

Green Meadow Elementary School

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Dear Green Meadow Families,

While our school year is certainly off to a "different" start, it's definitely a good one! The first few weeks have gone quite well. It's so nice to have students back in the building. Our students have adjusted well to the health and safety procedures put in place related to COVID-19. I am so proud of them!

Open House

On the evening of October 15th we will be hosting a virtual Open House. Parents will have the opportunity to hear presentations from their child's teacher concerning programs, classroom routines, curriculum, and "virtually" visit classrooms. Please keep in mind that this is not a time for individual conferences. If you have concerns or other information you would like to share with your child's teacher, please make an appointment to meet at a later date.

Grades K-2: 6:00 - 6:45
Special Areas: 6:45 - 7:15
Grades 3-5: 7:15 - 8:00

• Support Staff and service providers will be available as well. Due to privacy concerns, please make an appointment.

Additional communication and links for the Open House night will be shared as the date approaches.

Halloween

While restrictions keep us from dressing up and holding our annual Halloween Costume Parade this year, we will still show our Halloween spirit by wearing orange and black at school on Thursday, 10/29 (A day students) and Friday, 10/30 (B day students).

PTO

A very BIG thank you is extended to our PTO for supporting our school with the reopening! You can stay up to date with PTO news and events by signing up for email blasts and text notifications. Please visit the PTO website to sign up: https://greenmeadowpto.weebly.com/

Health

Please continue to fill out the daily COVID Screening Form. This must be completed everyday, for each student. Our office staff will contact parents if the screening form has not been completed. We ask that you make an effort to complete this form prior to 8:30 a.m. The form can be found at: https://entry.neric.org/egcsd.

There have been questions regarding what to do if your child is sick. As always, we ask that you call our main office to let us know your child will be absent and why. Additionally, New York State has issued updated guidance for students returning to school after illness. This information can be found on our website at: https://egcsd.org/2020/10/02/new-york-state-updates-return-to-school-requirements/

If you have any questions regarding student illness or return to school procedures, you may contact our school nurse, Kathy DeFruscio, R.N., at (518) 207-2648.

Emergency Go Home Drill

The annual Emergency Go Home Drill will take place on 11/9 and 11/10 this year. There will be a letter forthcoming with details regarding this drill. All students will be dismissed 15 minutes early on these days and are expected to go to the emergency location listed on the verification form, so please plan accordingly. If you are unsure what location you have listed on your child's form, please contact Mrs. Nolette in our main office at (518) 207-2640 or by email at NolettJo@egcsd.org.

Upcoming Events

10/12 No School, Columbus Day 10/15 Virtual Open House 10/29 & 10/30 Black & Orange Day 11/9 & 11/10 Emergency Go Home Drill Sincerely,

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