

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal

April 2022

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are already in the 4th Quarter of the school year. Report cards will go home on **Monday, April 18, 2022**. The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) testing has begun. Our Fourth and Fifth graders have taken the Writing portion of the FSA, and our Third graders have completed the Reading portion. A list of future testing dates is in this newsletter for your reference. I appreciate all our parents and your help in making sure students are prepared with a nutritious dinner the night before testing, a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast the day of the test. It is also helpful for students to get up just a few minutes earlier on testing day so that they are not rushed and do not have any extra worries on testing days. Staying calm and being alert will help students to do their best on the test.

Please help us inform your neighbors with children that will start kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year that our Kindergarten Round-Up is set for **April 28th @ 8:30 AM** at the school. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming SAC meeting on **April 27th @ 8:15 AM**. **Thursday, April 14th** is Early Release day and school dismisses at **12:00 PM**. There is no school on school on **Friday, April 15th**.

Ask your child's teacher about free online resources to continue learning at home. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Be sure to visit our website: **meadowbrook.browardschools.com** and follow us on Twitter at **[@MeadowbrookElem](https://twitter.com/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 prepared to take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). 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 1 News



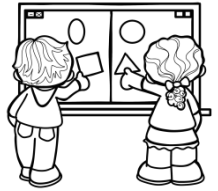
Thank you, parents, for participating in our SAC meeting and providing input for our SIP and Title I addendum. Our survey results reflected that more than 80% of each item had a favorable response. We are happy to work together with you to make our school and each student's academic experience at Meadowbrook, the best it can be. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

ESOL News

ACCESS testing for all ESOL students has ended. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the testing. This assessment will help guide our ESOL students' instruction for the future. Thank you, parents for bringing students on time and ensuring they have a good breakfast. Additionally, LEC camp has also ended. Both teachers and students who participated in the camp enjoyed the instruction. Teachers valued the growth students made from the beginning to the end of the camp. We are continuing with our Imagine Learning program. Please continue to encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home.



School News



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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 Jennifer Liberatore, SAC Chair at jennifer.liberatore@browardschools.com Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Wednesday , April 27, 2022** at 8:15 AM.



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 Manger at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

Uniform Policy

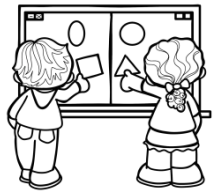
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- 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/page/32043>. 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



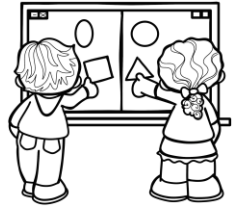
Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and 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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Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

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 (754) 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!



Meadowbrook Elementary's FSA Assessment Schedule

Third Grade

Grade 3 ELA Reading Assessment

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 3 Mathematics Assessment

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Session 2

Fourth Grade

Grade 4 ELA Writing Assessment

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Grade 4 ELA Reading Assessment

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - Session 1 & Thursday, May 5, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 4 Mathematics Assessment

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Session 2

Fifth Grade

Grade 5 ELA Writing Assessment

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Grade 5 ELA Reading Assessment

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - Session 1 & Thursday, May 5, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 5 Mathematics Assessment

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 5 Science Assessment

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - Session 2

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.



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 7:50 AM. It is vital that all students arrive to school on time.

Car Line

Drop off



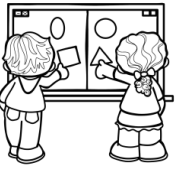
- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should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

Our second graders are continuing to build their knowledge of addition and subtraction facts using flash cards and Reflex Math. By the end of this school year, the students should be able to answer an addition or subtraction question in less than one second. They are working on nonfiction text features, which means paying close attention to captions, headings, diagrams, labels, maps, and photos when reading a nonfiction text. This helps to deepen the understanding of the topic.

Kindergarten

This month our focus in reading is identifying the Topic of and Multiple Details in a Text and in math, 3 dimensional shapes. In science, we are learning about objects in the sky. In social studies, we are learning the difference between basic needs and wants. We are also learning more about easter celebration. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

In the Third grade we are getting ready for testing. It can be a nerve racking time as it is the first major test for many of our students but as someone once said, "As life gets harder, you get stronger". Our third grade students are getting stronger by the day and we know they will succeed.

First Grade

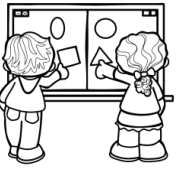
Let's "Spring" into "Action" as our First Graders move forward toward the End of the Year! Well, in the world of Language Arts, we are learning about "What is the Central Message of a Story" with focused emphases on Beginning, Middle, and End. We are also learning about present, past, and future verb tenses in sentence structure. In addition to learning about what are "R" Blends such as ar, er, ir, or, ur. In the scientific realm of "Everything Matters", we are learning about Properties of Matter. Let's also celebrate Social Studies and community by remembering and honoring heroism in others through achievement, events and activism. We are also following all sorts of directions by navigating the world through maps. In Mathematics, we are learning place value, measurement, and counting money.

Fourth Grade

ELA is focusing on spiral review of comparing and contrasting events in informational texts. We are also reviewing elements of drama, prose, and poems. Lastly, writing review of structure and content for opinion and informational prompts. In Math, students are learning how to identify lines and angles. They will also learn to classify shapes by their properties. Please continue to encourage your child to work on Reflex Math and I-Ready at home to support their learning.



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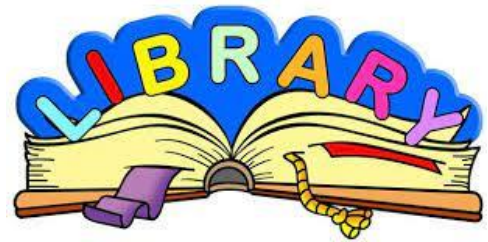
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Fifth Grade

Our fifth graders are getting ready for testing. We are reviewing reading standards such as finding the main idea of a text or identifying the central message of a story. We are also writing opinion and informative essays and reviewing math and science objectives we have learned throughout the year such as: the water cycle, organs of our body, and fluently multiplying multi digit

Media



ART

Hello parents! Our Butterfly wall to remember the Holocaust is coming along. All grades are now working on their butterflies. There will be mosaics, tissue stained glass, painted, and ceramic! Creatively,
Mrs. Hines

Music



P.E.

I hope everyone had a nice spring break! We are going to begin playing Flag Tag at the beginning of this month. I know it is most student's favorite activity. We will be doing lots of running, dodging, and building cardio for our hearts with beautiful spring days!





10 SMART TEST-TAKING TIPS

Tip #1

Start by putting your first and last name on the test!

Tip #2

Feeling nervous? Take a moment to focus on your breathing and try to relax. Stay positive and push negative thoughts from your mind. Repeat these steps if you find yourself getting frustrated or over-anxious at any point during the test. Remember, you can still do well even if some of your answers are incorrect.



Tip #3

Look over the entire test first so you have a general idea of how long it will take to complete. Don't rush, but as you work through each section, pay attention to how much time you have left so you can pace yourself appropriately.



Tip #4

Read all of the instructions carefully, and read each question carefully. Don't be afraid to ask your teacher for clarification on any instructions or questions that seem confusing.



Tip #5

On multiple choice questions, be sure to read through all of the available answers before marking your choice, even if you think you know the right answer.



Tip #6

Not sure which choice is the correct answer? Try to first eliminate all the answers that you know are wrong to narrow down your possible choices.



Tip #7

Another way to determine the answer to a difficult question is to look for clues within the wording of the question itself. Reread difficult questions and circle or underline any important words or phrases that stand out.



Tip #8

If you get stuck on a question, don't spend too much time on it. Skip the question and go back to it later; there may be questions in another section of the test that could jog your memory or provide more clues.



Tip #9


When you've finished the test, use any leftover time to review all of your answers. Check for careless mistakes or anything you might have skipped, and reread questions to ensure you haven't misunderstood or misread anything.



Tip #10

Proofread essay and short answer questions to make sure they're legible and make sense. Also be sure to check your grammar and spelling.





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JOIN US FOR

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP



FOR INCOMING 2022-2023
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Thursday, April 28, 2022
8:30 AM

- *Informational Session
- *Tour of our Kindergarten Classrooms

To register your kindergarten child for the 2022-2023 school year:

Please Bring:

- Parent Identification (Driver License/State ID/Passport)
- 2 Forms of Proof of Residence (FPL Bill/Utility/Lease)
- Legal Proof of Age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Evidence of Medical Examination and Immunization (680 & 3040 forms)





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