

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

May 2022

Principal's Message

The month of May is here, and I can't believe the school year is almost over. The first week of May we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Students and parents certainly showed our teachers just how much they appreciated them, and I thank you for your kindness to our teachers.

We also had End-of-the-Year testing in First and Second Grade as well as Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). FSA testing will continue in the month of May, students in grades Third - Fifth will take the Mathematics portion of the test on Tuesday, May 10th and Wednesday, May 11th. Our Fifth graders will take the Science portion of the FSA on Tuesday, May 17th and Wednesday, May 18th.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month ahead and before we know it, it will be June 9th and we will be officially on summer break.

Ask your child's teacher about free online resources to continue learning at home. 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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(754) 323-6500

As we enter the home stretch of the fourth quarter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank each stakeholder that is a part of the Meadowbrook Elementary family. With your unwavering support Meadowbrook Elementary is definitely an Awesome Place to Be! Please continue to assist us in the last quarter of the school year:

- Stay in contact with your child's teachers through our planners, notes, and phone calls or text messages
- Make sure we have your most recent contact information so that we may contact you about your child
- Communicate with your child's teacher.

A strong cooperative relationship is key to the success of your child. Additionally, in the weeks ahead, several events have been planned to celebrate our students' hard work and success please stay connected. Remember parents support Makes Meadowbrook Elementary an Awesome Place to Be!

Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



Title 1 News



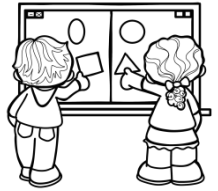
Thank you, parents, for your participation in our SAC meetings to assist and provide input on all Title I documentation, events, and trainings. As our year is drawing to a close, we are so proud of all our accomplishments. We are looking forward to working together with you to make our next school year at Meadowbrook the best it can be. Please reach out and contact us if you have any ideas to propose for next year. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

ESOL News

Our school year is quickly coming to an end. Please let me thank you for all your support during this 2021-2022 school year. Please continue to encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home. We will continue to provide assistance for our A1/Level 1 students who need additional instruction until the end of the year. If you have any questions, I am always available for you. Ms. Gutierrez (754) 323-6500. Delighted to provide you with information on all things ESOL.



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, May 19 2022** at 8:15 AM.



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 Manger at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

Uniform Policy

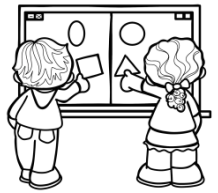
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- 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



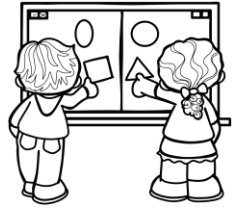
Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and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

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 (754) 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!





Meadowbrook Elementary's FSA Assessment Schedule

Third Grade

Grade 3 ELA Reading Assessment

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 3 Mathematics Assessment

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Session 2

Fourth Grade

Grade 4 ELA Writing Assessment

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Grade 4 ELA Reading Assessment

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - Session 1 & Thursday, May 5, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 4 Mathematics Assessment

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Session 2

Fifth Grade

Grade 5 ELA Writing Assessment

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Grade 5 ELA Reading Assessment

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - Session 1 & Thursday, May 5, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 5 Mathematics Assessment

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Session 2

Grade 5 Science Assessment

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - Session 1 & Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - Session 2

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



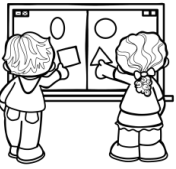
- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should 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 how technology changes our lives. We are learning how the size of groups changes when we take objects away. The letter People from Ms. J to Ms. T are visiting and we are reviewing their letters and sounds. Here is an activity you can try at home to support your child's learning at school. At meals, take turns telling subtraction, or take-away, stories with your child. For example: "I had three green beans. I ate three. How many are left?"

Second Grade

Hi parents! We have completed most of our end-of-year testing. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to give you promotion information.

Kindergarten

This month our focus in reading is on identifying topics and multiple details in a text and in math, measurement, and data. In science, we are investigating that things move in different ways. In social studies, we are recognizing the importance of U.S. symbols. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

Happy May Third Grade Parents! We're getting prepared for the last FSA here in third grade. Math FSA is May 10th and May 11th. Please continue to practice math facts with your students! In Reading and Writing we are practicing our essay writing, editing, and proofreading! In Science we're learning all about the states of matter! Let's have a fantastic last month of School!

First Grade

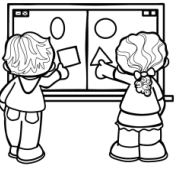
It is that time of the school year that Our Soaring Eagles are getting ready for the End of Year Assessments. In reading, will work real hard this month learning to identify and describe the main story elements (setting, characters, and sequence of events of a story). Our students will also be writing narrative pieces and learning to recognize symbols & individuals that represent American constitutional democracy in social studies. In math, they will work on geometry, and in science they will be learning the different ways that objects can move. Please continue to have your child read for at least 20 minutes and practice reading their sight words every day. Soar High First Grade Eagles! Let us make the last month of this school year a Super Success! From our Fabulous First Grade Team!

Fourth Grade

In ELA, testing is just a couple of days away! Our 4th graders are reviewing reading standards that focus on informational texts. Students have been practicing using learned strategies that will help support them during testing. In Math, we are spiraling back to old concepts while touching on some new measurement standards. We are confident that the students are prepared and will ROCK the FSA. Finally, the students have so many slithering, spiny surprises to see and experience at our Sawgrass Recreational Park field trip on May 20th. We can't wait!!!!



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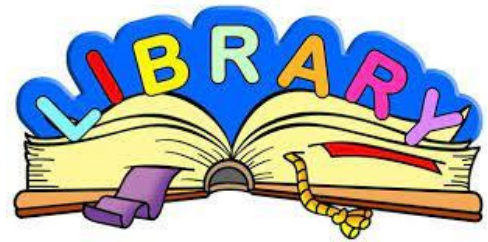
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Fifth Grade

This month our 5th graders are getting ready for the End of the year assessments. In math we are developing understanding of standard and metric measurement and conversion.. In science we are reviewing the parts of the water cycle and learning about the solar system, and in social studies we are learning about the American Revolution and the birth of a new nation. For reading and writing we are comparing and contrasting stories of the same genre, as well as reviewing writing informative essays.

Media



ART

Hello parents, our butterflies are almost ready for the wall! Kindergarten is doing amazing with their watercolors, and 1st grade is doing a great job with their colored paper to make mosaics! Our Holocaust Memorial dedication is soon! Creatively, Mrs. Hines

Music



P.E.

We just finished circuit training in P.E. class. We did activities in each station followed by a choice day where you can choose whatever activity you like best. The weather has been extremely nice! Be prepared for the heat and raining weather coming in the month of May. Drink lots of water and stay hydrated. Make physical fitness a daily part of your life!



Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find "right fit" books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
 - 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
 - 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
 - 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
 - 5** Read with your child –explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
 - 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
 - 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
 - 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.
- Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.maketaketeach.com

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Be True.



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For Ages 6-17
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PROGRAM
9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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5-6 P.M.

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