

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal
August/September 2021

Principal's Message

Happy September! Welcome back students and Meadowbrook families! This is our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is distributed at the beginning of each month and contains important dates, highlights progress and programs, and recognizes student and staff achievements. The first days of school were very successful and now we're on our way! We hope you had a wonderful summer and we know you're ready for a great school year. Our Meet & Greet was well attended, biggest ever! It was wonderful to see so many families and students. We are very proud to announce significant accomplishments from the 2020-2021 school year:

- Started school year virtually for 700 students during pandemic
- Distributed 500+ laptop computers
- Increased proficiency in Canvas, Teams and supporting tech resources
- Reopened F2F, virtual and blended learning in October during pandemic
- Held intervention camps and tutoring programs
- Complete myriad teacher Professional Development
- Held in-house field trips, field days, clubs and graduation
- Maintained enrollment near 700 students
- Effectively implemented COVID protocols and increased sanitization practices
- Experienced extremely few COVID cases among student and staff
- Held successful summer school for 300+ students

During the first days of school, all students were given a first day packet. Please take time to read all of this important information, fill out the requested forms, and complete online acknowledgements by Friday. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming PTA Meeting on September 9th at 6:30 pm. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Together, we will have another fantastic school year with "Eagle Pride" 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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It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over three weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. I look forward to working with you as we start this awesome school year with Eagle Pride.

Educationally Yours,
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal

goodbye, august
hello, september



Title 1 News



Welcome families to our new school year! The Meadowbrook Team is delighted to work with you on all things Title I. Our School-Parent Compact, Right to Know letter and Dissemination letter have been sent home with your child. Please fill out the Compact and return to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Our school's Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and Compact in multiple languages are available for viewing in our front office. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mrs. Gutierrez (Title I Liaison), at 754-323-6500.

ESOL News

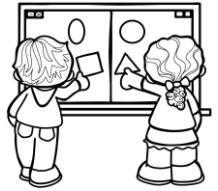
Our marvelous ESOL team, Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Acosta and Mrs. Avila, are thrilled to welcome parents and students to our 2021-2022 school year. We are diligently working on meeting the needs of all our ESOL students.



A big CONGRATULATIONS to Meadowbrook Elementary for receiving the Imagine Learning Beacon School Award! This award represents the highest honor in the Imagine Nation customer recognition program. Go EAGLE PRIDE!



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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Recent legislation requires that all schools observe a moment of silence at the beginning of the school day. As a class, we will participate in the moment of silence during first period. The moment of silence will last one minute during which time students may not interfere with other students' participation. Teachers may not make suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the moment of silence with their child and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time.

The legislation states "in today's hectic society too few persons are able to experience a moment of quiet reflection before plunging headlong into the activities of daily life. The Legislature finds that our youth will be well served if students are afforded a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day."

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 754-323-6500, if you have any questions about the moment of silence.

Sincerely,

David J. Levine

Principal



@MBE_Eagles & @MeadowbrookElem

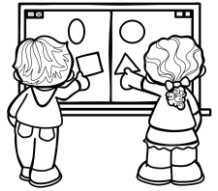


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School Advisory Council

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 **Thursday, September 9, 2021** at 6:00 PM.



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

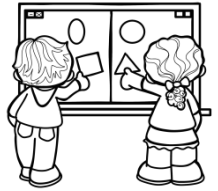
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- 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!

Parent Teacher Organization

Parents, Your PARTICIPATION and Nomination MAKES A DIFFERENCE NOW MORE THAN EVER in PTA !! YOUR VOTE COUNTS !! Now we need all parents to get involved virtually and in person as PTA is in need of a President and Vice President to begin an exciting school year. Parents that are interested can choose to run for PTA President or Vice President. Voting will take place **Thursday, September 9th @ 6:30 PM** in the Media Center in person or via ZOOM using **Meeting ID: 859 472 2857 and Passcode: PTA2021**

Spirit T-Shirt Pre-orders have been ordered and confirmed for delivery at the end of next week on 9/10/2021. Any change from T-shirt pre-orders will be returned to your child's teacher this week by September 3rd. We look forward to all parents, students and staff getting involved and having an amazing 2021-2022 school year!!

Ask Bria

Broward Remote Instructional Assistant

Ask BRIA Quarantine Instructional Support is now available exclusively to BCPS students in quarantine who need quick help with class assignments.

Ask BRIA instructor support is now available to quarantined students needing quick support on specific assignments from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily. Students can access Ask BRIA through links on Clever or Canvas.

Ask BRIA after school instruction services resume on August 30th for all students needing homework help after school hours. Quarantined students will be able to access Ask BRIA support both during and after school hours.





Curriculum Corner

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What is *i-Ready*?

***i-Ready* is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student’s teacher(s) determine your student’s needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year.**

i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student’s learning gains. *i-Ready* consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student’s needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn.



How do I log in?

On an iPad®:

- **Download the free *i-Ready Connect™ for Students* app** from the App Store®. iPad must be compatible with iOS® 13 or above, such as the iPad Air® 2, iPad Air 3 (2019), iPad 5th Generation (2017), or iPad Pro®.
- If your student’s district/school:
 - **Uses Clever®**, download the Clever app, log in using their district’s/school’s portal credentials, and click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - **Uses a portal that is NOT Clever**, students should open the Safari® browser, enter their district’s/school’s portal URL and log in, and click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - **Does not use a portal**, they should open the *i-Ready Connect for Students* app and log in to *i-Ready* using the credentials provided by their teacher(s)

From a Computer:

- If your student’s district/school:
 - **Uses a portal**, your student should log in using their district’s/school’s portal credentials and then click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - **Does NOT use a portal**, your student should visit [i-ReadyConnect.com](https://www.i-ready.com) and log in to *i-Ready* directly on a computer using the credentials provided by their teacher(s)

Access the [Technical and Troubleshooting Guide for Families](#) or visit [i-Ready.com/Support](https://www.i-ready.com/Support) to confirm that your device and internet connection meet *i-Ready* System Requirements.

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How do I get my student started?

If your student's school has advised what they should work on, follow this guidance to keep your student's learning aligned with the current curriculum.

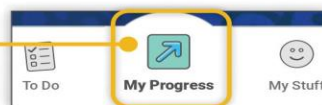
Within the *i-Ready* program, your student will be able to select:

- Reading or Mathematics Lessons:** Note that some schools will have purchased just one subject, in which case your student will only see that option on their screen.
- My Path Lessons or Teacher-Assigned Lessons:** My Path lessons are assigned to your student based on their latest results on the *i-Ready Diagnostic*. Note that Teacher-Assigned Lessons will only appear as a choice on the screen if a teacher has manually assigned lessons.
- Learning Games:** These games help your student build mathematics skills in fun ways. To access the games, your student will need to choose Math in the upper left-hand corner of the To Do screen and then click on Learning Games in the bottom navigation bar. Note that Learning Games are available to students if the school is using *i-Ready Personalized Instruction for Mathematics* and has enabled the use of the games for students.



Where can my student and I see the progress being made?

You and your student can monitor progress by clicking on **My Progress** in the bottom navigation bar.



On the My Progress page, you will be able to see:

- Time-On-Task:** The number of minutes your student has spent this week on *i-Ready Personalized Instruction*
- Lessons Passed:** The total number of lessons your student has passed this school year
- Lesson Streak:** How many lessons your student has passed in a row
- Completed Work:** The name and quiz score for each lesson your student has taken





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Tips to Support Your Student



Visit the **Family Center** for more information, tips, and tools.



Explain

Explain to your student how working on *i-Ready* will help their teacher(s) figure out what to teach them and how to better support them while also helping them focus their learning on exactly what they need.



Make a Plan

Make a plan with your student for how to spend their time at home and when they will work on their learning activities. It can be helpful to put the plan in writing and post it somewhere visible. As you make the plan, follow any guidance you received from your student's teacher(s) on what they should work on.



Share

Share the experience with your student. Both of you can become familiar with the different parts of the [student dashboard](#), and you can learn with your student as they complete a lesson.



Encourage

Encourage your student to take each lesson and quiz question seriously. Emphasize "thinking before clicking," because just clicking through will not be a productive use of their time nor reflect what your student actually knows. Remind your student to read passages in their entirety, use paper and pencil to solve math problems, and use the tools that appear at the bottom of the screen in some lessons.



Track and Discuss Progress

Regularly review progress with your student using the My Progress page. Please ask your student's teacher(s) for guidance on how many minutes they should spend on lessons each week, as schools have discretion on what they assign. Our recommendation is that your student should aim for 45 minutes of *i-Ready Personalized Instruction* per subject per week while passing at least 70 percent of lessons.



Celebrate

Celebrate your student's progress. Celebrating milestones, such as passing a lesson or reaching a specific goal, can help keep your student motivated. You can share celebrations with the rest of the family and even decide on a fun activity as a reward. You can use these [data trackers](#) as you and your student discuss and keep track of progress.

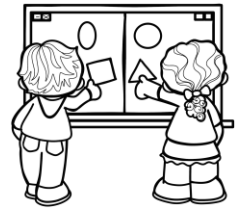


Follow the Teacher's Guidance

Follow the teacher's guidance as you plan how your student will spend their learning time. Your student's teacher is your best resource for ensuring there is variety in the activities your student works on beyond the time they spend on online learning.



Counseling Connection







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Ms. Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

September is a wonderful month in the school counseling department. We will be celebrating Peace Week during the week of September 20th - 24th. Students will learn about famous peace-keepers from history on the morning announcements, we will decorate the school with pinwheels on September 21st to celebrate "Pinwheels for Peace", and we will have daily dress-up days to show our school's peace-loving spirit! The daily dress up days are as follows:

Monday Sept. 20 th	Tuesday Sept. 21 st	Wednesday Sept. 22 nd	Thursday Sept. 23 rd	Friday Sept. 24 th
Be a Peace Superhero!	International Day of Peace!	We are Crazy about Peace!	"Work Out" Problems with Peace!	School Spirit for Peace!
Wear a superhero shirt	Wear white to symbolize peace	Wear your crazy socks	Wear exercise clothes	Wear blue and yellow or a Meadowbrook t-shirt.
			 <small>Please Follow SBBC Dress Code Policy</small>	

Want to bring some peace into your busy day? Find mindfulness activities and guided meditations in the Inner Explorer program, located on your child's Clever page.

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

Car Line

Drop off



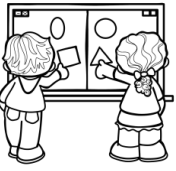
- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should 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 Pre-school students are excited to be in school. Our theme this month is "All About Me". We're having lots of fun learning about ourselves and our families. Try the following activity at home to promote pre-reading skills. Write the name of each person in your family on a separate index card. Bind the cards together and make a name book. Then read the book to your child.

Second Grade

Welcome to 2nd grade! We enjoyed meeting with you at Open House. September is a very busy month since we are learning new routines and procedures and completing our beginning-of-year assessments. The teachers will be sending interim reports on September 20th with detailed information. Please contact your child's teacher for his or her student number (06 number). This will allow you to access Clever.com where you will find a variety of digital materials. In addition, the students can use Reflex.com to practice addition and subtraction facts. Let's work together to make sure this year is a success!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is starting to be so much fun! We are getting adjusted to our new environment. We are making lots of friends and finding our way around school with the help of our teacher. In reading, we are learning how to write and working on writing our names. In math we are counting numbers 0-5. We are learning how-to walk-in line, share and be responsible for our belongings. We can't wait to update you next month on our new and exciting adventures.

Third Grade

Third grade rocks!! Our Rock n Rollers this month will be continuing to learn about Authors Purpose, and we will be exploring some interesting Informational Texts using a KWL chart! In math, we are rounding and learning how to read picture graphs! Our curious scientists will be practicing classifying animals and plants! Please continue to read with your student every night and practice showing how to choose the perfect book for them! We look forward to seeing your student's bright and happy faces every morning! Covered with a mask of course 😊!

First Grade

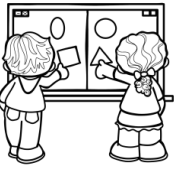
What a great start to this school year!!! Having our students in the classroom learning new things is marvelous! During this month, our first grade students will learn about story elements, identifying the topic and relevant details in a text, and learning to write narrative texts. In science, we will learn about plants and their parts and differentiate between living and non-living things. Our social studies lessons, will focus on identifying people from the past who have shown character ideals and principles including honesty, courage, and responsibility. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 min every night to improve their fluency and comprehension. We look forward to getting amazing readers in first grade.

Fourth Grade

Welcome to 4th grade! The first 15 days will be filled with getting to know each other's cultures by creating a coat of arms "Me" shield that allows the students to learn more about each other's families, life goals, hobbies, and meaningful things in their life. This month we are learning all about the different types of rocks in Science. In Math, we are continuing to learn Place Value and starting Multiplication. We are so lucky to have the Reflex Math program this year. This will help your child become more fluent in multiplication and division. If you have a tablet, or computer at home, encourage your child to log in and get multiplying!



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Fifth Grade

This month our Eagles will be learning about Central Ideas, supporting details, and text features in Reading. For Math, we will focus on place value, multiplication, and division. During Science time, we will study adaptations, and the environment. In Social Studies, our Eagles will be proud to learn about European Exploration and settlement of North America. Beginning of the year assessments are also taking place this month. Please have your child read for at least 20 minutes every day. We are looking forward to an amazing school year with our 5th graders.

Media

Welcome back to the Media Center! We have lots of new books for you to read. If you enjoy reading a book, write a review. Check out our Library Media Center course which includes digital access to the library. The link is <https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/1092131>. Please see Ms. Williams for details.

ART

I am so excited to see all of your children again this year! We will be doing projects such as Papel Picado, Molasses, Weaving, God's Eye, and Sugar Skulls. These projects will also tie into Hispanic Heritage month, so they will be learning some origin and history as well!

Creatively, Mrs. Hines

Music

This year Music class will really rock! We will begin with classroom expectations, as well as a review of the instrument families and note values. Students will play instruments daily as well. Strings Club is seeking new members! Please see me if you are interested.

– Mr. Alfano

P.E.

The school year has started, and we have begun to get physically fit on the P.E. field. We learned our P.E. rules, reviewed our exercises and sit-ups as well. The students learned one of the easiest forms of exercise is walking. We set up a walking track outside the cafeteria and have been walking during our classes. If we keep a steady pace throughout our whole class time, we should be able to walk a mile or more each class. This helps our heart to become strong and creates a healthy lifestyle for our future.





Meadowbrook Elementary



JOIN US

VIRTUAL PTA MEETING OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE NOW MORE THAN EVER !!
YOUR VOTE COUNTS !!

Los Invitamos
A La Junta
de la
Asociación
de Padres y
Maestros
(PTA) de
2021-2022



Los
Necesitamos
mas que
nunca para
hacer un
cambio y su
voto cuenta!

TOPICS:

- PTA Membership available at MeadowbrookFTL.New.Memberhub.Store
- PTA BOARD POSITION VOTING (Part 2)
- Flash Sale-Spirit Shirts (\$10) / New Zip Jackets (\$20)
- Membership Forms \$5.00 only
- SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Español : Temas de la Junta Virtual:

- Fecha: 09/9 , Jueves a las 6:30-7:30pm
- Membrecia de PTA en la pagina de MeadowbrookFTL.New.Memberhub.Store
- Votar sobre las posiciones de PTA Parte 2
- Detalles sobre los uniformes de escuela
- Registración para ser Voluntarios

PTA ZOOM Meeting

Access by Phone or Computer:
(Usando Telefono o Computadora)

Go to (iniciar la pagina) --> **Zoom.us**
Click (oprima)---> [Join a Meeting](#)
Meeting ID (# de junta): **859 472 2857**
Passcode (codigo): **PTA2021**

Thursday, September 09
6:30pm – 7:30pm

PTA CONTACT/CONTACTO:

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