



Meadowlark Newsletter

August 2011

Meadowlark Allstars

Principal's Message

Welcome back! As I arrived back to Meadowlark after the summer break, I admired the shiny newly waxed floors, the polished desks, the bathrooms glistening without the debris of paper towels on the floor, and the crisp new textbooks waiting to be opened by small hands trembling with excitement. The school looked beautiful, and I reminded myself to say a special thank you to the custodians who worked all summer buffing and polishing every surface. As I walked around in admiration, I couldn't help but notice that something was missing...it was SO quiet! And as I listened to the silence, I began to recall the beautiful symphony of noises that only an elementary school can produce! You see, an elementary school is a bit like an orchestra. Every player has a special part to play. The teachers teach and inspire, the students soak up knowledge, the custodians clean and polish, the cooks nourish, the secretaries organize, the bus drivers drive safely, the paras lend a helping hand, and the parents volunteer their time and energy. Each player is equally important, and without even one of them, the entire symphony will fall apart. If each piece of the orchestra cannot play their part very well, or if some parts want to play their own tune, the disharmony can be just plain awful. Luckily for me, the staff, students and parents at Meadowlark Elementary have been making beautiful music together for the past 11 years! A few highlights from the past school year:

- Student achievement continues to improve with our students achieving at levels never achieved before and far above the district and state achievement levels. This past school year, we added 11 more State Standard of Excellence awards bringing our total over the past 11 years to 65!
- Parent and staff climate surveys continue to indicate high levels of satisfaction with our school and have provided us with constructive feedback in ways we can improve.
- Our PTO organization is thriving and inventing new ways to support our teachers and our school in these tough economic times. They have implemented a teacher grant program where teachers can request funds for the needed resources that our building budget can no longer support. Their successful fundraising efforts will ensure that this support can continue.

I am confident that this school year will be just as successful. At Meadowlark, we have a tradition of excellence and a whole orchestra working together to ensure that that tradition carries on!

Have a great school year, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Jody Baker

September 1

5th Grade Band Parents Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ ACHS

September 5

NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

September 9

Meadowlark Shirt Orders Due

September 12

- PTO Social & Meeting, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 Bring your kids!
- BOE Meeting, District Office @ 6:30 p.m.

September 21

- Kindergarten, Muffins with Mommies
- Papa John's Pizza Night
- Site Council Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- Boxtop Pick Up

September 23

Autumn Begins

September 26

- NO SCHOOL—Teachers on duty
- Meadowlark Family Fun Night 6:00—8:00 p.m.

September 28

Pizza Hut "Fun"draiser

September 29

- Picture Day
- Greater Andover Days Performance, 6:30 p.m. @ Andover Central Park (grades to be announced)

October 1

GAD Parade. Meet at AHS at 9:00 a.m.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW STAFF

My name is Julie Syverson and I will be working in the Math Lab and lunch room. I moved to Wichita from Waukesha Wisconsin (outside of Milwaukee) about 2 1/2 years ago as my husband started a job with Hawker Beechcraft. We have 2 sons, Eric 16 and a sophomore at AHS and Griffin is in 8th grade at AMS. We are busy attending their activities and sporting events. We have a Chinook named Chena. She is a sled dog and misses the Wisconsin winters like the rest of my family! In my "free time" I love reading and relaxing at the pool, spending time with my family and traveling. Yes, I love the Badgers, Green Bay Packers and how about those Brewers? Since moving to Wichita I have been involved in the AMSPO, Site Council at AMS and Booster Club at AHS. Prior to moving I had been a flight attendant for a commercial airline for 22 years and also flew for Kraft Foods for 7 years. The lunch room is easy compared to a plane full of New Yorkers who have been told their airport is closed! I am excited to be part of the Meadowlark family.



My name is Alice Collins. I'll be working in the office part-time during the Fall semester. My husband, Tom, and I have two children – Ian, who is a 3rd grader here at Meadowlark and Katie, an 8th grader at ACMS. We also have two cats, Mimi and Zoie. We moved here three years ago from Missouri. I have a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Missouri State University. I love to travel and head to the beach every chance I get! I am excited to be working with the great staff and students at Meadowlark. They have made me feel very welcome!

My name is Christin Tinius and I am student teaching with Mr. Lee in the 5th grade. I am currently in my last semester of college at Central Christian College in McPherson, Kansas. I was born and raised in Wichita and graduated from Trinity Academy in 2007. I played collegiate volleyball and basketball and hope to coach high school volleyball in the future. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my nieces and nephews! I'm excited to be a part of the Meadowlark All-Stars family this semester!!



Hello! My name is Miss Blumer, and I'm excited to be the new art teacher at Meadowlark! Students, parents, and staff have been so welcoming and it's been a great first week! Last year, I was the part-time art teacher at Prairie Creek Elementary. This is my second year of teaching art, and I love that I am able to say I love my job! I firmly believe that every child is an artist, and Meadowlark students prove me right every day with their creativity and excitement! Over the summer, I taught several art classes in Andover and painted a mural at Prairie Creek. In my free time, I enjoy reading, working out, watching movies, spending time outdoors, and seeing friends and family. I am looking forward to a fantastic year and getting to know the Meadowlark family! I can't wait to get the hallways filled with the artwork! Please feel free to contact me or visit my webpage at <http://www.wix.com/blumerj/meadowlark-art>. I will be updating with more information and photos throughout the year.



My name is Angel McGill and I am thrilled to be part of the resource team at Meadowlark. This is my third year working in the district as a para. My husband Chris and I have 4 children--Zach (7th grader at ACMS) and 3 at Meadowlark—Cade (5th grade), Nate (3rd grade) and Mattie (1st grade). In my spare time, I enjoy watching my kids' activities and spending time at Table Rock Lake.



My name is Cami Kasel, and I am the new Reading Specialist at Meadowlark. I am so excited to be a part of this fantastic staff!

I am married to my husband, Justin, who is the principal at Allison Middle School in Wichita. Together we have two wonderful boys - Brody is 7 and Brecken is 5. Both of them attend Wheatland Elementary. We have lived in the Andover School District for about two years and couldn't be happier.

This is my twelfth year of teaching. Before coming to Andover I taught in the Wichita School District, mainly teaching reading and writing. I am thrilled to be able to serve the kids at Meadowlark and look forward to a great year!

My name is Celia Ralston and I am very excited to be back at Meadowlark working with Mrs. King as a para educator in the ELP classroom. My husband Mark and I moved to Andover 18 years ago for the excellent schools and we have loved every minute of it! Mark is a financial planner for AGH Wealth Advisors and we have three children. Mallory graduated from AHS in 2007 and the University of Kansas last May. She is currently working as an Executive Team Leader in Human Resources with Target in Overland Park. Grant graduated from AHS last May and is attending Wichita State University on a Track & Field scholarship, majoring in Chemistry. Our son, Nathan is a sophomore this year and enjoys football, basketball, and FIFA! I graduated with an Elementary Education degree from Emporia State University and a Masters of Curriculum and Instruction from Wichita State. I am currently AHS Booster Club President and on the Andover Advantage Board. As a family we enjoy boating, going to movies, and attending sporting events together.



Hello everyone! My name is Andi Crouse. I am a para for the ELP class and will be working with Stacey King and Celia Ralston this year. I am super excited to be back in the classroom since it's been about 10 years since I last taught.

When I'm not at work I keep myself busy hanging out with my children, Madisyn, age ten, and Braden, age six. I am married to Jeff, a pilot in the Air Force and is the Squadron Commander of the 350th ARS at McConnell AFB. I help out with lots of squadron business when I have the time. I like reading, exercising and baking.

We just moved here from northern Virginia (right outside D.C.) this summer and have settled in quite nicely to life in Wichita. I know I am going to have a great school year!

My name is Michaila Pfaff. I am so excited to be back at Meadowlark! After four years of teaching half day kindergarten, I will be an all day kindergarten teacher this year. I enjoy spending time with my family, going to soccer games for Kalyn, basketball games for Ryan and volleyball games for Kylie. The best part about teaching is getting to see the growth the children have during the Kindergarten year and helping to instill a love for school and learning!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following staff members:

AUGUST

- 7 - Jessica Blumer (Art)
- 12 - Scott Lee (5th grade)
- 12 - Tammy DeMoss (night custodian)
- 21 - Michaila Pfaff (Kdg)

SEPTEMBER

- 11 - Traci Crusinberry (P.E.)
- 11 - Jenni Brown (Para)
- 19 - Darla Brooks (Kdg)
- 23 - Kevin Brightup (Band)
- 26 - Julie Lemon (Secretary)
- 29 - Alexis Kamman (Resource)



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ORDER-FORMS WILL BE COMING HOME SOON!



IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE PICTURES, YOU MUST RETURN YOUR ORDER-FORM AND PAYMENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29. ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN FOR PUBLICATION IN THE YEARBOOK. WE WILL BEGIN TAKING PICTURES AT 8:50 A.M.

MEADOWLARK T-SHIRTS & HOODIES



Converse

If you were unable to purchase or order your new Meadowlark shirt at Meet Your Teacher Night, you can order now and receive in time to wear to Greater Andover Days. Please make checks out to Meadowlark PTO. Orders forms need to be turned in by Friday, September 9th.



Peace Love



A message from the school nurse.....

Medications will be given at school only with a written note from the parent/guardian **and** doctor. This must be updated every year in order for the nurse to administer the medication. If your child will be taking medication regularly at school, please see the school nurse concerning school policies regarding medications. The school **WILL NOT** provide students with over the counter or prescription medications. This includes Tylenol, cough medicines, inhalers and cough drops.



LAMP.....



(Library...Art....Music...P.E.) **News**



P.E.

Well, we are off and running in physical education class. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little about the PE program at MES. This is my 14th year of teaching and my 12th year to teach PE in Andover. I have 5 children, 3 currently attend Andover Schools. My son Blake is a sophomore at ACHS, my daughter Taylor is a 7th grader at ACMS, and Carson is a 1st grader here at MES. As a teacher and parent I recognize that children are at different developmental levels, with a variety of needs and interests. For this reason in every class I attempt to provide all of the children with experiences that are both beneficial and enjoyable. Each lesson is also adjusted to take into account the wide range of skill and fitness levels that characterizes children in elementary school.

The AMP (Art, Music, & PE) teachers rotate on a 3 day rotation. It's important to know what day your child's PE day is so that you can remind them to wear tennis-shoes. They must have tennis-shoes to be able to fully participate and get the most benefits out of class. Physical education is important because it helps to improve not only physical health, but social, and emotional as well. If your child cannot participate due to illness or injury please send either a parent or Dr. note with them to school.

PE is a great setting to help reinforce various social skills such as teamwork, sharing, caring, helping others, excepting others' differences, and so much more. In order to help enforce the behavior expectations your child must follow these rules: 1. participate safely, 2. try their best, 3. be a good listener, 4. respect others, and 5. have good sportsmanship. For rules that are broken I use the "3 Strikes" policy. If the entire class has a good day for their behavior they get to move their class baseball on the baseball chart. If behavior is good, and everyone in the class has tennis shoes on they get to move an extra base. When they score 3 points on their chart they earn a "Choice Day".

I am excited to be your child's PE teacher and am looking forward to a fun and exciting year! If you have any questions you can contact me at crusinbt@usd385.org. Please mark your calendar with the PE dates below.

September 23 – GAD CAMP OUT (*Children learn dances for GAD Parade*)

December 17 – Sport Stacking Tournament (*tentative*)

February 24 – Jump Rope for Heart

March 26-April 19 – Skating (*2nd-5th Only*)

May 11 – Fun In the Sun Field Day (*Rain Date is May 18*)



Welcome to the Meadowlark Elementary Library!

Welcome back to school and welcome to our library! My name is Mrs. Eastman and I have been the library media specialist for Meadowlark for the past eleven years as well as a library media specialist at Robert M. Martin Elementary, Meadowlark @ Prairie Creek, and I am also working this school year at Sunflower Elementary on Tuesday all day and Thursday mornings. My husband Ron, of twenty-seven years and I live in the Andover school district and both of my children are thirteen year Andover school system graduates! I am passionate about reading and am a firm believer that reading is the first foundation for all learning. I also believe that students should learn at an early age how to navigate a library and how to respect books and materials used in learning. My effort to create an environment where everyone feels welcome and secure helps to ensure that students are successful during their years here at Meadowlark and beyond.

We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Nield back with us as a library aide this year! Mrs. Nield's children are also Andover school graduates and she lives in the Andover district. Mrs. Nield can help you with any of your library needs when I am not available.

2011-2012 Library Hours: The library is open from 8:30 to 11:20 and 1:30 to 4:00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 8:45 to 11:20 and 1:30 to 3:30 on Tuesdays during regularly scheduled school days. The library is closed on teacher in-service days, holidays and weekends. Parents are always welcome!

Checkout Policy:

- Open Checkout - Students may checkout books as needed up to one time per day with the classroom teachers' permission.
- Materials may be checked out for up to two weeks at a time. All materials may be renewed one time if needed.
- All patrons are responsible for returning materials in good condition.
- Kindergarten students are allowed 1 book per checkout. (Note: after the 1st quarter teachers may request a second book for select students. This is a teacher request only option.)
- First through Fifth grade students are allowed 2 books or materials at one time.
- Second through Fifth grade students may have a 3rd book out during short periods of time while starting a new research project. (This is a teacher request only option.)

Fines:

- There are no fines for overdue materials.
- If a material is not turned in to the library in good condition before the last day to have books out for the year, the total price of that item will be assessed.
- Any material that is returned with the following damage, the price of the material will be assessed. Damage due to: water, liquids of any kind, food on the pages or cover, bite marks, mud or excessive dirt, corners of pages turned down or torn off, spine damage due to excessive roughness, etc.
- If the original purchase price is not known the following general price will be assessed: \$7.00 paperback, \$25.00 hardback, \$5.00 magazine.

Library Classes: Students are scheduled with a 30 minute library media instruction class every week. Every effort is made to allow ample time to complete coursework at school and homework is generally not assigned.

Library Reading Promotions: Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students take part in the William Allen White Reading Promotion. This is our state book award program and an exciting opportunity for our students! The William Allen White Reading Promotion is an optional activity for students. Please encourage your student to take part in this fun opportunity!

Library Volunteers: The library is always looking for parent volunteers! We have volunteer positions for many different days and times as well as skill levels. We also have special project needs such as the yearly Scholastic Book Fairs, etc. Please feel free to contact us at 218.4630 if you are interested.

Questions? Please feel free to contact the library any time during regular school operating hours. 218.4630 or e-mail: eastmans@usd385.org or nielde@usd385.org

Thank you and happy reading!

Mrs. Eastman



Music

Hello, I am Mrs. Middleton and I am so excited to get back into the swing of things this year. I am beginning my 9th year of teaching music. It has been my privilege to teach Early Childhood through Middle School. I am the proud mother of 3 boys and have a husband who is a Music Teacher as well.

The students here at Meadowlark have started making music already. Music engages all learners in problem solving practices while he/she practices self-discipline and teamwork. Students are afforded exercise of these life skills while having fun at the same time. This year is full of great learning opportunities.

Please allow me to share my appreciation for your support. The students and faculty are quite fortunate to have such a wonderful group of parents with which to work. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Performances: 5th Grade @Greater Andover Days (GAD) Sept. 29th..time: TBA

5th Grade Show @ ACHS November, 29th @ 7:00 p.m.

1st and 2nd Grade Show @ ACHS , January 31st @ 7:00 p.m.

3rd and 4th Grade Show @ ACHS, April 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Show @ MESdate not yet chosen....

Rules: 1. Follow Directions 2. Respect self/others 3. Do your best

Behavior Modification: Keep the bucket full.....3 strike policy.....Content appropriate.....Incentives offered in content areas as well...

Please don't hesitate to email or call with any questions or comments.

Thanks,

Mrs. Middleton

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All Star Art

Hello! My name is Miss Blumer, and I'm excited to be the new art teacher at Meadowlark! Last year, I was the part-time art teacher at Prairie Creek Elementary. This is my second year of teaching art, and I love that I am able to say I love my job! I firmly believe that every child is an artist, and Meadowlark students prove me right every day with their creativity and excitement!

The number one, rock and rolling, fancy-banana rule in the art room is... everybody learns! My classroom management is based on the book *How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids* by Tom Rath, which we read on the first day. They gain or lose drops in their class bucket during class time. Their goal is to get a full bucket to keep their class ship moving around a treasure map. In this case, X marks the spot for a choice day or a special project!

My goals for this year include continuing to teach the Monart approach to drawing. This method trains students to perceive a "drawing alphabet" of sorts focused on the five basic elements of shape and line. By learning to view the world through the drawing alphabet and how to transcribe the information to paper, everyone, even so called "non-artists" can learn to become artists in their own right and develop their own unique style of realistic interpretation.

In addition, of course, my goal is have the main hallways filled with All Star artwork thanks to wonderful parent volunteers! I'm looking forward to great year! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or are interested in helping hang artwork!

Thank you!

Miss Blumer

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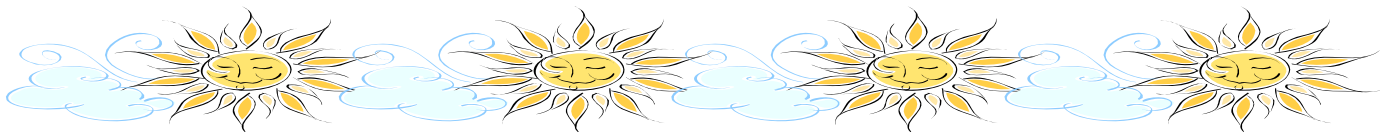


The Meadowlark staff would like to thank all the “Helping Hand” volunteers for welcoming all our students and helping them find their way during arrival, dismissal, and lunch time.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
AMY RECH, HELPING HANDS COORDINATOR**

Helping Hand Volunteers

Becky Austin	Sarah Ullmann
Paula Kelley	Angela Luhar
Amy Rech	Stacy Mondt
Elaine Sherwood	Denisa Dexter
Laura Sherwood	Paige Cernohous
Jill Sagehorn	Hannah Farney
Jessica Foust	Sandy Rech
Lesla Albin	Jackie Rech
Karen Pool	Katie Collins
Angela Hartschen	Chase Cunningham
Jill Sagehorn	Avery Cunningham
Lisa Jones	Mariah Hall





BEGINNING SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Each year the Meadowlark staff put on a fun assembly for students. It helps make students feel welcome on their first day of school. This year they sang to the YMCA song using their own made up words. This is a good time for Ms. Baker to introduce new staff and new students to Meadowlark.



Ms. Baker recognizes new students



Ms. Baker recognizes teachers



Ms. Baker recognizes support staff



Ms. Baker recognizes new staff



*Mrs. Clarkson recognizes
Ms. Baker, Principal*



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Our newly improved parking and traffic signage seems to be making a difference! Student arrival and dismissal times have been running very efficiently, and most importantly, safely. If you are still unsure of the arrival and dismissal procedures, please take the time to read over them. These procedures will also be available on our school website at www.usd385.org in the Family Handbook for future reference. Thank you for complying with these procedures so that all our children will remain safe.

Arrival and Dismissal

- The school day is 8:35-3:35 for the All Day Kindergarten through 5th grade students. Half Day Kindergarten hours are 12:35-3:35.
- Students should arrive no earlier than 8:25 a.m. If *on occasion*, a student needs to arrive earlier than 8:25, he/she will be asked to wait quietly at the front entrance until the 8:25 a.m. bell rings. (no supervision is provided until 8:25)
- Students who need to eat breakfast should arrive no later than 8:25 a.m.
- Students who arrive after 8:35 a.m. must have a parent sign them in through the office.
- Parents/guardians wishing to pick up their children prior to the designated dismissal time must *physically* sign their child out through the school office. Phoning in will not be sufficient—we must have a signature on record.
- If there is a change in your normal routine for arrival and dismissal, i.e. your child is to be picked up by someone other than the bus or parent/guardian, the parent/guardian **must** notify the school office by phoning or providing a note.

Bus Riders:

- The central parking lot has a BUS LOADING ZONE clearly marked with yellow curbs and yellow signage. The Bus Loading Zone **MUST** remain clear of cars from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. The school will require all vehicles parked in the yellow Bus Loading Zone to be moved if parked during the posted No Parking hours.
- Only students who live more than 2.5 miles from school or who have paid the busing fee will be allowed to ride the bus—no exceptions!
- It is necessary for the buses to be able to enter and exit the **CENTRAL** parking lot in a timely manner. Therefore, the portion of Main Street that is directly in front of the school should remain free of traffic until the buses have departed.

Car Riders:

- The **NORTH** parking lot will be designated for the “car line.”
- During dismissal time, we ask that you have a sign (8 1/2 x 11) visible on your front dash/window so that we can quickly identify which child goes with each vehicle. Please list the names of all the children whom you are picking up (**WRITE BIG!**).
- Car traffic should enter the North parking lot from the north.
- Drivers are asked to remain in single file while moving through the line. Drivers will **NOT** be permitted to pull out and around the other cars in the line.
- When exiting the North parking lot, cars should travel back *to the north* on Main and can then turn onto any street to get back to Andover Road. Once the buses have departed, cars may turn either north or south.
- If you would rather not stay in the car line, parents **MUST** find a parking space and escort their children into/from the building. Please do not make it a daily occurrence to sign your child out 5-10 minutes early just to avoid the car line!
- Staff members will be on duty and will enforce these safety precautions in order to ensure that every student arrives to and leaves from school safely.



“GERM BUSTER”

Nurse Shelly taught the Kindergarten classes about how to be a "Germ Buster" this week! The students listened to two books that taught about germs and that even though we can't see them....they are ALIVE like real bugs! Each child got to put on some special lotion. She taught the children to sing the ABC's while scrubbing their hands with soap to try to wash away all the germs (and the special lotion). After washing the children got to look at their hands under a special black light that exposed the florescent lotion that the children had put on their hands. It really showed them the parts of their hands that didn't get all the germs washed away. Children (and adults) were amazed at how much of the lotion still showed up after washing. It's a good reminder that we need to wash well to keep those germ bugs away!



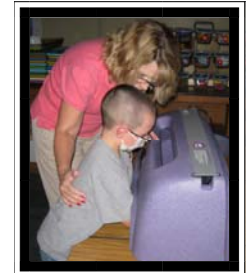
Nurse Shelly read two books about germs to kindergarten students..



Students look at their hands under a special black light after washing.



Students sing the ABC song while scrubbing their hands.



Students were amazed of how much lotion still showed up on their hands.

OPSOCLONUS - MYOCLONUS SYNDROME

When you ask kindergarten student, Carter Berkley, how he feels about being in school, he'll almost always say, "It's fun!" or "I like to read and play."

When you ask Carter's parents, Shawn and Mandy, the same question, they answer with words like excited, but also terrified, worried, and anxious. Their worries run much deeper than the average parent of a kindergartener. Their son, Carter, has an extremely rare neurological auto-immune disorder called Opsoclonus-Myoclonus Syndrome—a 1 in 10 million disorder. This disorder suppresses Carter's immune system which makes him highly susceptible to catching every virus with which he comes into contact. In addition, his immune system recognizes the protein around his brain as a virus, so attacks his brain.

Carter will be wearing a mask to school to protect *him*. He is NOT contagious! Carter understands that he is "a different kind of sick," and that he has to wear his mask to protect himself from germs. He really doesn't seem to mind wearing the mask, but, like all kids, he is sensitive to the remarks and stares from other kids and their parents. All the students at Meadowlark have learned about Carter and why he wears a mask. Many of them have taken a personal interest in making sure he feels safe and loved!



Carter Berkley

In order to make our school as safe as possible for all our students, but especially for Carter, it is more important than ever that all parents adhere to the following policies from the Family Handbook:

- Please report all communicable diseases, including cases of strep, pink eye, chicken pox, head lice and fifth's disease to the office. If your child is absent from school due to a communicable disease, he/she may be required to have a doctor's permit to return to class and/or be readmitted by the school nurse.
- If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or above, or has vomited in the past 24 hours, please do not send him/her to school
- You will be contacted to pick your child up from school if he/she has a temperature of 100+, is vomiting, or is otherwise ill.
- Students should not return to school until 24 hours after a fever breaks, vomiting has ceased, or until 24 hours of antibiotic therapy treatment is completed.



**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MIDDLETON
MUSIC TEACHER.....**



Please save plastic lids off Peanut Butter, Mayo jars etc and bring them to the Music Room. We are needing them for some activities and would greatly appreciate as many as we can get!

ANDOVER FOOD SERVICE

Andover School District.....

- 1) Will make meal modifications prescribed by a licensed physician to accommodate a disability.
- 2) Does not make meal modifications prescribed by a medical authority due to a food allergy/intolerance or other medical condition that does not rise to the level of a disability.
- 3) Does not make substitutions for fluid cow's milk due to a food allergy/intolerance or for other reasons

As defined by the department of Child Nutrition and Wellness with the Kansas State Department of Education, *Modification Due to a Disability*:

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a "person with a disability" means "any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment."

- Major life activities covered by this definition include: caring for one's self, eating, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.
- Part B of this form must be completed by a licensed physician.
- Parts A and C of this form must also be completed before the school can make meal modifications.
- The meal modifications will continue until a licensed physician requests that the modifications be changed or stopped on Form 19-C, which is available from the school.
- It is strongly recommended that a licensed physician annually update the prescribed diet order.

Please contact the Food Services Office with any questions.

Ann Katt

Food Service Director

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We're on the web!
www.usd385.org

Our *All-Star* Motto is:

Character: It's how you **ACT!**

- A**lways be Trustworthy
- C**are about others
- T**ake responsibility for your actions!



Meadowlark Elementary School "All-Star Character" Program

Meadowlark Elementary School is proud to introduce our **All-Star Character** program. This is an exciting program designed to assist and prepare students in their efforts to grow into responsible citizens, and productive members of society. This program is a family-school partnership that addresses issues related to student responsibility and accountability. MES's **All-Star Character** program is all about helping ourselves and others to become better people, friends, students and family members.

Every five-six weeks, your child will be introduced to and learn about a different **Character Skill Word**. Our skill words are:

Oct. 3 - Nov. 8 - **Respect**

Nov. 9 - Jan. 5 - **Responsibility**

Jan. 6 - Feb. 7 - **Citizenship**

Feb. 8 - Mar. 29 - **Caring**

Mar. 30 - May 3 - **Trustworthiness**

May 4 - 23 - **Fairness**

These skill words will be emphasized and integrated into the school day. By the end of the school year, the students, teachers and staff will be actively incorporating all six positive **All-Star Character Skill Words** on a daily basis.

At Meadowlark, we recognize that the primary responsibility for developing good positive life skills in a child belongs to the parents. Through our **All-Star Character** program, the school can share in reinforcing and supporting the efforts of parents to model and teach the important life skills necessary to help our children succeed in life. We hope that this program will have a positive impact on your child's life. **Thank you for your support!**

Tammy Clarkson
Counselor