

Meadowlark Cougars



Welcome Back Students and Parents

“School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside”

-Lon Watters

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A huge welcome back to school for the all students and parents. It was a very fast summer, and as we start school we are looking forward to having a great 2021-2022 school year.

Meadowlark Elementary would like to welcome Vicky Jo Reeves as our new Student Advocate who will be working with Mrs. Boggs to help coordinate services for students at Meadowlark. Here is a little bio on Mrs. R, I know our Meadowlark community will give a warm welcome.

Hello! My name is VickyJo Reeves, and your children may refer to me as Mrs. R. My husband (Keith) and myself moved here over 40 some years ago from a community of farming, dairy, and industry by the name of Waverly, NY. We have had the pleasure as young adults that moved here with the Air Force to raise our family here in beautiful Montana. I enjoy hunting, hiking, crocheting, reading, research, traveling and spending time with my grandkids. Prior to joining this great team at Meadowlark my past experiences have been that of a nurse; clinical research; an instructor CPR and First aid, agriculture education, and a substitute teacher with the Great Falls Public School system since 2015. I look forward to meeting you all, and my office will be in with Mrs. Boggs.

For Counseling:

The month of September is going to be exciting. We will start the first week with K-6 students learning the role of the school counselor, and our Student Advocate Vicki Jo Reeves. A Respect for All PowerPoint Presentation will be explained in class, as every elementary school in the district will be going over this presentation with the students. This usually is about a two week process. Students who are 3rd grade through 6th will have a Google Classroom for counseling. Your student should accept the invite to be able to see the class-work.

Library:

During the month of September we will be going over rules and procedures for library. Second through sixth grade will be setting up their google classroom and reviewing how to look up books using OPAC. Kindergartens will begin learning the different parts of a book and how to care for the books. First grade will be learning how to use choosing sticks, and good fit books. Parent have the opportunity to purchase and donate books to the library collection, by going to these websites:

Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/yy9f6t45>

If you have any question or concerns please let

What does a School Counselor do?

This document is intended to help you understand what the role of a Professional School Counselor is, as well as what it's not. If you're ever wondering what I do or why, please ask! I'm happy to talk with you. :)

A School Counselor does...

- Work with ALL students to encourage a safe school climate of trust and respect.
- Deliver classroom lessons that align to ASCA standards.
- Facilitate small groups.
- Meet individually with students to do brief, solution-focused counseling.
- Help students who are struggling to make positive behavior choices.
- Collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, support staff, and administration.
- Maintain confidentiality of students and their families unless there is a need to know or a safety concern.
- Provide education and information about students' social-emotional needs.

A School Counselor does NOT...

- Work with only special ed., regular ed., or "problem" students.
- Assign grades after lessons or teach academic subjects.
- Facilitate therapy groups.
- Meet individually with students to do long-term mental health counseling/therapy.
- Handle the discipline or assign consequences.
- Collaborate with only one person. A team approach including the School Counselor works best.
- Share information about students and their families to appease the curiosity of others.
- Tell teachers how to teach in their classrooms or tell parents how to parent at home.

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6th grade Leadership: It's going to look different this year due to the changes in our school. We are in the process of making the changes to keep every one safe. Applications will be due by September 3, 2021. We hope to start Leadership jobs by the middle of September.

Looking Forward to Counseling in September
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Looking Forward to Library in September
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Important Dates to Remember for Aug.-Sept.:

First day of School	8-25
No School	9-6
MAP Testing	8/30 to 9/24
PTA Party on the Playground	9-9
PTA Meeting	9/13
Pictures	TBA

Special points of interest:

- Wednesday envelopes need to be signed and returned on Thursdays.
- Meadowlark is collecting BOX TOPS for education.

Handle with Care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, email me and type "Handle with Care" in the email subject line. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day.

