program

“Pajama Party” was a successful second grade music program. Thank you to all second graders for a fun performance!





## ***VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM***

Meadowlark Ridge Elementary celebrated Veteran's Day by inviting family to school on November 10. Staff and students were invited to wear red, white, and blue to celebrate.

To start off the program, the Boy Scouts presented the colors. Together, we said the The Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. Mrs. Galvan then explained why Veteran's Day is such an important holiday. Several students read quotes, Kindergarten students entertained with a scarf routine, and first and third graders sang a song with ASL to the audience.

The gym was packed full of family members who joined us during this celebration. It was wonderful to be able to have this important assembly! If you didn't make it this year, you will have an opportunity to join us next year!



# REMINDER ABOUT WEATHER

Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves each day. Classes will go out as long as it is above freezing. Students love the fresh air and space to move but they need to stay warm!

MLR 1ST GRADERS PRESENT:



**A SEASON OF FUN**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12  
6:15PM  
MLR BIG GYM

**LIGHT UP**  
*The world*  
3RD GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM  
TUES, DEC 12 - 7:15PM  
MLR BIG GYM



MEADOWLARK RIDGE  
**COOKIES WITH SANTA**

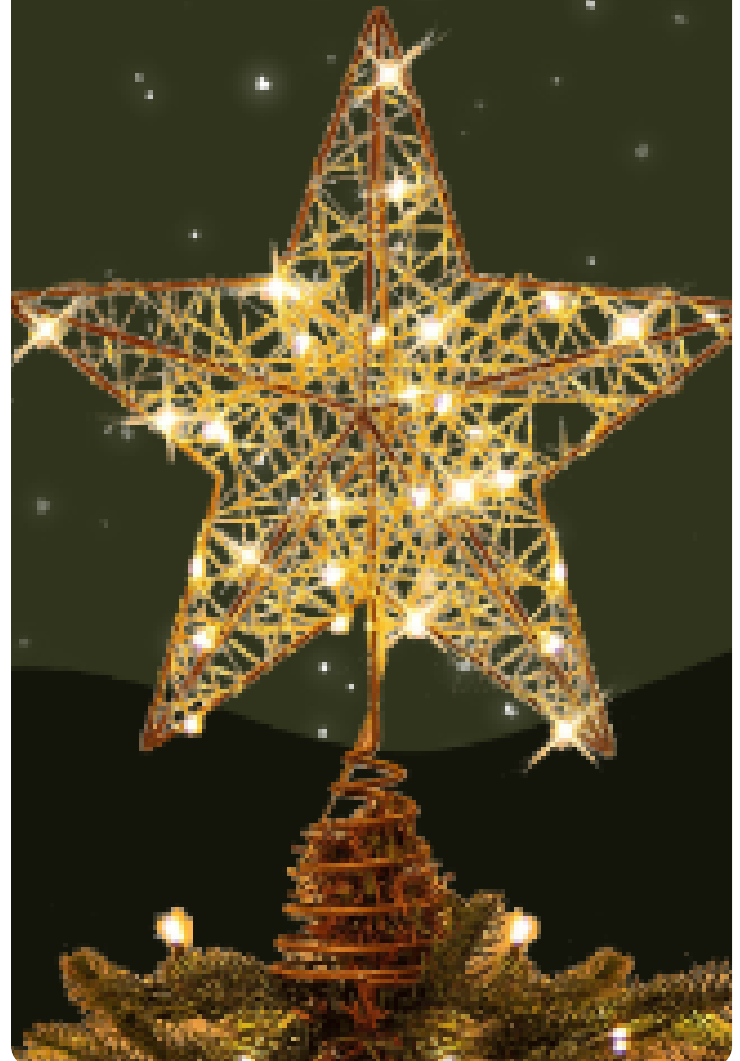
*Enjoy decorating cookies and visiting Santa!*

**DECEMBER 7TH**  
THURSDAY  
4:00 - 5:00 PM  
MLR CAFETERIA



ENJOY DECORATING COOKIES AS A FAMILY  
COOKIES, ICING, SPRINKLES, AND PAPER GOODS  
WILL BE PROVIDED!

**VISIT SANTA!**  
**COME & GO**





## BODY VENTURE

Meadowlark Ridge Elementary students had the opportunity to experience Body Venture. Students walked through an inflatable exhibit representing the human body.

Within the “body” exhibit, there are 11 learning stations which engage students in an educational activity focused on healthy choices. Thank you to Mr. Zamora, PTO, and all volunteers for making this event possible.





# Winter Weather Ahead

There may be days when the start of school is delayed because of weather. This option may be used if snowy roads could be cleared given a few hours or if wind chills are too low during early morning hours but temperatures are expected to warm up within a few hours.

The advantage of a delayed start is that we can minimize the loss of instruction while maintaining the safety of students and staff.

Whether a school cancellation or a delayed start is announced, the district will communicate as soon as possible using its rapid notification system. Notifications will be sent to families and staff via phone, email and text. (Parents and guardians are encouraged to update their contact information in Skyward.)

## Details of a delayed start:

- **Bus routes:** General education and special education bus routes will proceed on a 2-hour delay.
- **Pre-K:** Morning classes will be cancelled. Afternoon classes will run as normal.
- **Foodservice:** Breakfast will not be served and there will not be a choice lunch option at the elementary schools.
- **Elementary Band/Strings:** Band/strings at elementary schools will be cancel.
- **Heartland:** a.m. Pre-K will be cancelled. Breakfast will not be served.
- **Salina Adult Education Center:** All a.m. sessions and any GED testing scheduled for the day will be cancelled.

Changes to the school schedule are not taken lightly. While calling cancellation and delayed-start days creates inconveniences for families and impacts instruction time, upholding the safety of students and staff is our priority.

As always, the final decision about your students' safety is yours. If you choose to keep your student home when inclement weather occurs and school is in session, please contact the school attendance office and follow the procedures to report an absence.



# Holiday Spirit Week

Monday December, 11 - Tuesday, December 19  
Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School

Monday  
12/11

Merry Monday!  
Wear **Green** and fun Holiday Socks

Tuesday  
12/12

Tinsel Tuesday  
Wear **Red** and a Hat

Wednesday  
12/13

White Winter Wednesday  
Wear **White** or Snowflakes

Thursday  
12/14

Festive Sweater Thursday  
Wear your favorite ugly holiday sweater or dress!

Friday  
12/15

Flannel Friday  
Wear your flannel or plaid

Monday  
12/18

Merrier Monday!  
Wear your Pajamas to school

Tuesday  
12/19

Twinkle Tuesday  
Wear Christmas Lights or Sparkly Clothes  
Holiday Sing Along & Class Parties!



# December 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

7 - Cookies with Santa

12 - 1st and 3rd Grade  
Music Programs



19 - End of 2nd Quarter

December 20-January 3  
Winter Break

## Contact Us

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