

# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal

March 2023

## Principal's Message

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

Our students have been very busy completing their middle of the year assessments. In our data chats with teachers, we have been analyzing our student's results and seeing fantastic progress.

There is an Early Release Day scheduled for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at noon. On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, there is no school for a Teacher Planning Day. Spring Break will take place from Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing our students back on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, April 6 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.

-David J. Levine, Principal





# Intern Principal's Message



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With Spring Break upon us, I think about everything our students have already accomplished this year. Our students have worked very hard at their academic studies and are preparing to take round 3 of F.A.S.T., and are participating in a wide variety of extracurricular activities in the weeks to come. We hope our students have a safe, restful, and enjoyable break. When students return from Spring Break, we will be in the last grading period, which is full of testing. Please keep updated with your child's testing schedule once it is published. Additionally, in the months ahead, several events will be planned to celebrate our hard work and success. Remember parent support makes Meadowbrook Elementary an Awesome Place to Be!

Educationally Yours,  
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title I News



Our next SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 8:15 am. Please save the date to attend the meeting to discuss important information related to Title I. We will be discussing the results from our Annual Survey and its impact on the development of our Compact form and Parent and Family Engagement Plan. 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 23rd, 2023 to March 10th, 2023. 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 (LEC) started on February 1st for A1 and/or Level 1 students and will continue until March 6th. LEC camp is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 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.



# 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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Our young people are becoming more computer literate than ever and are enjoying time learning and having fun online. While there are enormous benefits to using computers for learning, gaming, and socializing, it is important to be aware of the responsibility that goes along with using computers. According to Safewise.com, a website dedicated to cyber safety for kids and teens, 34% of young people have been bullied online and 11% report that they have been a bully themselves. Over half of the young people surveyed report viewing images that are violent or otherwise inappropriate. Safewise.com provides simple tips to help parents create safeguards to help protect children from the dangers of the internet. Adult supervision while children use the computer and open communication between adult and child is the best protection of all.

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 make 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 about science and what it is. We are learning to identify, sort, and describe shapes and explore ways that objects change. Parents try these activities at home. Help your child understand change by doing simple experiments. Heat water to show how it turns to steam. Freeze water to show how water turns to ice. Talk about how the three forms of water look and move.

## Second Grade

The second graders will be taking the COGAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) on March 7, 8, and 9th. The assessment is to screen all children for possible eligibility for gifted services.

Early Release Day is March 16. Spring Break will be from March 17 - 24. Please make sure your kids are reading at home for 30 minutes each night and practicing addition and subtraction facts using flash cards and/or Reflex in Clever.

## Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we will be focusing on why we celebrate people and events. In math, we are learning sums and differences to 20. In science, we are learning about the gravity. In social studies, we are learning about holidays and celebrations. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

## Third Grade

Our third graders are working hard on reading to explain the development of an Author's Purpose and how to use context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words. In math we are working on fractions to represent part of a set. In Science, we are working on exploring the laws of gravity.

## First Grade

This month "Our Soaring Eagles" in grade 1st for reading we will be wrapping up Benchmark Unit 6, where we have been learning to describe the main story elements and explaining the moral of a story. During this month students will be starting Unit 7 to learn about text features and identifying the topic of and relevant details in a text. Our students will also be learning to write an opinion writing about a story read at their instructional grade level. In math, students will develop an understanding of length by comparing and ordering objects to determine which is shortest and which is longest. In science, the student is expected to recognize that water, rocks, soil, and living organisms are found on Earth's Surface. Social Studies, students will be learning about Women's Contribution. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night for at least 15 minutes to improve their fluency and comprehension. Soar High First Grade Eagles!

## Fourth Grade

In Reading, we will be wrapping up Benchmark Unit 6, where we have been learning about explaining how setting, events, conflict, and character development contribute to the plot in a literary text, how to explain a stated or implied theme and how it develops using details, in a literary text, summarizing a text to enhance comprehension of the text, while including the plot, and the theme. In writing, we will continue to learn how to write and make a claim or state our perspective, with logical reasons, using evidence from multiple sources, while elaborating, and organizing in a text structure using transitional words. In math, the students will be able to make equivalent fractions by multiplying and dividing by 1 whole. They are also learning how to compare and order fractions. We will be learning how to add, subtract, and multiply fractions in the coming weeks. In Science, the students are discovering that magnets are everywhere around us and learning about Earth and Space. Exciting times are ahead with our up-and-coming field trips in April. One to Sawgrass Recreational Center in early April and the other to Islands of Adventure towards the end of April. Don't forget to encourage your child to learn their facts by completing lessons on Xtramath and/or Reflex math and completing SuccessMaker.



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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 writing an expository essay using multiple sources and including organizational structure, relevant elaboration, and varied transitions. In science, our students are learning about the different types of precipitation and how we can determine weather in a particular place and time. Finally, in math, students are learning how to divide fractions as well as finding the perimeter and area of a rectangle with fractional or decimal side lengths.

## Media

March is National Reading Month and March 2nd is National Read Across America Day. In the Media Center we will share stories that are all about a love for books and reading. We will also recognize the extraordinary achievements of women for National Women's History Month.

## ART

Hello parents! All grades are working on or will begin soon to work on our annual Butterfly projects. The butterflies are in honor and remembrance of the children lost in the Holocaust. We have a special wall on the school campus, and we will be making our dedication in April. Our butterflies will be made with ceramics, mosaics, "skin tones", stained glass, and watercolors!

Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music



## P.E.



SOARING ON STRONG WINGS



# Meadowbrook Elementary

## SAC Meetings

### “Soaring on Strong Wings”

#### SAC Dates and Times

September 22, 2002  
8:15 AM

October 27, 2022  
8:15 AM

November 17, 2022  
8:15 AM

December 8, 2022  
8:15 AM

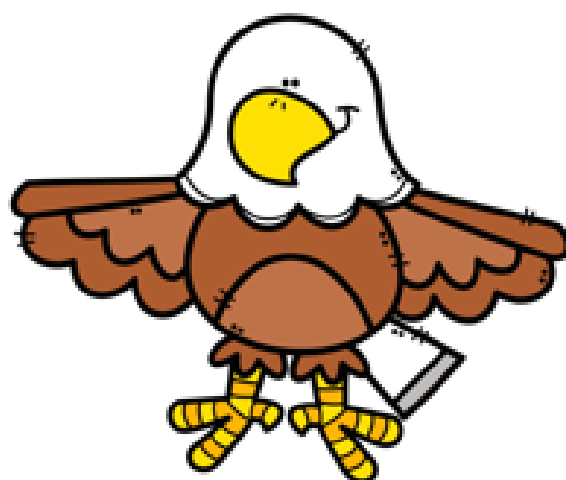
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May 4, 2023  
8:15 AM





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