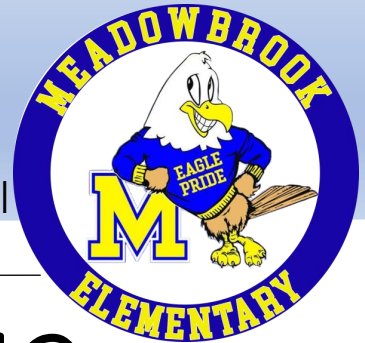


# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal     Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal  
December 2023

## 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 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024. Students will return to school on January 8, 2023. Please note that there will be no school on Monday, January 15. Also, there is a Teacher Planning Day and no school for students on Friday, January 22. Please enjoy this time with your family.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 5:00 PM. 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](http://www.browardschools.com/volunteers) to become an approved volunteer. Be sure to visit our website: [meadowbrook.browardschools.com](http://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. We are looking forward to our next parent event scheduled for December 14th. Our Multicultural Night will be an event filled with learning and fun. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who completed the Title I survey. These surveys help to drive our up-and-coming school plans. Happy to keep you informed of all the up-and-coming Title I information.

## ESOL News

ESOL students are working very hard on completing their weekly Imagine 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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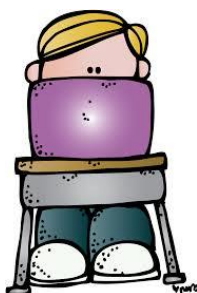
## School Advisory Council

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](mailto: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.

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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 7:50 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

In school this month we will be learning about the importance of staying healthy. We will learn about healthy foods and why exercise is good for us. We are counting groups that have up to ten objects. Try the following activity at home. Together make a list of ways your family stays healthy. As you make the list, have your child act out ways to stay healthy, such as brushing his or her teeth daily. Parents, please read to your children during the winter break. The preschool team wishes you a safe and happy holiday.

## Second Grade

Second graders are continuing to work on becoming amazing readers! Our Soaring Eagles will work on identifying the topic and relevant details in a text. Also, we will be learning to use text features to demonstrate understanding of texts. Our students will be writing expository pieces about a given topic and learning that history tells the story of people and events of other times and places in social studies. In math, they will continue to learn double-digit addition and subtraction and determining the operation (+ -) in a word problem. Finally, our amazing second graders will be learning about the various systems and functions of the human body. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Meadowbrook!

## Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we will focus on the many story's writers tell. In math, we are learning to add number to 10. In science, we are learning about physical changes in materials. In social studies, we are learning to compare long ago and now. We are celebrating many different cultural holidays this month and our teachers are teaching us about them. 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 about place value and ordering and comparing numbers. 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 1st graders 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 our Reading Benchmark series, we are learning about how we can be great community members and how we can take care of our earth. We are reading a lot of fantastic nonfiction passages as we learn about this. We are using text features including titles, headings, captions, graphs, maps, glossaries, and illustrations to assist us in understanding of texts. 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 water safety. In Social Studies we are learning about important figures in history and how they contributed to our society. 1st grade will be participating in Multicultural Night on December 14 and representing countries from South America. 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!

## Fourth Grade

In ELA, we will be learning how setting, events, conflict and character development contribute to the plot in a literary text, explain how relevant details support the central idea and summarize a text to enhance comprehension. In addition, students are learning to explain how rhyme and structure create meaning to a poem and write an expository text about a text, using multiple sources, elaboration, and organization. In Math, we are learning different strategies for dividing numbers. We will be learning how to solve real world multi-step word problems in the coming weeks. In Science, we are learning about the rotation and evolution of Earth. We will be learning about the phases of the moon. We are excited to be planning our end of the year field trip to Islands of Adventure.

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## Fifth Grade

The elves and the reindeers are getting ready for the festive season and so are our scholars! At the same time, we want to help them keep the focus on learning as well. In ELA the students finished Unit 3 and are working on recognizing the author's point of view and how it influences the text. We will also complete FAST PM 2 in reading and math and are looking forward to seeing students scores improve and get closer to the goal which is a Level 3 or above. In math 5th graders are learning to division with decimals and represent patterns and data on the coordinate plane. We are excited to invite parents to our Multicultural Night on December 14 where 5th grade will represent the continent of Asia. During the upcoming weeks, ask your children to share with you all about the Water Cycle they are becoming experts on that topic. We encourage all families to continue to support our 5th grade eagles during their last flight at Meadowbrook Elementary.

## Media

Mark your calendars for December 11-15, 2023, because we're having a Scholastic Book Fair in our Media Center. Get ready for a week full of book joy!

## Art

Hello parents! 3rd and 4th grade will soon be starting their new projects. 3rd will be learning about abstract expressionism and create a painting in the style of Alma Thomas. 4th grade will be creating a pop art painting in the style of Romero Britto. As always, the students will take time to plan and make preliminary sketches for their project!

Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music

This month the chorus is still rehearsing music after school for their upcoming Holiday Concert!!!

## P.E.



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# 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](http://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.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.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 finding 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.





# 2023-2024 YEARBOOK PRE-SALE!



Buy now for only \$18!

1. Go to [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com)
2. Choose Florida, FT Lauderdale,  
Meadowbrook Elementary
3. Type your child's information
4. Continue to payment



Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:

**12/11/2023 - 12/15/2023**

**Meadowbrook Elementary School (Media Center)**

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

**<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/meadowbrookelementaryschool10>**

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

**Mr. David Levine**

Principal

**Meadowbrook Elementary School**

# **Meadowbrook Elementary Multicultural Night Book Fair SAC Meeting**

Thursday, December 14, 2023

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Come out and see performances, displays,  
and so much more!

# December

## 12 Days of Holiday Spirit at Meadowbrook Elementary

Thursday 12/7 Dreaming of a White Christmas! Wear white attire.	Friday 12/8 Fancy Feet Friday! Wear your holiday socks.	Monday 12/11 Peppermint Day! Wear red and white attire.	Tuesday 12/12 Tradition Tuesday! Wear clothing that celebrates holidays around the world.	Wednesday 12/13 Holiday Glow Up! Wear something shiny or bright.	Thursday 12/14 Holiday Headwear! Wear your favorite holiday headwear.
Friday 12/15 Grinch Day! Wear green or Grinch attire.	Monday 12/18 Ugly Holiday Sweaters! Wear your ugly holiday sweater.	Tuesday 12/19 Mad about Plaid! Wear your favorite plaid or flannel.	Wednesday 12/20 Happy Hanukkah! Wear blue and white attire.	Thursday 12/21 Holiday Shirt! Wear your favorite holiday shirt.	Friday 12/22 Polar Express Day! Wear your school appropriate pajamas.



# Diciembre

## 12 días de espíritu navideño en la escuela primaria Meadowbrook

Jueves 12/7 ¡Soñando con una Navidad blanca! Use atuendo blanco.	Viernes 12/8 ¡Pies de lujo el viernes! Use sus calcetines navideños.	Lunes 12/11 ¡Día de la mental! Use atuendo rojo y blanco.	Martes 12/12 ¡Martes de tradición! Use ropa que celebre los días festivos en todo el mundo.	Miércoles 12/13 ¡Las vacaciones brillan! Use algo brillante o alegre.	Jueves 12/14 ¡Sombreros navideños! Use su sombrero favorito.
Viernes 12/15 ¡Día del Grinch! Use atuendo verde o Grinch.	Lunes 12/18 ¡Suéteres Feos para las fiestas! Usa tu feo suéter navideño.	Martes 12/19 ¡Loco por Plaid! Use su cuadro o franela favoritos.	Miércoles 12/20 ¡Feliz Janucá! Use atuendo azul y blanco.	Jueves 12/21 ¡Camisa navideña! Use su camisa navideña favorita.	Viernes 12/22 ¡Día Polar Express! Use su pijama apropiado para la escuela.





[Register Here!](#)

## Who can UM-NSU CARD help?

We serve individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their family members, professionals and those with related disabilities including dual sensory impairment, sensory impairments with other disabling conditions, developmental delay, and genetic disorders that present with autism-like behaviors, such as Fragile X Syndrome, Rett Syndrome, and Tuberous Sclerosis.

## What services can UM-NSU CARD provide?

UM-NSU CARD services are **FREE** and individualized to meet the unique needs of our clients, families and community partners. Below are some of the ways we can help:

- **Individualized family support & assistance for clients and families:** We can provide community resources, parent support groups, social groups, and individualized support.
- **Training for Clients, Families, and Professionals:** We can provide trainings and workshops on a variety of different topics related to ASD.
- **Consultation and Technical Assistance for Professionals and Programs:** We can provide assistance and support in schools (public and private), community agencies, and therapeutic centers.
- **Public Education and Community Outreach Services:** We can collaborate with community partners on special projects and inform the community on UM-NSU CARD related services and ASD-related resources.

## How are UM-NSU CARD services accessed?

If you or a loved one has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a related disability:

- Register online now: <http://bit.ly/CARDClient> or contact your local UM-NSU CARD office to request an appointment and register with UM-NSU CARD.
- You will be asked to provide diagnostic reports or other proof of eligibility for UM-NSU CARD services.

For community partners interested in UM-NSU CARD services:

- You can access a Training Request Form here (<https://www.card.miami.edu/support-services/request-assistance-folder/index.html>) or contact your local UM-NSU CARD office.

### UM-NSU CARD Main Office

Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties  
University of Miami  
5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Coral Gables, FL 33146  
305-284-6563  
[CARD@psy.miami.edu](mailto:CARD@psy.miami.edu)  
1-800-9-AUTISM ext. 1

### UM-NSU CARD Broward Satellite Office

Broward County  
Nova Southeastern University  
6100 Griffin Road  
Davie, FL 33314  
954-262-7111  
[CARD@nova.edu](mailto:CARD@nova.edu)  
1-800-9-AUTISM ext. 2

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# Meadowbrook Elementary Uniform Policy



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Baggy pants, sagging pants, and cargo pants are PROHIBITED.



## Shoes / Hats:

Shoes must be closed toed. Crocs are not permitted.

Hats are allowed for P.E., weather conditions, religious and medical reasons.

## Consequences for Uniform Violations

Violation 1: Warning letter

Violation 2: Contact home for a change of clothes

Violation 3: After School Detention

Thank you for working with your child to ensure they adhere to our uniform policy.

I have read the information regarding the MANDATORY UNIFORM POLICY at Meadowbrook Elementary.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Meadowbrook Elementary SAC Meetings “Eagles Rise Together”

## SAC Dates and Times

September 21, 2023 2:20 PM	October 26, 2023 4:00 PM
November 16, 2023 5:30 PM	December 14, 2023 5:00 PM
January 18, 2024 2:20 PM	February 15, 2024 2:20 PM
March 14, 2024 2:20 PM	April 18, 2024 2:20 PM
May 16, 2024 2:20 PM	





# FORTIFYFL

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