

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal

April 2023

Principal's Message

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

Happy Fourth Quarter of the 2022-2023 School Year! As the school year comes to an end, our students will be taking their End of the Year Assessments. Our primary students will be taking the STAR Reading and Math Assessments for the third time this year. Our intermediate students will be taking the FAST Reading and Math assessments for the third time this year. Our Fourth and Fifth Grade students will also be taking the BEST Writing Assessment. Please ensure on testing days your child eats a good breakfast and gets a good night of sleep.

On April 7th, school will be closed. On April 14th, third quarter report cards will be issued. On April 21st, there is no school.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, April 6 at 8:15 AM. Attending our SAC meetings is a fantastic way to get involved with our school community. If you are interested in volunteering at Meadowbrook Elementary, please visit www.browardschools.com/volunteers to become an approved volunteer. Be sure to visit our website: meadowbrook.browardschools.com and follow us on Twitter at @MeadowbrookElem for announcements and photos.

-David J. Levine, Principal





Intern Principal's Message



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(754) 323-6500

I hope our students have had a safe, restful, and enjoyable spring break. As we begin the fourth quarter, I would like to congratulate our students for working hard and our teachers for meticulously preparing their students by providing an awesome learning environment throughout the school year. I know our students have worked very hard at their academic studies and are preparing to take the F.A.S.T. Please continue to assist us as we approach the last quarter of the school year:

- Stay in contact with your child's teachers through our planners, notes, emails and phone calls or text messages
- Make sure we have your most recent contact information so that we may contact you about your child
- Communicate with your child's teacher. A strong cooperative relationship is key to the success of your child
- Additionally, in the months ahead, several events will be planned to celebrate our hard work and success.

Educationally Yours,

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



Title I News



We are happy to report that our eBinder met with 100% completion. Thank you, parents, for participating in all our Title I parent training events and our SAC meetings to provide input for our SIP and Title I documentation. We are happy to work together with you to make our school and each student's academic experience at Meadowbrook, the best it can be. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

ESOL News

Parents, we are continuing to focus on Imagine Learning and giving our last push to finish the program strong. Please continue to encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home. We still have a few re-evaluations and annuals to complete for students who entered after October. Now that ACCESS testing is completed, we will return to our small groups to provide assistance for our A1/Level 1 students who need additional instruction. If you have any questions, I am always available for you. Ms. Gutierrez (754) 323-6500. Delighted to provide you with information on all things ESOL.



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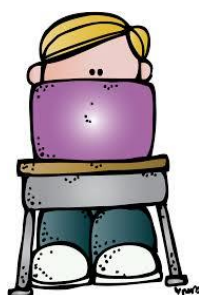
School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the administrators, teachers, parents, community members, business partners, and other staff members. The committee reviews overall school operations and monitors student achievement. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives for the following year. These objectives are the cornerstone of our school improvement plan. The school improvement plan outlines our objectives along with the actions being implemented throughout the school aimed at assisting us in attaining our goals. The SAC committee meets monthly in the media center. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome and invite all to participate.

If you are interested in participating in our SAC meetings, please contact Luisa Hanfling, SAC Chair

at

luisa.hanfling@browardschoolschools.com.



Attendance

Attendance Matters! Please contact the school each time your child is absent and provide the school with the reason for the absence. The Meadowbrook Elementary Attendance Hotline number is (754) 323-6502. This line is open 24 hours/ 7 days a week for your convenience. Phone excuses and excuse notes must be received within 48 hours of the absence. Please contact Ms. Julienne, Attendance Manager at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

Uniform Policy

Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- ☐ Docker style pants/shorts/skorts/jumpers must be navy blue or khaki.
- ☐ Collared, polo-style shirts must be light blue, royal blue, navy blue, yellow, or white.
- ☐ Jeans/denim material is **PROHIBITED** except for School Spirit Fridays when worn with a School Spirit shirt.
- ☐ Baggy pants, saggy pants, and cargo pants are **PROHIBITED**.
- ☐ Caps are allowed for P.E., weather conditions, religious reasons, and medical reasons only.

In the event your child comes to school wearing inappropriate attire, you may be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school.



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Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome at Meadowbrook Elementary School. As always, student and staff safety are of utmost importance. Therefore, in accordance with SB1774/HB, Florida Statute 943.043 all individuals wishing to assist with students in any capacity at school, including class parties or on field trips must complete a volunteer on-line application at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/volunteers>.

The approval process takes approximately two weeks. A specific volunteer badge will be made for each individual that has been approved.

We would like to receive the "Golden School Award." This award is given to schools with a large number of assistance hours generated by their volunteers. Please help us by being a volunteer and getting involved in our school. It is the children who benefit the most!

Lost Property



Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and found, items are donated to charity every quarter, please ask at the front office. Parents, please remind your child not to take items that do not belong to them, if by chance an item does come home that does not belong to your child, please return it to the school.

Five Tips Toward a More Positive Attitude

1. Kids model their parents' behavior. If they see you bouncing back from setbacks, they'll learn to do the same.
2. Help them see a way around obstacles. When something doesn't work out as planned, encourage them to brainstorm other ways to approach the problem or to reach their goal.
3. Let them know that negative reactions are okay when it's appropriate. Having a positive attitude doesn't mean burying legitimate feelings, but acknowledging them, and then finding a way to move on.
4. Teach constructive reframing. If a child declares she's lousy at sports, suggest that she simply needs more practice and that if excelling at sports *is important to her*, she'll eventually master the necessary skills.
5. Encourage positive self-talk. Words have power, so offer a few affirmations they can repeat until they become second nature.



Counseling Corner



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Welcome to Spring! Spring is a time for warm weather and positive new beginnings. It's a wonderful time to start a new habit that can help build your confidence and happiness. Here is something you can try. Read the following phrases out loud to yourself. It may seem strange at first, but as you practice, it gets easier!

- "I am smart."
- "I am funny."
- "I have good ideas."
- "I am important."
- "People like me."
- "I can do good things."
- "I smile!"

Doesn't it feel good to say nice things about yourself? Practice doing this every day and watch your confidence grow!

Family counseling is a great way for families to work through challenges and create a happier home. Family counseling is available for free for all families of Broward County Public School students. Call (975)321-1590 to set of an appointment. Spanish language is available.

Students and families can access mindfulness practices and enjoy peaceful moments with mindfulness using the Inner Explorer application, located in Clever. See the difference that one minute of purposeful silence and mindfulness can make!

Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor



Arrival / Dismissal



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Transportation Changes

Please note, that due to security reasons, changes to your child's transportation status cannot be delivered via telephone. This is for the safety of your child, as we cannot safely identify callers via the telephone. Please help us by sending **any changes** with your child **in writing** to be delivered to the teacher the day before. Thank you for helping us to get our students home safely.



Arrival



For the safety of our students, they should not arrive to school prior to 7:15 AM, as there is **NO** supervision available. Breakfast is served each morning beginning at 7:15 AM until 7:50 AM. Students must arrive to the cafeteria on time in order to have breakfast. The first bell rings at 7:55 AM. It is vital that all students arrive to school on time. Schools starts promptly at 8:00 AM and students who arrive after 8:00 AM will be marked tardy.

Car Line



Drop off

- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should exit from the passenger side of the vehicle.

Pick up

- Please have your car tag displayed EVERYDAY for faster service.
- Pull all the way forward before allowing your student in the car.
- Remain inside your car.
- Car line closes at 2:25 PM, after which you will need to go inside to pick up your student, **identification is required**.



Classroom News



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Pre-School

The preschool classes are learning all about Springtime. We are discovering what plants need to grow and we planted our own seeds. We are combining groups of objects and telling addition stories. Here is an idea you can do at home to support your child's learning at school. Plant a houseplant with your child. Talk about signs that tell when a plant needs sun or water. Invite your child to observe and help take care of the plant daily.

Second Grade

This month "Our Second Grade Soaring Eagles" will learn to identify and explain various text features in informational text. We are learning to pay close attention to photos, captions, diagrams, charts, timelines, and even maps to help us learn more about the topic of a book. In math, we are beginning Chapter 12 which is Measurement. We will learn how to measure objects using inches, centimeters, feet, yards, and meters. Please buy a ruler or measuring tape and measure objects around your house. You can even talk about miles when you are driving. Thank you for working with your kids.

Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten we will focus on why we celebrate holidays, people, and events. In math, we are learning to identify, compare, and compose two-dimensional (2-D) figures. In science, we are learning about gravity. In social studies, we are learning about holidays and celebrations. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

Our third graders are getting ready for testing which will take place next month. In reading, we are explaining how text features contribute to meaning and identifying the text structures of chronology, comparison, and cause/effect in texts. We are also working on identifying an author's claim and explaining how an author uses evidence to support their claim. In math, we are interpreting data with whole number values represented with tables, scaled pictographs, circle graphs, scaled bar graphs or line plots by solving one and two-step problems. In science, students are learning that light travels in a straight line until it strikes an object or travels from one medium to another; and that light can be reflected, refracted, and absorbed.

First Grade

Let's "Spring" into "Action" as our First Graders move forward toward the End of the Year! In the world of Language Arts, we are learning about "Explain who is telling the story using context clues" and "Identify the topic of and relevant details in a text". We are also learning about "Similarities and differences between information provided in visuals and words in an informational text". In science, we are "Recognizing that some things in the world around us happen fast and some happen slowly", and "Observing and discussing that there are more stars in the sky than anyone can easily count and that they are not scattered evenly in the sky". Let's also celebrate Social Studies and community by remembering and honoring heroism in others through achievement, and events that happens in the past and now. In Mathematics, we are learning about money and time. This month is so important for our first graders since they must read on their own the reading text. So, continue practicing reading every day is key.

Fourth Grade

In Reading, we will be spiraling benchmarks as we cover Benchmark Advance Unit 7. In writing, we will continue to review how to make a claim or state our perspective with logical reasons using evidence from multiple sources. In Math, we are finishing fractions and moving into decimals. In Science, we are learning about the Phases of the Moon. We are looking forward to our trips to Sawgrass Recreational Park and Islands of Adventure in April.

SOARING ON STRONG WINGS



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Fifth Grade

This month, our 5th graders are getting ready for the end of the year assessments. In Math, we are currently learning about geometry (polygons, 3-D figures and volume) and in Science we are excited to be learning about the Water Cycle (evaporation, condensation, precipitation, etc.). In Reading we are learning how to find relevant details that support the central idea of a text. In ELA we are writing informative essays and in Social Studies we are learning about Growth and Westward Expansion.

Media

Spring is here and April is National Poetry Month and School Library Month. Students will participate in poetry activities in the media center. This month we will also have a special library story time for Earth Day. The Spring into Reading challenge has started, and students can join the challenge in Beanstack. Log your reading throughout the challenge to earn a new set of colorful badges.

ART

Hello parents! This year, our 5th graders will be the first to participate in the legacy wall! They will be creating ceramic tiles that showcase who they are, and the tiles will be on permanent display! In the Butterfly news, the students are working diligently with tissue, crayons, watercolors, and mosaics, and soon we will see LOTS of butterflies on our Holocaust wall! Exciting times!!
Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

Music

This month we will be rehearsing the Music of Encanto in preparation for the musical that the students will be performing on May 24th. 3rd graders will begin learning how to play recorders in class. Please contact Mr. Alfano with any questions: anthony.alfano@browardschools.com

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ASD News

Every April is National Autism Awareness Month. National Autism Awareness Month raises awareness and acceptance for autism and Asperger's syndrome. World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2023. At our school, we foster a learning for many students with autism. To show our support and acceptance of people with autism, we will Light It Up Blue on April 3, 2023. We are asking that everyone wear blue on that day to show our support. There will be many more activities to promote acceptance throughout the month.

Meadowbrook Elementary

SAC Meetings

“Soaring on Strong Wings”

SAC Dates and Times

September 22, 2002
8:15 AM

October 27, 2022
8:15 AM

November 17, 2022
8:15 AM

December 8, 2022
8:15 AM

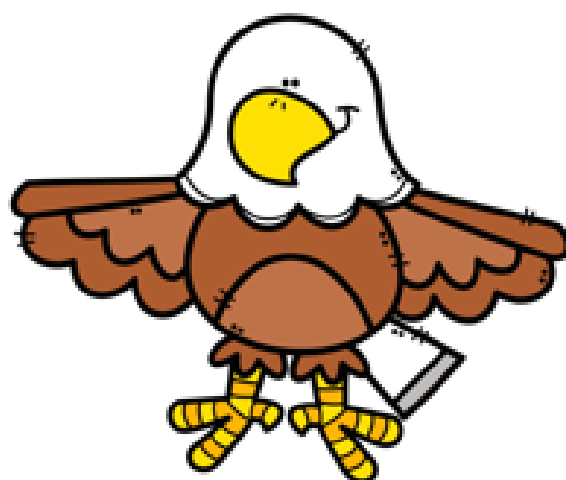
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SCHOOL

- Observations
- Staff Trainings
- Technical Assistance
 - Program Consultation
- IEP Documentation Review
- Connect with Advocates



HOME

- Individualized Family Support
- Behavioral Support Training & Consultation
- Strategy Implementation
- Parent & Family Training



COMMUNITY

- Parent & Professional Trainings
- Autism Friendly Business Initiative
- Support Groups
- CARD Conference
- Public Education & Community Outreach Services

ALL CARD SERVICES ARE INDIVIDUALIZED TO YOUR NEEDS

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

join us in
CELEBRATION



awareness

action

acceptance

inclusion

appreciation



AUTISM SWIMS



Saturday, April 22, 2023
10:00am – 12:00pm

**Sunrise Civic Center
Aquatics Complex**
10610 West Oakland Park Blvd.
Sunrise 33351

This annual event for kids ages 5 to 18 pairs participants with lifeguards and youth volunteers for pool games. Autism Swims also features representatives from local agencies.

Pre-registration required! Sign up at sunrisefl.gov/autismswims.

For more info, please call (954) 747-4636



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