

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The month of January was exciting. Thank you to our curriculum coaches, Ms. Guilbee-Cruz, Ms. Briceno, and Ms. Hanfling for coordinating our FAST Eagle Academic Camps for Grades 3-5. Attendance to these camps for students enrolled will determine their level of success.

Attendance matters at Meadowbrook Elementary. Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year. Please use the school calendar, so vacations/trips are planned around school days. We understand that exceptions may arise, but attendance is key to strong student success, and we appreciate your partnership!

As we enter February, we continue working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas as we prepare for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking in Grades K-5. Student achievement is among our highest priorities, and we expect all our students to reach their highest academic potential! Parents we need your help in emphasizing the importance of effort and resilience as we work to encourage students to embrace challenges and persist through difficulty in all areas of their academics.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support.  
Sincerely, David Levine

**Meadowbrook Elementary Uniform Policy**

Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

<p><b>Shirts:</b> Collared, polo-style shirts must be light blue, royal blue, navy blue, yellow/gold, or white.</p>	<p><b>Bottoms:</b> Docker-style pants/shorts/skorts/jumpers must be navy blue or khaki. Jeans/denim are PROHIBITED, except for School Spirit Fridays worn with a school spirit shirt. Baggy pants, sagging pants, and cargo pants are PROHIBITED.</p>
<p><b>Shoes / Hats:</b> Shoes must be closed toed. Crocs are not permitted. Hats are allowed for PE, weather conditions, religious and medical reasons.</p>	

## 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!

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Greetings MBE Community,

As we reflect on the academic progress we've made towards our goals at this point in the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students. Our Eagles have demonstrated resilience and a strong commitment to their learning. We've seen improvements in both test scores and overall participation, and it's clear that our school community's collective effort is making a difference. It is truly inspiring to see the hard work, dedication, and growth across all grade levels, and I am proud to share some of the highlights from FAST PM 2 with you. Here are some of the improvements we've made compared to FAST PM 2 of last school year:

4th grade reading 8% increase, 5th grade reading 6 % increase, 3rd grade math 6% increase  
4th grade math 5% increase, 5th grade math 9% increase

This success wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our teachers, staff, and families who provide dedicated support and encouragement every day. I look forward to continuing this journey of growth and achievement with you. Thank you for being a part of the MBE school community.

Sincerely, **Armelle Johnson**

### Title 1 News

As a Title I school, we are committed to providing additional support and resources to help all students succeed, especially those who may need extra assistance in meeting academic standards. Title I funding allows us to offer personalized learning opportunities, supplementary educational programs such as before-school and after-school camps, and family engagement activities such as Math Night, Literacy Night, and ESOL Game Night to support your child's education. One way to stay involved and contribute to your child's success is by participating in our School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings. These meetings provide a platform for parents, teachers, and community members to collaborate, share insights, and make important decisions about our school's programs and goals. Your voice is essential in shaping our school's direction, and we welcome your input to help ensure that all students receive the best educational experience possible. Join us at the next SAC meeting and be a part of the conversation! 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 results 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. Please continue to encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home. The Imagine Language and Literacy program offers significant benefits by providing personalized, adaptive learning experiences that support students in developing essential language and literacy skills. Designed to meet the needs of diverse learners, including English Language Learners (ELLs), the program helps improve reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and listening skills through engaging, interactive lessons. Its data-driven approach allows teachers to track progress and tailor instruction to address individual student needs, making it an effective tool for enhancing language acquisition and literacy development in a fun and supportive way.

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EAGLE

# WHAT WE LEARN IN CLASS?

# PRESES

# EAGLE

## Prekindergarten

In February, the preschool classes are 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.



## Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we are focusing on identifying the message in stories during reading. In math, we are learning to count and represent numbers up to 20. In science, our focus is on observing patterns in the sky, and in social studies, we are exploring patriotic holidays and celebrations. February, the month of love, is here, and we're excited to spread kindness and love throughout the month. We look forward to sharing even more exciting updates with you next month!

## 1st Grade

February is Black History month and the month of love. We are spreading love throughout the entire month. This month in First Grade, we are going to talk, read and write about how technology can make a difference in our lives. In math, we are learning to identify the number that is one more, one less, ten more and ten less than a given two-digit number. Plot, order and compare whole numbers up to 100. In science, we are learning about fast and slow changes to land. In social studies, we are learning about presidents. Presidents Day will be February 17. We will also be planting our baby palm trees around the school in honor of Stoneman Douglas. Please make it a daily routine to read with your child for 20 minutes each night, practice sight words and skill words, and complete homework assignments, as these activities align with what we are learning in class. Looking forward to sharing even more with you next month!

## 2nd Grade

Greeting to all second-grade families. In ELA, we will explore how to Retell and Describe Main story Elements. We will Identify and Explain Theme and work on Recognizing Different Character Perspectives. We will also look at Alliteration. In Math, we are finishing up Topic 9 working with Time and Money. We will look at Topic 10 next, which will focus on Place Value with numbers to 1 to 1,000. In Science, we will complete the unit on Rocks and Soil. Up next, Patterns in Nature where we will look at Weather Patterns. In Social Studies, we are continuing with Unit 6 which looks at Immigration Over Time and how they influence America over time. Get ready for a fun and educational day. Second grade is also going on a FREE field trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science February 19. Thank you for supporting your child's success by reading with your child daily, practicing basic facts, and ensuring that their homework is complete. Thank you again for all your support!

## 3rd Grade

Thank you for working with your students! This month, we are working on fiction stories in reading in which we will focus on character development. In math, we are working on using equations to solve problems. Please practice multiplication facts at home on top of completing reading and math homework, and thirty minutes of reading per night.

## 5th Grade

Welcome to our **February Newsletter!** We have many exciting events and activities planned for this month.

### Upcoming Learning

In **Reading/ELA and Social Studies**, we are working on Unit 5: Technology's impact on Society. This unit explores how technology has changed the way we live, work, and interact with each other. Students will read various texts that highlight differences between technological advancements and their effects on society. They will engage in discussions, write essays, and complete projects that encourage critical thinking about both the positive and negative impacts of technology.

In **Math**, we are working on Topic 9: Multiplying Fractions. Topic 9 focuses on extending conceptual understanding of multiplication from whole numbers to fractions and using this understanding to solve problems involving multiplication with fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, students will be exploring how different forces and masses move objects.

### Reminders

We are thrilled about our upcoming field trip to JA BizTown on Friday 19th. Currently, students are learning to work in their given roles in a company, write checks, and create various media articles. There is no cost to parents and students only need to take a packed lunch in a marked Ziplock bag. We do need **volunteers** to help make this a success. Non-English Speakers are welcomed to join us.

### Academic Updates

Remember to book a conference with your child's teacher to discuss FAST PM2 and iReady 2 scores, if you have not already done so.

### Stay Connected

Reminder, your child has daily homework assignments. Please check agendas daily and initial the page at the end of each day and have your child return it to school each morning.

You are encouraged to write any notes in your child's agenda for quick easy communication.

Thank you for your support!

## 4th Grade

We've officially entered the second half of the school year, and 4th grade is buzzing with exciting topics! In Math, we're diving into fractions—exploring equivalent fractions and comparing which fractions are greater or less. Ask your child to share what they've learned to reinforce daily lessons! In Science, we're studying Earth's rotation and revolution, uncovering how these movements create day, night, and seasons. In ELA, we're moving into Unit 5 of Benchmark, where we'll focus on analyzing an author's claim or perspective. Students will learn how details support the central idea and how text structures deepen understanding. Finally, in Writing, we're honing our argumentative skills, learning to present and support clear, well-structured arguments. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home—every conversation and activity helps!

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## WHAT WE LEARN IN CLASS?



### 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 and biographies. Please remind students to keep using Beanstack to record all the books they have read.

### Math

Hello parents! 4th and 5th graders are working on all things fractions! This includes greater and less than, equal to one half, using benchmarks, addition, and generating and recognizing equivalents. Lots of good stuff! The numbers are getting bigger as Kindergarten is now working with numbers up to 20, while 3rd grade is evaluating sums and differences to 1,000! Mathematically yours, Mrs. Hines

### PE

Greeting Meadowbrook family!  
Our students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart event on the P.E. Court February 10-13. Students will be collecting donations for the American Heart Association. These monies go to help fight the cures for heart disease and help families with financial support for their medical needs. We look forward to this upcoming event with your support. Thank you!

### Music

We will be getting ready for the Multicultural night this month where the Chorus and select classes will be performing for you!  
Yours Musically,  
Anthony J. Alfano



### Counseling Corner

Who's ready for middle school? Our 5th grade students will be selecting their elective courses for middle school during the month of February. 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 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. Our 5th grade Eagles are ready to fly!

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 up 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!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2025

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- February 5- Kindergarten Round up 8:30
- February 7- Grades 3-5 Quarter 2 Honor Roll Ceremony
- February 10- First Grade Field Trip to Flamingo Gardens
- February 11- Kindergarten Round up 5:30
- February 13?- Jump Rope for Heart
- February 14- Day of Love- Early Release
- February 17- President's Day- Schools Closed
- February 18- Spring Picture Day
- February 19- 2nd Grade Museum of Discovery and Science Field Trip, 5th Grade Field Trip to JA Biztown
- February 20- SAC meeting/ Multicultural Show 5:30
- February 24- 4th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Discovery and Science





Meadowbrook Elementary  
Kindergarten  
**ROUND UP**


FEBRUARY 5 @ 8:30 AM

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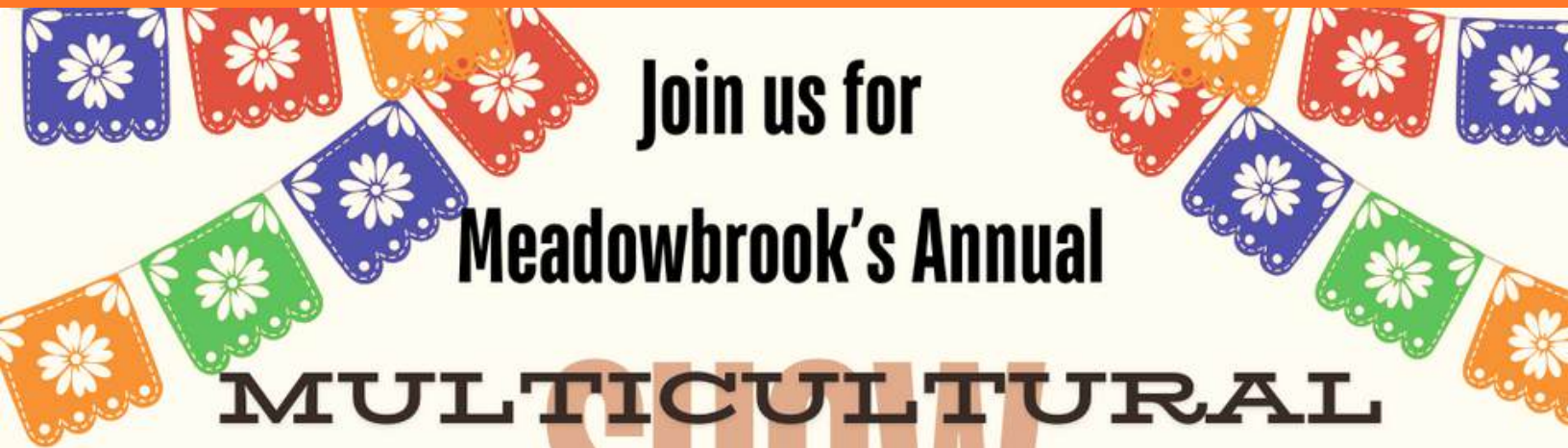
FEBRUARY 11 @ 5:30 PM

Meadowbrook Elementary  
2300 SW 46th Ave  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317

What to Bring:  
Birth Certificate  
Registering parent's license  
Lease (under registering parent's name)  
Utility Bill (under registering parent's name)  
Immunization Records  
Physical



If you have any questions, please reach  
out to Arlene Julienne at (754) 323-6500



Join us for  
Meadowbrook's Annual

# MULTICULTURAL SHOW



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**THURSDAY, FEB 20**  **SAC Meeting begins at 5:30**

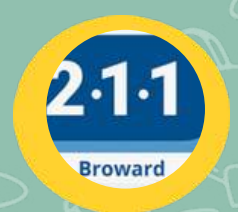
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**in the Meadowbrook Cafeteria**





# ABILITIES AWARENESS NIGHT



The Quest Center is excited to host our 2025 Abilities Awareness Night! This event is designed to connect parents of students of all ages with valuable resources from a variety of community organizations that offer services and support for individuals with special needs.

## JOIN US!

**When:** Thursday, February 6, 2025

**Where:** The Quest Center  
6401 Charleston Street Hollywood, FL  
33024

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

754-321-7500



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**OUT-OF-FIELD PARENT NOTIFICATION  
for  
MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY**

1/15/2025

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Our professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher(s) will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are:

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Current Certification</b>		<b>Out-of-Field For</b>
BROOKE	ALEXSA RACHELLE	ESOL READING EXCEPT STUDENT AUTISM SPECTRUM	ENDORSEMENT ENDORSEMENT GRADES K-12 ENDORSEMENT	Elementary Education
EDWARDS	KAYASIA VIOLA PRIDE ELEMENTARY	ESOL	ELEM K-6 ENDORSEMENT	GIFTED
KELLY ANESTIN	DANIELLE JANA E	ELEMENTARY	ELEM K-6	ESOL

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification		Out-of-Field For
LYNCH	ZACHARY S	PHYSICAL ED	GRADES 6-12	PHYSICAL EDUCATION K
		PHYSICAL ED	GRADES K-8	
MCFARLANE	LISA ANN NICOLA	ELEMENTARY	ELEM K-6	GIFTED
		ESOL	ENDORSEMENT	
		READING	GRADES K-12	
NEVLING	ASHLEY MARIE	ESOL	ENDORSEMENT	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
		READING	ENDORSEMENT	Elementary Education
		EXCEPT STU ED	GRADES K-12	
SAMUELS	KERSEE	SOCIAL SCI	GRADES 6-12	ESOL END



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