

# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

## Principal's Message

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

We are halfway through the school year. Our students are diligently working utilizing our Benchmark Advance resources in English Language Arts and Envision resources in Mathematics. Our students will continue to work hard to prepare for our end of the year assessments.

On Tuesday, February 14, Meadowbrook Elementary will participate in Broward County Public School's A Day of Love and Service. This year will be our largest project yet! We will be planting 34 palms in honor of the 17 lives lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School five years ago.

Report Cards will be issued on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Schools will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in honor of President's Day.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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.

-David J. Levine, Principal



# Intern Principal's Message



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(754) 323-6500

I can't believe that we are halfway through the 2021-2022 school year! We are making great strides with student achievement. We want to keep that momentum going and are counting on you our parents to partner with us. In order for your child to get all that they can get out of their education, they need to be in the class each and every day on time prepared to learn. As we move into the third quarter, and into testing season please remember that we want your child to achieve. This is why it is so important to us that they are present each day. If you would like for your child to participate in our morning or afternoon Enrichment Camps, please reach out to us at (754) 323-6500.

Educationally Yours

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title I News



The Title I survey was sent out. Thank you for your responses. The survey showed favorable results for Meadowbrook's staff, resources, and procedures. Our last parent event is on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023. Please stop by and engage with our school and staff. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

## ESOL News

ACCESS testing for all ESOL students is scheduled from January 23, 2023, to March 10, 2023. 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 started on February 1st for A1 and/or Level 1 students. If your child was selected for Language Enrichment Camp (LEC), please have them arrive at 7:00 am and drop them off by the double doors next to the main office. Please continue encouraging your child to do Imagine (blue robot) at school and 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 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.



# Counseling Corner



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Who's ready for middle school? Our 5th grade students will be completing registration forms and selecting their courses for middle school during the month of February. Parents, please complete the registration form and provide your 5th grader with copies of required proofs of residence (for example, light bill, driver's license, lease, or mortgage statement) in time for our visit from New River Middle. Also, please discuss your child's choices of elective classes (that's what they call "specials" in middle school!) and take some time to become familiar with the wonderful programs at New River Middle School. Please reach out to Ms. Sternglanz at (754)323-6512 if I can answer any questions about this exciting transition.

The CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) will be offered to 2nd grade students on March 7th, 8th, and 9th. This test provides teachers with information about student's strengths and learning styles and it also serves as a pre-screening for gifted programming. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the CogAT test, please complete and return the Opt-out form by February 28th, 2022.

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

In February, the preschool classes were busy making patterns with Valentine colors (red, white and pink). We are learning that Valentine's Day is a time to show affection to family and friends by sending and receiving cards, gifts and flowers. Also, love and friendship can be expressed in many ways. Examples are sharing, helping and talking or playing with each other in kind ways. Parents talk with your child about the ways people in your family are kind to one another.

## Second Grade

Second graders are working towards mastery of their addition and subtraction facts. Please encourage your child to work on Reflex Math if there is a computer available at home, as this is an excellent program that will guide them through the fluency standards. In Reading, students are reading non-fiction texts and paying close attention to captions, headings, photos, maps, and other graphic features to gain a deeper understanding of the information. Please encourage your child to check out a book from the library or borrow one from class. Reading at home makes all the difference in the world!

## Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we will focus on technology at home and at school. In math, we are learning addition and subtraction 0 to 10. In science, we are learning about the five senses. In social studies, we are learning about long ago and today. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

## Third Grade

Happy February! We love learning in 3rd grade. In reading we are learning how text features contribute to meaning and identify the text structures of chronology, comparison, and cause/effect in texts. In math we are learning how to add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers including using a standard algorithm. In science, we are investigating, observing, and explaining that heat is produced when one object rubs against another. Help us at home by reminding students to read 20 minutes a day. Students can also practice their math fluency at home using reflex math which is located in clever.

## First Grade

This month "Our Soaring Eagles" in grade 1 continue working with Benchmark Advance Unit 5. They will identify the topic of and relevant details in a text, use topic and important details for an informational text and identify and describe the main story elements in a story. Students will produce an informational writing piece for classroom bulletin board. During our math block we will start Topic 9 "Plot, Order and Compare Two-Digit Numbers." In science the student is expected to investigate how magnifiers make things appear bigger and how they help people see things that they could not have seen without them. In Social Studies-Black History Month. February 14, 2023, is Early Release Day and A Day of Service & Love. February 24th, 2023, is our Field trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science

## Fourth Grade

In Reading, we will be wrapping up Benchmark Unit 5, where we have been learning about text features, text structures—problem/solution, sequence, and description and how they help us understand the central message of the text. In writing, we are learning about how to write and make a claim or state our perspective, with logical reasons, using evidence from multiple sources, while elaborating, and organizing in a text structure using transitional words. In Math, we are finishing working on factors. We will be working on fractions in the upcoming weeks. In Science, we are completing the law of conservation of mass and moving into magnets.



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## Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, our eagles are working on describing how an author develops characters' perspectives; analyzing how settings, events, conflict, and characterization contribute to plot; explaining the development of themes; analyzing how figurative language and other poetic elements work together; and summarizing literary texts. With their writing, our eagles are learning how to plan for and respond to narrative prompts. In science, they are learning about and investigating the flow of electricity that requires a closed circuit and identifying and classifying materials that conduct electricity and materials that do not. Finally, in math, they are learning how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators, including mixed numbers and fractions greater than 1, with procedural reliability.

## Media

In the Media Center we are recognizing the achievements of African Americans for Black History Month. We will continue to work on story elements, themes, and biographies. Remind students to continue using Beanstack to record all books that they have read.

## ART

Hello parents! Kindergarten is finishing their Mosaic and will then be creating their own butterfly for the Holocaust Memorial using watercolors! 4th grade is creating lots of patterns with their tessellation shapes, 5th grade will be beginning something brand new for the school. They will be creating their own tile to be permanently placed on the wall!!

Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music

For February, we will be celebrating the great contributions of African American Musicians from the roots of the Blues and Jazz, all the way to modern Hip-Hop.

## P.E.





# Meadowbrook Elementary

## SAC Meetings

### “Soaring on Strong Wings”

#### SAC Dates and Times

September 22, 2022  
8:15 AM

October 27, 2022  
8:15 AM

November 17, 2022  
8:15 AM

December 8, 2022  
8:15 AM

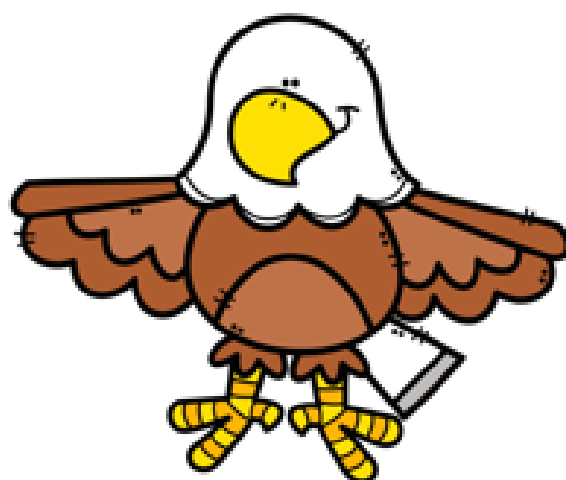
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