

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal
February 2022

Principal's Message

Happy February! Hello students and Meadowbrook families! We recently completed I-Ready testing and we are using results to differentiate instruction. We currently have many tutoring programs in place. Some programs are before school, after school and on Saturdays. Contact your child's teacher if you would like your child to start. On February 14th, we will complete a palm tree beautification project across the campus to commemorate the tragedy that took place 4 years ago at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming virtual Multicultural Night and SAC meeting on February 23rd at 5PM. The event is virtual and a link to attend will be on the website. There is no school on February 21st for Presidents Day. 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

BE MY VALENTINE!

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.



Educationally Yours

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



Title 1 News



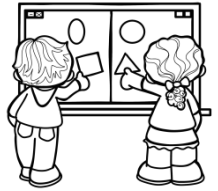
The Title I survey was sent out. If you have not had an opportunity to fill out the survey, please do so by going to the Meadowbrook website and clicking the banner with the survey link. Please save the date of **February 24th** in the early evening to attend our Multicultural Festival and SAC meeting. We will be discussing important information related to Title I during our SAC Meeting. Happy to keep you informed of all up and coming Title I information. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Gutierrez at (754) 323-6500.

ESOL News

ACCESS testing for all ESOL students is scheduled from **January 24, 2022 to March 11, 2022**. 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 January 31st for A1 and/or Level 1 students. If your child was selected for Language Enrichment Camp (LEC), please have them arrive at **7:15 am** and drop them off by the double doors next to the mail office. 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 **Thursday, February 24, 2022** at 4:00 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 Manager at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

Uniform Policy

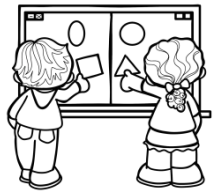
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- 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/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.

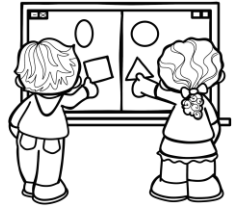
ELA & Math Updates

January is here! Here at Meadowbrook, we have been quite the busy bees. We started our morning and afternoon enrichment camps and they are running great. Our i-Ready Morning Camp is almost at full capacity. Our students love the small group i-Ready time where they work on their specialized pathway working on skills they need in reading and math. Our afternoon camp runs every Tuesday and Thursday and is at full capacity. Our students are enjoying the hands-on reading and math activities that our teachers are implementing. They truly are having a wonderful time. If you are interested in participating in any of our camps, we do have a waiting list and will be happy to put your name on it for any future openings. Be on the look out for information regarding our upcoming Saturday camps.

EAGLE PRIDE



Counseling Corner



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Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

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 School on February 23rd. Also, please discuss your child's choices of elective classes and take some time to become familiar with the wonderful programs at New River Middle School, and all of the middle schools in our county. 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 9th, 10th, and 11th. 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 (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!

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

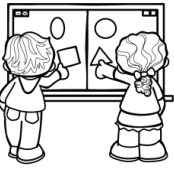
- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should 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 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 kinds ways. Parents talk with your child about the ways people in your family are kind to one another.

Second Grade

Second grade had a great time at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale! We were able to watch a 3-D movie about animal extinction and explore an exhibit about the human body. We will be returning to the museum on March 15. You will be receiving the field trip form soon. We will be taking a primary mid-year test on February 8 and 9. Please make sure your child eats a good breakfast and comes to school on time. Teachers will be contacting you to share test results.

Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we are working on family words, beginning, and ending sounds. We are learning that stories have a message. In math, we are learning how to represent, count and write numbers 11 to 19. In science we are learning about things that make sound vibrate. And for social studies, we are learning about rules, laws, and how to be a good citizen. We are also learning more about black history month. The 100 day of school was a great success Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

Happy February! We LOVE learning in 3rd grade. This month we are getting ready for the reading FSA by reviewing everything we've learned so far! Practice makes perfect! Sequence, cause and effect, compare and contrast, context clues, and text features are just a few of the awesome ideas we are practicing! In math we are learning all about FRACTIONS! In science we are learning about Earth, space, and time! Help us at home by reminding us to read at least 30 minutes every day and continue to complete our homework! Lots of love from 3rd grade!

First Grade

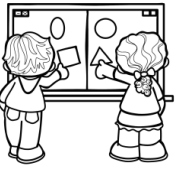
Winter is here and with it our First Grade students are going to learn about the different stories that teach us a lesson and how important is the past, present and future to understand and value so many events. In math, we are going to start learning place value, measurement, time and compare numbers. In social studies, we are going to focus on African Americans and women with their contributions to our country. And finally in science, we are going to learn about materials on Earth surface and recognize that some things in the world around us happen fast and some happen slowly.

Fourth Grade

This month in ELA, students are focusing on comparing the point of view from which different stories are narrated. We will also focus on determining themes for stories, poems, and dramas from details. In Math, students are continuing to learn how to add/subtract/multiply fractions. We will be moving into decimals in the upcoming weeks. In Science, students are learning about magnets and chemical/physical change.



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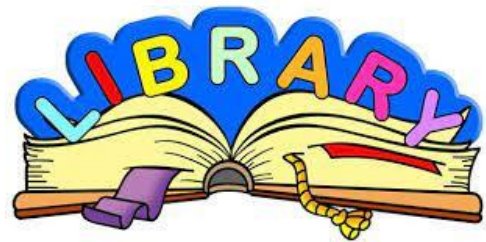
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Fifth Grade

In Reading, our Eagles will enjoy this month learning how to quote from a text while explaining what it says. We will also be writing opinion essays and learning about prepositional phrases, nouns, verbs, adverbs, pronouns, adjectives and conjunctions in grammar. In Social Studies our Eagles, this month, will be proud to learn how Westward Expansion affected Native Americans. In Spanish, our dual language class will be also learning to draw inferences and write opinion essays. In math our Eagles are multiplying fractions and in science they are learning the parts of the water cycle. Please don't forget to read 30 minutes and complete one lesson of I-Ready math and 1 lesson of I-Ready reading every night.

Media

In the Media Center we are celebrating Black History Month. Please stop by and enjoy reading all the new books.



ART

Hello parents! Grades 2-5 will be starting a new project and helping to create a permanent installment here at Meadowbrook! We will be learning about the Holocaust and our projects will be representing the many children that lost their lives at this time

Creatively, Mrs. Hines

Music



P.E.

This month in Physical Education class we will be having the Jump Rope for Heart event February 22-25. We will be raising money to help fight heart disease. In the P.E. class before the event, we will be learning how to jump rope with short and long jump ropes. Always remembering that jumping rope is good for building up the cardio in your heart muscle and leading to a healthy lifestyle.



Dear Families,

Our classroom is using new *i-Ready Learning Games* as part of our Online Instruction! These games help your child build mathematics skills in fun ways.

Students will be able to use Learning Games directly through their *i-Ready* dashboards. To make sure Learning Games will work on your computer or iPad®, go to cdn.i-ready.com/systemcheck for a systems check.

For iPads, please follow these steps to make sure your child can use Learning Games at home:

- Download the latest version of the free *i-Ready for Students* app through the Apple App Store®.
- Log in to *i-Ready* through the *i-Ready for Students* app. Note: Single Sign-On (SSO) users should log in to *i-Ready* the way they normally would through their district's SSO portal.
- Choose Math from the subject selector screen or in the upper left corner of the To Do screen.
- If your child does not have an assessment assigned, nor has been given access by an account administrator, they will see Learning Games in the bottom navigation bar. Select Learning Games.
- The student will see the Learning Games home screen and can select any game displayed to start playing.

We also encourage you to watch your child as they play to learn more about what Learning Games have to offer! We hope your child enjoys practicing mathematics with these fun games. Please reach out if you have any questions.



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