

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

December 2022

Principal's Message

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

Students will be taking the Florida Assessment for Student Thinking for the second time this month. This assessment will allow your child's teacher to see your child's academic growth at this point in the school year. Your child's teacher will be sharing these results with you after the assessments are complete.

Winter break will take place from December 26, 2022 - January 6, 2023. Students will return to school on January 9, 2023. Please note that there will be a Teacher Planning Day and No School for students on Friday, January 13. Please enjoy this time with your family.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, December 8th 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.

Happy Holidays!

-David J. Levine, Principal





Intern Principal's Message



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December is here the holidays, the lights, decorations, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. I hope that you and your loved ones have the opportunity to share and enjoy celebrating together throughout this holiday season. This is the perfect time to go to the Library and get holiday books to read with the family. Make it a tradition to give your kids the gift of a memorable holiday experience. It's amazing how much children value and remember family traditions. Unlike anything else, they're a source of fun, they strengthen family bonds, and they form a meaningful link to the past. Whether you're baking cookies, watching your favorite holiday movie or piling into the car to look at neighborhood lights, don't underestimate the value of time spent together and enjoying each other's company. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Educationally Yours

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



Title I News



The School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), School-Parent Compact, and School Improvement Plan with Title I addendum can be viewed at our Meadowbrook website and a hard copy at our office. On Wednesday, December 8th, our Title I Family event, Science Night will start at 6:00 pm. Please join us for an educational and fun-filled evening. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

ESOL News

ESOL students are working very hard on completing their weekly Imagine Language usage goals. Please continue to encourage them to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home. ACCESS testing for all ESOL students will begin in January. This assessment will help guide our ESOL students' instruction for the future. As always parents, thank you for your partnership in making your child's education a success!



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 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.

SOARING ON STRONG WINGS



Counseling Corner



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The month of December brings a lot of fun and celebration, but it can also bring some stress and tension. With the winter holiday break closing schools for more than two weeks, some families and students might struggle with adjusting to a significant change in their routines. Here are some practical suggestions to help make the two weeks without school easier and happier for all the members of your family (adapted from www.pulse.seattlechildrens.org):

- **Prioritize sleeping and eating:** Maintaining a regular sleeping and eating schedule during these less-structured days can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.
- **Develop a plan for screen time and create family screen time activities:** www.common sense media.org provides guidelines for managing screentime for children. Family screen time can be a fun way for parents and children to watch a holiday classic, such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" or "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", or another holiday-themed movie.
- **Run around and play every day:** Physical movement and exercise can improve sleep and reduce stress. Try to give children a safe opportunity every day to run, bike, and play outside.
- **Take a deep breath and enjoy the moment:** Kids grow quickly! Remember to enjoy the special moments created during this time of year.

Stay calm and peaceful with your family by visiting Inner Explorer in Clever and listening to calming mindfulness practices. Meadowbrook students love taking a mindful moment!

Meadowbrook's second administration of the FAST test takes place in early December. Students' scores will be used to guide teachers' instruction and identify students' areas of strength and needed development. Please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Sternglanz for more information

Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

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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

In The preschool classes are we will be busy learning about the different December holidays. We will be tasting delicious potato latkes for Hanukkah. For Christmas will write a letter to Santa. We will read "My First Kwanzaa" book and color kinaras for Kwanzaa. We are also learning the importance of eating healthy foods and exercising. Parents, please read to you children during the winter break. The preschool team wishes you a safe and happy holiday.

Second Grade

Second graders have been busy reading informational text about the U.S. Government. We are learning how the government makes laws to protect the people. We are also learning about U.S. symbols like the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Bell. Please ask your child to read to you every night for 20 minutes and retell the important ideas in the book.

In the area of math, we have been subtracting 2-digit numbers like $52-34$ and $97-45$. Please practice simple addition and subtraction facts using flash cards. Your child should be able to answer $14-6$ and $18-9$ without using fingers or counters.

Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we will focus on the many story's writers tell. In math, we are learning to add numbers to 10. In science, we are learning about physical changes in materials. In social studies, we are learning to compare long ago to now. We are celebrating many different cultural holidays this month such as Christmas and Hanukkah. Can't wait to share more with you next month!

Third Grade

Winter break is right around the corner! Third graders have been very busy. In reading we are explaining different characters' perspectives in literary texts. We are also identifying and explaining figurative language in texts. In math, we are busy learning geometric reasoning working with quadrilaterals, area, and perimeter. Lastly, in science we are keeping warm by learning about the different types of energy, motion, and friction. Please continue to remind your child to read every single night and continue to practice their multiplication facts!

First Grade

Our Soaring Eagles are flying high and making good progress! 1st graders just enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and are now ready to rock the month of December! In reading, we are learning to find the main idea of a story. We are also learning to discuss the details that tie in with the main idea. In math, we are learning about collecting, representing, and interpreting data using pictographs and tally marks. In writing, we are learning about expository writing. In Science we are learning about the basic needs of plants and animals. In Social Studies we are learning about our community and how we can contribute and help within our community. 1st grade has their 2nd FAST test on December 13 and 14. FAST stands for Florida Assessment of Student Thinking. Please continue to read for 20 minutes every night with your child, practice sight words, and complete homework as this reflects what we are learning in class! We would like to end December with a pajama party and winter activities to take us into Winter Vacation! More details to come! Thank you for all of your help and support! Teamwork makes the dreamwork!

Fourth Grade

In Reading, we will be learning how to identify the narrator's point of view, explaining the difference between their point of view and the character's perspective. While in writing, we will be learning about narrative writing and how these points of view and perspectives contribute to the plot. When summarizing the text, we must include the plot, the theme, and how it develops throughout the story. In Math, we are finishing multiplying and moving into division. Please encourage your child to do extra Math lessons online. The 2nd FAST test is approaching. We are confident that the students will show growth based on the additional concepts they've learned. Our EOY field trip to Islands of Adventure is in full swing. There are still spots available. Make a double payment of \$100 to secure your spot ASAP.

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Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, our eagles are working on describing how an author develops a character's perspective in a literary text. Our Eagles are also writing personal or fictional narratives using a logical sequence of events and demonstrating an effective use of techniques such as dialogue, description, and transitional words and phrases. In Math, we are learning how to divide whole numbers and decimals up to 5-digit dividends. In Science, we are learning the physical science standards of forms and uses of energy

Media



ART

Hello parents! Kindergarten will be moving into "Mosaics" and using this technique to create shapes. 2nd grade is currently working on the "warm colors" of their Fish Scene. 4th grade is finishing up their Sugar Skulls, and they are awesome! They will be going into Tessellations and learning about the art of M.C. Escher. 3rd grade is now working on creating a scenery using the collage method!

Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

Music

This month we will be learning about the traditions and songs of the holidays. Students are also invited to perform those songs at our Holiday Concert.

P.E.

This month we will be doing a Tumbling unit. Tumbling is an execution of acrobatic movements such as rolls, twists, handsprings, or somersaults on floor mats. Students will be learning how to complete a forward roll in 4 steps. 1) feet even with your shoulders 2) knees bent with hands flat on the mat 3) tuck your chin into your chest 4) push with your feet on roll. Good luck with your forward roll

Meadowbrook Elementary SAC Meetings “Soaring on Strong Wings”

SAC Dates and Times

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8:15 AM

October 27, 2022
8:15 AM

November 17, 2022
8:15 AM

December 8, 2022
8:15 AM

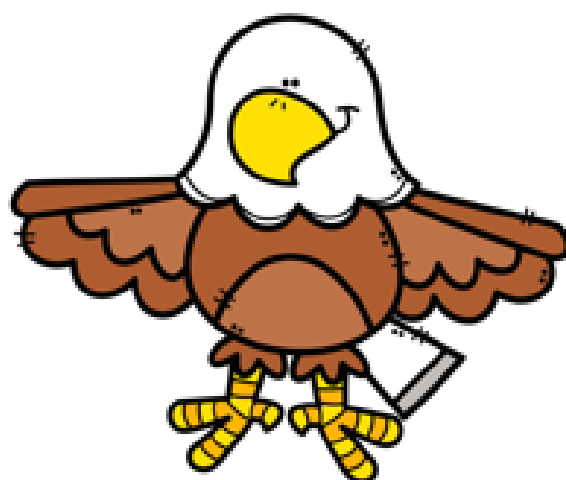
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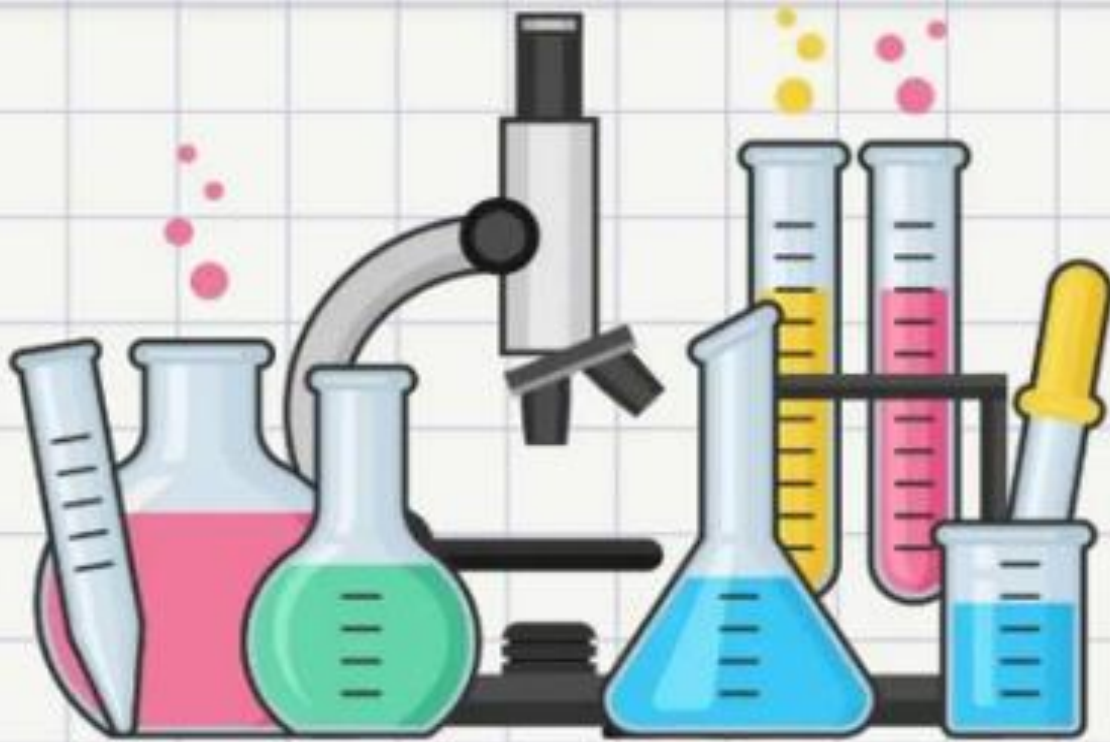
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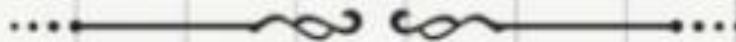


Join us for a

SCIENCE NIGHT

Meadowbrook Elementary

*Joined by The Museum of
Discovery and Science*



Thursday, December 8, 2022

From 6:00 - 7:30PM

Join us in the Cafeteria to learn
"All about Earth"

Students will receive a
homework pass for
participating!



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