

August 30, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is the expectation of our school community that all students behave in a safe and respectful manner so that everyone has the opportunity to thrive in a school culture that focuses on learning. To support our core values of Acceptance, Caring, Curiosity, Learning, and Responsibility, the Broadmeadow staff consistently outlines the expected behaviors for all students in each area of the school day.

The **Broadmeadow All School Rules** help guide behavior in the common spaces in the building and times of the day outside the homeroom classroom such as recess, lunch, specials, hallways, and bathrooms. As we establish our school routines this fall, we will review these rules and provide opportunities for practice in order to help students remember and internalize these rules.

The **Broadmeadow All School Rules** are simple yet broad.

At Broadmeadow we make responsible choices to:

- **Keep ourselves and each other safe**
- **Treat each other with respect**
- **Take care of our school and the things in and around it.**

We recognize that students behave appropriately most of the time, even without the explicit statement of the rules above. One of our goals in creating this set of guidelines is to ensure we have consistent language and viewpoint among the adults and children. Should a student make a mistake or a poor choice, we then have a common reference point for discussion about that behavior and a framework for helping students learn greater self-control and awareness.

With that in mind, we have outlined below what the All School Rules “look like” in various settings at Broadmeadow. Please review these expectations with your child and return the bottom portion of the next page signed and dated by you and your child to the classroom teacher.

Broadmeadow Behavior Expectations (in classrooms, halls, bathrooms, playground, cafeteria, and all other places in the school)

- Show respect toward others
- Follow directions first time given
- Stay in assigned area and uses equipment properly
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to self
- Walk at all times in the building
- Use appropriate language and appropriate voice level for setting
- Move courteously through the lunch line (cafeteria)

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Stay seated until dismissed (cafeteria)
Clean up quickly and quietly (cafeteria)

Teachers engage students in conversations about expected behaviors in each area of the school and in working with one another. Teachers offer many opportunities for students to practice these behaviors and prompt students to self-correct. If students make poor choices, consequences may include: taking a break, a letter of apology, a call home, a meeting with an administrator, or loss of recess or other privileges, up to and including suspension. The consequence would depend on the age of the student, the seriousness of the incident, and behavior history.

Our message to our children is that we care about them, and because we care about them, we cannot tolerate disrespect, bullying or vandalism. We also recognize that students sometimes make mistakes, and it is our collective responsibility to teach them and help them grow. Thank you for supporting our efforts and reinforcing this message at home.

Sincerely,

Emily Gaberman and the Broadmeadow Staff

Cut here and return to classroom teacher by SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Teacher: _____

I have read the Broadmeadow All School Rules and reviewed the expectations with my child: _____

(print child's name here)

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

My parents have discussed the Broadmeadow All School Rules and behavior expectations with me.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____