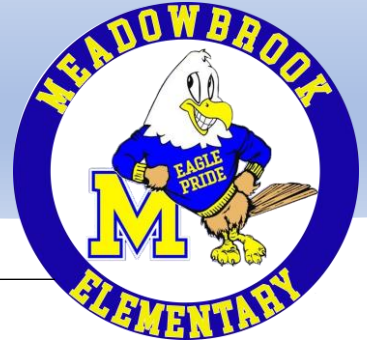


# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal

October 2022

## Principal's Message

Happy October!

Hello students and Meadowbrook families! Our teachers continue to focus on high quality instruction as they utilize small group and whole group instruction to guide instruction and learning with Envision math resources, Benchmark Advance ELA resources and StemScopes science resources. We recently completed the first of three FAST assessments. Please contact your child's teacher for FAST and other assessment results. All students received a Quarter 1 interim report which gives parents academic and behavior progress updates. Most teachers have started scheduling initial parent/teacher conferences.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming PTA and SAC meetings. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Together, we will have another fantastic school year as we're "Soaring on Strong Wings" 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



October 2022

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We are off to a great start this first marking period! It promises to hold many new academic discoveries for our students. The level of instruction that is going on excites me. One of the most important components of a good school is partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of students. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths at Meadowbrook Elementary. I would like to thank all of the parents, teachers, and staff for working together and displaying Eagle Pride. I look forward to seeing all of our students in the upcoming weeks as we prepare for our Mathnasium Math Night on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM.



Educationally Yours,  
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title I News



Thank you, families, for a great start to our school year! The Meadowbrook Team is delighted to work with you on all things Title I. Our Title I Annual Meeting/Open House was a huge success. Parental participation and response were amazing. Our School-Parent Compact has been sent home with your child. Please fill out the Compact and return it to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Our school's Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and Compact in multiple languages are available for viewing in our front office. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mrs. Gutierrez (Title I Liaison), at 754-323-6500.

## ESOL News

Congratulations to Meadowbrook Elementary for receiving the Imagine Learning Beacon School Award for the second year in a row! This award represents the highest honor in the Imagine Nation customer recognition program. We are working on providing our ELL students the instruction needed to establish English proficiency. Parents, if you have a computer at home and your child has Imagine on their Clever page, please have them work on Imagine Learning (Blue Robot) at home as well. Go EAGLE PRIDE... SOAR HIGH!



# 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.

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# Counseling Corner



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Welcome to the October edition of the School Counselor’s news! This October, we will be focusing on the future by celebrating College and Career Week and Red Ribbon Week. During College and Career Week, students will be hearing Meadowbrook staff members talk about their college or career training experiences on the morning announcements and they will learn the pathways to a variety of careers. During Red Ribbon week, students will celebrate their choice to be Drug-Free and learn about the connection between staying away from drugs and having a successful future. We will be celebrating Red Ribbon week with a variety of dress-up days because it’s super- fun to be drug free! The daily dress-up days are as follows:

Monday, 10/24	Tuesday, 10/25	Wed., 10/26	Thurs, 10/27	Friday, 10/28
Throw shade on drugs	Turn your Back on Drugs!	It’s crazy to use drugs!	MBE Eagles are Drug-Free!	Red Ribbon Day!
Wear Sunglasses	Wear your shirt backwards!	Wear your crazy socks	Wear Blue and Yellow or a Meadowbrook T-shirt	Wear RED!!
				

Stay calm and peaceful with your family by visiting Inner Explorer in Clever and listening to calming mindfulness practices. Meadowbrook students love taking a mindful moment!



# 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 students are learning all about the weather. Our Letter person "Ms. W" helps us check the weather every day. We are recording each day's weather on a calendar. We're also learning what to wear in different kinds of weather. Please try the following activity at home. Each morning, look out the window and check the weather with your child. Encourage your child to choose what to wear for the day.

## Second Grade

Second graders are busy learning about the life cycle of plants and animals. Students are making their own habitats and comparing and contrasting where animals live. We are also observing the basic needs of plants. Talk with your child about nature and living things.

In addition, please practice addition and subtraction facts at home. We are now studying 2-digit addition with regrouping.

## Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten our focus in reading is on the characters in a story. In math, we are working on numbers 6-10. In science, we are learning about plants and animals' characteristic in nature. In social studies, we are learning how to be a good citizen. This month is also our first field trip. We are very excited about that. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

## Third Grade

Fall is here! It's the perfect time to continue practicing reading and comprehension. Pumpkins, weather, and the color of trees are great topics you can discuss with your student this month! It's also a great time to continue practicing multiplication facts. In science, we are exploring plant structures and functions. We are also celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and are learning about all the influential individuals of Hispanic background. Happy October!

## First Grade

Fabulous First Grade is excited for our first field trip of the year! We will be going to Flamingo Gardens on October 26 as a culmination of our Science focus on living things and life cycles. We will be doing some plantings over the next few weeks and can't wait to see what happens to our seeds. In math, we are working on addition and subtraction up to twenty and are learning many strategies to help us solve equations and word problems. In Reading we are working hard on increasing our sight word fluency, as well as mastering new phonics rules for decoding. We are learning about story elements (characters, setting, and events) and how to use these in our own writing. Finally, in Social Studies we are continuing to explore what it means to be a good citizen and how we can participate to make our school and community a better place for everyone. Thanks for all your support as we take this journey!

## Fourth Grade

Our 4th graders are moving on to Unit 2 in Benchmark Advance. This unit will focus on inferencing, how characters contribute to the plot, explaining a theme and how it develops. In writing, we will focus on writing an argumentative essay using different sources for evidence to support our writing. In Math, we are making waves and getting a great understanding of our new math series "Envision." We are continuing to learn strategies for multiplying and dividing. We had our first field trip, and our kids learned a lot about rocks, soil, and "the creatures within." Be on the lookout for more field trip related things including our EOY trip to Sea World or Islands of Adventure.

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## Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, our eagles are working on analyzing how setting, events, conflict and characterization contribute to the plot in a literary text and how the author develops a character's perspective. With their writing, our eagles are learning how to make a claim supporting a perspective with logical reasons. In science, they are learning about the human organs and the functional structures of organisms. Finally, in math, students are learning how to multiply multi-digit whole numbers.

## Media

We're looking forward to an awesome October in the Media Center! We will be focusing on learning how to effectively use the Microsoft Office Word application, the gothic genre, and begin to learn about how to access our online databases! Please remember to have your child log the books they read on Beanstack to win a prize!

## ART

Hello parents! The students are continuing to work on their Hispanic Heritage projects. 5th grade is on the "practice cutting" stage of their Papel Picado, and we have some really great ideas! 4th grade is on the final stages before they paint! Kindergarten and 1st grade are finishing up their "Lines", and learning about Guatemalan backstrap weaving, culminating in their own placemat!! I am very proud of their hard work and persistence on these projects. Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music

In music class, we are exploring two elements of music- melody and harmony. Together these elements can create catchy tunes that are hard to forget, and set the mood, whether it be happy, sad, exciting, anxious or even spooky!

## P.E.

Greetings Meadowbrook students!  
In Physical Education class we learned throwing skills. We learned in a 4-step process. 1) Put the ball in your dominant hand (that is the hand you write with) 2) Point your opposite foot 3) Bring the ball up to your ear with your arm in an L-shape form 4) Twist your waist and move your arm in a forward motion towards a directed target. Keep practicing your throwing skills. If you enjoy baseball or softball you might want to join a team at your closest ballpark. Have a great day!



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Please join us for

# FAMILY MATH NIGHT

WITH

**MATH** NASIUM  
The **Math** Learning Center

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Meadowbrook Cafeteria  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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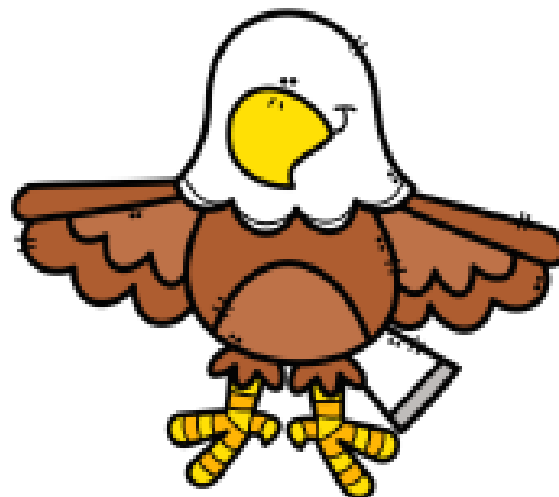
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Receive a Homework Pass!



# 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 1, 2022 8:15 AM
January 12, 2023 8:15 AM	February 2, 2023 8:15 AM
March 2, 2023 8:15 AM	April 2, 2023 8:15 AM
May 4, 2023 8:15 AM	





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