

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

February 2024

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. We will be planting palms in honor of the 17 lives lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School five years ago.

Report Cards will be issued on Thursday, February 1st. Schools will be closed on Monday, February 19th in honor of President's Day.

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.

-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 2023-2024 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, afternoon, or Saturday Enrichment Camps, please reach out to us at (754) 323-6500.

Educationally Yours
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



Title I News



Thank you, parents, for participating in the Title I Annual Survey. Our survey results will be discussed during the February SAC meeting. We also will be reviewing and drafting our 2024-2025 School-Parent Compact, Parent Family Engagement Plan, and Title I addendum. Please make plans to attend our next SAC meeting to discuss these items. 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 to March. 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, Language Enrichment Camp is starting February 5th 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 to encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home.



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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.

"Eagles Rise Together"



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**.

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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-grade students are currently working on retelling stories and identifying story elements, as well as continuing with writing opinion pieces based on texts they have read. In math we are counting coins and telling time to five-minute intervals. In science we are exploring magnets and learning about their daily uses. Please continue to read to your child, as well as letting your child read to you for a combined 30 minutes per night. Thanks for all the support as we watch your child learn and mature.

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 sounds. In social studies, we are learning about United States symbols. February, the month of love, is upon us, and we're spreading love throughout the entire month. Looking forward to sharing even more with you next month!

Third Grade

Happy February! In reading, we are learning how text features contribute to meaning and identify the text structures of chronology, comparison, cause/effect in texts. In math, we are learning how to add and subtract multi-digit 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 at least 20 minutes a day. Students can also practice their math on I-Ready Math which is located in Clever.

First Grade

This month "Our Soaring Eagles" in grade one continue working with Benchmark Advance Unit 5 topic "Technology at Work". They will identify the topic 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. During our Math block we are working on topic 9 Order and Compare Two Digit Numbers. In science students are learning about "Material on Earth's Surface" SC.1.E.6.1.

On February 7, 2024, students get to engage in a fun activity to celebrate the hundredth day of school. Students have the option of dressing up in their favorite 100th Day attire. We are so excited they are a hundred days smarter! February 14, 2024, Valentine's Day/Day of Service Early Release.

Fourth Grade

In ELA, students will be learning about the author's claim or perspective in any given text, explaining how relevant details support its central idea, understanding its text structure to further our understanding of the text, and writing expository texts on non-fiction topics. In Math, students are learning how to create equivalent fractions using different strategies. They will be moving into adding/subtracting fractions soon.

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Fifth Grade

What a wonderful time we had at Math Night this past week. We are looking forward to Science Night coming up. **SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 7TH, SCIENCE NIGHT @ MEADOWBROOK.** We hope to see everyone there. In ELA, we are currently focusing on technology's impact on society today. In Math, we will continue focusing on fractions throughout the month, while in Science we are focusing on the different forms of energy. We will learn about electricity and soon be constructing electrical circuits. Remember to read, read, read, and to also reach your i-Ready goals each and every week.

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 and 1st grade are now working on our special "Butterflies". Each year, the students make butterflies to honor and remember the children lost in the Holocaust. Kindergarten is learning how to use watercolor paints, and 1st grade is using torn paper to make mosaics! 5th grade has started their Legacy tiles!
Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines.

Music



P.E.

Jump Rope for Heart will take place in February. We look forward to raising money to help fight heart disease.



Counseling Corner



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Who's ready for middle school? Our 5th grade students will be completing course selection card to select their courses for middle school during the month of February. Staff from New River Middle School will be visiting Meadowbrook on February 5th to speak with students about their choices. 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. 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 in March. This test provides teachers with information about students' 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 23rd, 2024.

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.

Remember to take a moment every day to breathe in and out on purpose and enjoy the relaxing effect of deep breathing.



2023-2024 YEARBOOK PRE-SALE!



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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, 2nd floor
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-6563
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
1-800-9-AUTISM ext. 2

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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 25, 2024 5:30 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	





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