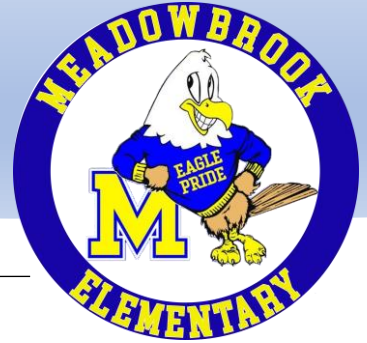


# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal

January 2023

## Principal's Message

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

Happy New Year! I would like to welcome back our Meadowbrook Eagles. With a new year comes new academic goals that Meadowbrook Elementary School will strive to exceed. Students will continue working hard in their classrooms.

On Friday, January 11, students will have the day off from school as it is a Teacher Planning Day.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.." Monday, January 16, students will have the day off from school for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, January 12 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.

Happy Holidays!

-David J. Levine, Principal



# Intern Principal's Message



January 2023

(754) 323-6500

Happy New Year Meadowbrook Eagles! I hope that you enjoyed your Winter Break and had an opportunity to celebrate safely with your family and friends. January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year and all the possibilities that exist for our students here at Meadowbrook Elementary and their future. The month of December was an exciting month for us here at Meadowbrook. During the month of December, our students participated in our "Holiday Spirit" week. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our parents and students that supported our PTA Donut sale; we could not have done it without you. Please stay tuned to our Meadowbrook Elementary School website, Twitter page for important and exciting school information.

Educationally Yours  
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title I News



Happy New Year! 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. Our last Title I Family event will be scheduled shortly. Dates and times for the event should be forthcoming. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

## ESOL News

Our ESOL/Level 1 students are scheduled for their 2nd Diagnostic on Imagine Learning. This diagnostic will measure their growth from the beginning of the year. Please continue to encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home. ACCESS testing for all ESOL students will begin on January 23rd. 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.

SOARING ON STRONG WINGS



# Counseling Corner



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Attention 5th grade families: January is a good time to start planning ahead for next school year. 5th grade students and families have the choice of several exciting and high-quality magnet school programs available at many middle schools in Broward County. Please search "magnet schools" at [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com) to learn more about specific programs and learn deadlines for completing applications. Please feel free to contact me at (754) - 323-6512 if you have questions. I am here to help!

Families can access 3-5 grade FAST scores by going to <https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com> and entering the student's first name as it appears in school records, date of birth, and the student's unique access code. Please contact your child's teacher for their FAST Family Portal access code.

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!

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

The preschool classes are learning all about the winter season. We are discussing the types of clothing that are appropriate for cold weather and made delicious hot chocolate. We are also learning about animals that live in very cold weather such as polar bears and penguins. Parents, please remember to read to your child every night.

## Second Grade

Happy 2023 from second grade! We are happy to be back in school. Second graders have taken a FAST state assessment in reading and math. This assessment shows us the skills and standards to practice. Please contact your child's teacher for the test results.

Second graders have been learning about the human body and how the different body systems work together to keep us healthy. We are also beginning volume 2 in math where we study fractional concepts, money, geometry, and time.

## Kindergarten

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

## Third Grade

Happy New Year Eagles! Third graders are working towards mastery of their multiplication and division 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 these standards. In Reading, students are identifying text structures and explaining how text features contribute to meaning. In Science, we are describing and identifying the different states of water.

## First Grade

Winter break was great! Now we are back in school, ready to continue to learn! This month we will learn to explain who is telling the story, identify and explain the moral of the story, and identify and describe the main story elements. In math, we are focusing on understanding place value, we will learn to compose and decompose two-digit numbers in multiple ways using tens and ones. We will also, learn to read numbers from 0 to 100 written in standard form, expanded form and word form. In science, we will learn and investigate how magnifiers make things appear bigger and help people see things they could not see without them. In social studies, we will learn how to compare life now with life in the past, identify celebrations and national holidays as a way of remembering and honoring the heroism and achievements of the people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage. In addition, we will learn about timelines and create one using primary sources. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night for at least 20 minutes to improve their fluency and comprehension.

## Fourth Grade

Welcome Back Eagles! This month in ELA, students will be wrapping up Unit 4 which focuses on identifying and explaining the difference between a narrator's point of view and character perspective. Next week, we will be working on Unit 5, which focuses on being able to explain an author's claims, reasons and evidence to support a claim. In writing, our eagles will continue to practice writing an opinion essay using evidence from the text to support their claim. In Math, we are wrapping up Topic 6 which focuses on true/false equations, unknown numbers, and multi-step problems. We will be working on factors and divisibility in the upcoming weeks. We are preparing to take our Cumulative Assessment on Topics #1-7 the week of January 16th.

**SOARING ON STRONG WINGS**



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## Fifth Grade

This month our 5th graders are drawing inferences to build knowledge about technology. They are also building vocabulary utilizing context clues and writing wonderful opinion essays. In Science, we will continue learning about energy and transformation of energy. In Math, we will add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.

## Media

Happy New Year Meadowbrook parents! In the Media Center, the primary grades are learning the different elements of a story through modeled interactive read alouds and literacy activities. The intermediate grade levels are working on the central idea as it relates to informational text and the theme of a story. Students are also learning the importance of technology and will practice using Microsoft Word.

## ART

Hello parents, Happy New Year! Kindergarten is doing a great job on their Mosaics, even with the sticky fingers! 1st grade is now also working on a Mosaic, but they are creating a butterfly that will be used in part of the Holocaust presentation. 4th grade has started practicing with different shapes to see how they will tessellate and are quite excited! I love it!

Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music

This month at Meadowbrook, we will be starting our afterschool strings and theater clubs. Please sign up with Mr. Alfano in the music room.

## P.E.

This month in P.E. class students will be playing court hockey. The Florida Panthers hockey team donated 48 hockey sticks, 4 goals, and 48 wiffle balls. Thank you so much Florida Panthers! Students will be learning hockey skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting into goals. I am sure this is going to be a fun and great experience for our Meadowbrook students!



# Meadowbrook Elementary SAC Meetings “Soaring on Strong Wings”

## SAC Dates and Times

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8:15 AM

October 27, 2022  
8:15 AM

November 17, 2022  
8:15 AM

December 8, 2022  
8:15 AM

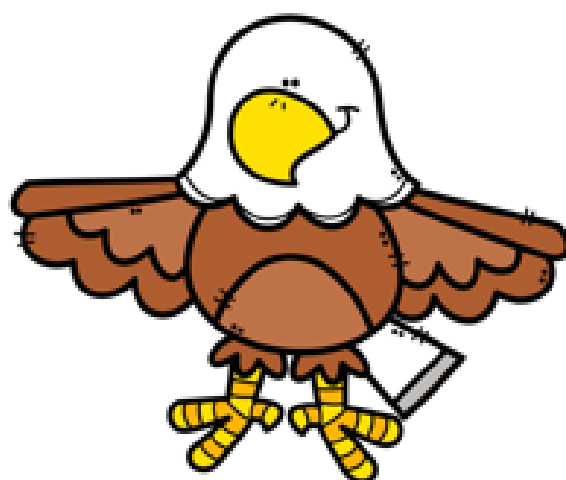
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May 4, 2023  
8:15 AM



# Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 23 - January 27

Broward County Public Schools invites all staff and students to celebrate literacy by participating in these fun daily activities!

**Monday  
January 23:**  
**"Reading Can  
You Take You  
Back In Time!"**  
Wear attire  
from a previous  
decade.



**Tuesday  
January 24:**  
**"Reading Can  
Give You  
Superpowers!"**  
Wear a  
superhero shirt.



**Wednesday  
January 25:**  
**"Reading Can  
Transform  
Your Future!"**  
Dress like what  
you want to be  
when you grow  
up.



**Thursday  
January 26:**  
**"Reading Can  
Make You  
Brighter!"**  
Wear  
bright/neon  
colored attire.



**Friday  
January 27:**  
**"Reading Can  
Help You Relax!"**  
Wear pajamas  
and  
read outside.



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