



MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

March 2022

Principal's Message

Happy March! Hello students and Meadowbrook families! We recently completed a wonderful virtual Multicultural Night to spotlight the diversity among our students and community. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like the link to view the recorded event. We also completed a special palm tree beautification project to commemorate the anniversary of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Last, we successfully completed a schoolwide evacuation drill to a community green space in collaboration with the police department. We continue to make student and staff safety our top priority.

We currently have many free tutoring programs in progress so please continue to ensure your child attends each session to maximize this academic boost. All Grade 3-5 parents should note upcoming FSA testing dates. FSA testing starts on April 5 and continues through May 18.

Please help us inform your neighbors with children that will start kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year that a Kindergarten Round-Up is set for April 28 @ 8:30 am at the school. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming SAC meeting on March 31. There is no school on March 18 through March 28 for Spring Break. Ask your child's teacher about free online resources to continue learning while on break. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Be sure to visit our website: **meadowbrook.browardschools.com** and follow us on Twitter at [@MeadowbrookElem](https://twitter.com/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 the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA), 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 1 News



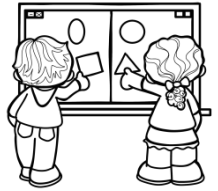
Thank you, parents for participating in the Title I Annual Survey. Our survey results were discussed during the February School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting and I am happy to report that more than 80% of each item had a favorable response. We also drafted and reviewed our 2022-2023 School Parent Compact and Parent Family Engagement Plan. Please save the date for our next SAC meeting in March to discuss our SIP plan and Title I addendum. Happy to keep you informed of all up and coming Title I information.

ESOL News

ACCESS testing for all ESOL students has ended. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the testing. 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, LEC camp has also ended. Both teachers and students who participated in the camp enjoyed the instruction. Teachers valued the growth students made from the beginning to the end of the camp. We are continuing with our Imagine Learning program. 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 Jennifer Liberatore, SAC Chair at jennifer.liberatore@browardschools.com Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Thursday, March 31, 2022** at 2:30 PM.



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

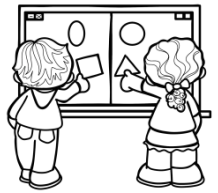
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- 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/page/32043>. 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



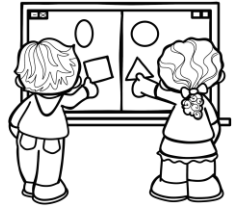
Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and 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.



Counseling Corner



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Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

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 set of 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!

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.



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



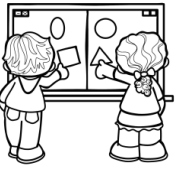
- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should 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.**



Classroom News



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Pre-School

The preschool classes are learning about science and what it is. We are leaning 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

Second graders have been very busy studying money and time. Please work with your child on telling time to the nearest 5 minutes. In addition, have your child practice counting coins while shopping. Have them explain how to pay for a certain item using various coins. This will provide a real-world connection for these important math concepts.

Kindergarten

In kindergarten, we are working on family words and learning to use correct punctuation when competing our opinion writings. We are also learning to compare similarities and differences in a story. In math, we are learning about 2 dimensional shapes. And in science we are learning the patterns of day and night. In social studies, we are learning about seasonal changes. When we return from spring break, we will be having an easter egg hunt and we cannot wait. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

Happy March 3rd Grade Parents! This month we are nearing the end of our Crunch Time lessons to prepare for the Reading FSA! Reading FSA is April 5th and 6th. In math we are comparing fractions and learning all about equivalent fractions! In Science we are continuing to learn about the Sun & Stars. Wishing everyone a peaceful and safe March!

First Grade

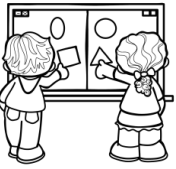
We are hard at work learning new spelling patterns and using them to write more complex sentences. We have also graduated to reading on our own for our Reading assessments! We will be learning about the objects in the day and night skies, and how the sun affects life for us here on Earth. In Social Studies we will be learning about cardinal directions, maps and their features, and will construct our own maps. In math we have been comparing two-digit numbers and will be adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. We will learn how to regroup to subtract a one digit-number from a two-digit number, and to add a one-digit to a two-digit number.

Fourth Grade

In ELA, students are learning how to integrate information from two texts based on the same topic. We are also working how to interpret information that is presented visually or quantitatively and how it helps us understand the information in the text. In writing, students are preparing for the writing FSA which they will take on April 5th and 6th. In Math, we just completed our seventh cluster test, and the students overall did great with fractions and decimals. After Spring Break, we are moving into Geometry. Continue to encourage your child to complete Reflex and I-Ready lessons as much as possible. Also, review all HW assignments with your child to ensure their understanding of the concept and to reinforce what we have been learning.



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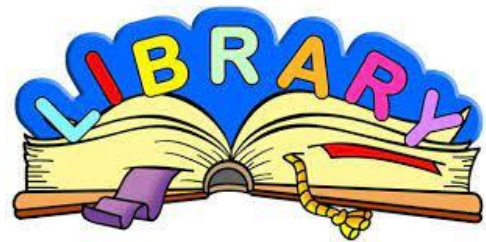
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Fifth Grade

This month our fifth graders are learning how to identify the relationship between two or more individuals in a historical, scientific, or technical texts. Our eagles are also writing opinion pieces on topics or texts supporting their point of view with reasons and information. In Social Studies, they are discussing the political ideas of Patriots, Loyalists, and other colonists about the American Revolution. In math our students are generating two numerical patterns using two given rules, as well as identifying relationships between corresponding terms. In Science they are identifying familiar forces that cause objects to move.

Media

Stop by the Media Center this month as we recognize Women's history and Dr. Seuss.



ART

Hello parents, our Holocaust remembrance wall is painted and ready for butterflies! 3rd grade will be showing shades of a single color, and 4th grade will be using beautiful skin tones!! I am very excited to see these go up.

Creatively,
Mrs. Hines

Music

This month in music, students will be learning how to play chords and simple melodies on the keyboard. After school, students will continue to rehearse for the Lion King Performance later this Spring. Strings club will still meet once a week after school as well.

P.E.

Thank you, Meadowbrook students, for the great work and contributions for Jump Rope for Heart. Our school raised over \$3,700 to help fight heart disease. Congratulations to Elias Arroyo who raised \$1,450. We are getting ready for Field Day this month. Here are the dates PK-1st † March 14, 2-3 grades March 15, and 4-5 grades March 16. We look forward to some fun times!





10 SMART TEST-TAKING TIPS

Tip #1

Start by putting your first and last name on the test!

Tip #2

Feeling nervous? Take a moment to focus on your breathing and try to relax. Stay positive and push negative thoughts from your mind. Repeat these steps if you find yourself getting frustrated or over-anxious at any point during the test. Remember, you can still do well even if some of your answers are incorrect.



Tip #3

Look over the entire test first so you have a general idea of how long it will take to complete. Don't rush, but as you work through each section, pay attention to how much time you have left so you can pace yourself appropriately.



Tip #4

Read all of the instructions carefully, and read each question carefully. Don't be afraid to ask your teacher for clarification on any instructions or questions that seem confusing.



Tip #5

On multiple choice questions, be sure to read through all of the available answers before marking your choice, even if you think you know the right answer.



Tip #6

Not sure which choice is the correct answer? Try to first eliminate all the answers that you know are wrong to narrow down your possible choices.



Tip #7

Another way to determine the answer to a difficult question is to look for clues within the wording of the question itself. Reread difficult questions and circle or underline any important words or phrases that stand out.



Tip #8

If you get stuck on a question, don't spend too much time on it. Skip the question and go back to it later; there may be questions in another section of the test that could jog your memory or provide more clues.



Tip #9


When you've finished the test, use any leftover time to review all of your answers. Check for careless mistakes or anything you might have skipped, and reread questions to ensure you haven't misunderstood or misread anything.



Tip #10

Proofread essay and short answer questions to make sure they're legible and make sense. Also be sure to check your grammar and spelling.





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ROUND UP



FOR INCOMING 2022-2023
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Thursday, April 28, 2022
8:30 AM

- *Informational Session
- *Tour of our Kindergarten Classrooms

To register your kindergarten child for the 2022-2023 school year:

Please Bring:

- Parent Identification (Driver License/State ID/Passport)
- 2 Forms of Proof of Residence (FPL Bill/Utility/Lease)
- Legal Proof of Age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Evidence of Medical Examination and Immunization (680 & 3040 forms)





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