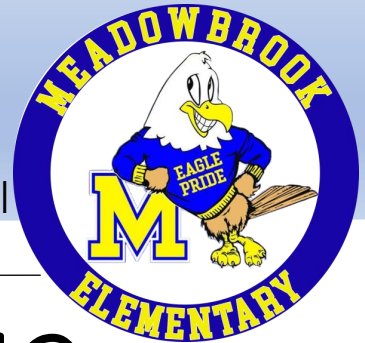


# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal     Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal  
November 2023

## Principal's Message

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Title 1 Literacy Night. Our students enjoyed dressing up as a vocabulary word and sharing about their word on stage. We will be hosting our next Title 1 Night on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> with our friends from the Museum of Discovery and Science.

The school will be closed on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, for a Teacher Planning Day. Report cards will be distributed to students on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed again on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, for Veteran's Day. Thanksgiving Break will take place from Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing our Eagles back at school on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Attending our SAC meetings is a great 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

# November



# Intern Principal's Message



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(754) 323-6500

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over 3 months! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines and procedures. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. I look forward to working with you in the near future. Please come out and join us for Family Math Night on Thursday, November 16th at 5:30 PM. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends on your fall break, November 20th - November 24th school will resume on Monday, November 27th and as thanks for making Meadowbrook an Awesome Place to Be!

Educationally Yours,  
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title I News



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. Additionally, the compacts were sent home in August, via student backpack. Our Title I Literacy Night was a wonderful event bringing families together. Our next Title I Science night will be scheduled in December. Happy to keep you informed of all up-and-coming Title I information.

## ESOL News

ESOL students are working very hard on completing their weekly Imagine usage goals. Please continue to encourage them to do Imagine (blue robot), both at school and at home. ACCESS testing for all ESOL students will begin in January. 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.

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# 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 7:50 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

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 Math we will be learning how to divide using multiplication strategies. 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!

## Second Grade

Second-grade students are currently working on retelling stories and identifying story elements, as well as continuing with writing opinion pieces based on texts they have read. In math we are working with addition and subtraction using 2-digit numbers with regrouping. We are learning many strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers such as partial sums, compensation, and the traditional algorithm. In Science we are learning about daily weather and even SEVERE weather like tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, and droughts! Please continue to read to your child, as well as letting your child read to you for a combined 30 minutes per night. Thanks for all the support as we watch your child learn and mature.

## Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we will focus on rules. In math, we are collecting and sorting objects into categories and comparing the categories by counting the objects in each category. In science, we are sorting objects by observable properties, such as size, shape, color, temperature (hot or cold), weight (heavy or light) and texture. In social studies, we are learning to make good decisions. We are celebrating thanksgiving this month and our teachers are teaching us about this holiday. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

## Third Grade

GOBBLE, GOBBLE Third Grade Parents! We are filling our brains with as much knowledge as a full plate of Thanksgiving Dinner! In Reading we are learning about cause and effect as well as text features. We are also learning about the government and how to be a good citizen. In Math we are working on all things geometry. In Science we are learning about identifying some basic forms of energy such as light, heat, sound, electrical, and mechanical.

## First Grade

Welcome to November! First grade just completed a wonderful field trip to Parker Playhouse to see the interactive play "Havana Hop," where a young girl told her story of her passion and fused it with culture and family history. We are continuing to work on becoming amazing readers! In reading, our Soaring Eagles will work really hard this month learning to identify the topic and relevant details in a text. Also, we will be learning to use text features to demonstrate understanding of texts. Our students will be writing expository pieces about a given topic and learning that history tells the story of people and events of other times and places in social studies. In math, they will continue to develop an understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction, and in science they will be learning that all plants and animals, including humans, have basic needs such as air, water, food, and space. Please continue to read to your child, as well as letting your child read to you for a combined 20 minutes per night. Thanks for all the support as we watch our First Grade Eagles Rise Together!

## Fourth Grade

In ELA, students are wrapping up Unit 2 in which they focus on analyzing fiction texts. Students worked on argumentative writing in which they created their claim in response to a writing prompt and wrote an essay including text evidence and examples to support their claim. In Math, students are continuing to learn different strategies to solve multi-digit multiplication equations. We will be moving into division in the upcoming weeks. In Science, students are learning about rocks, minerals, weathering and erosion. We will be learning about the earth's movements in the upcoming weeks.

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## Fifth Grade

Fall is here and our 5th grade scholars are excited about everything they are learning! In ELA, they just finished Unit 2 and learned about valuing people's good qualities. Students worked on an essay after conducting a character study. They will be sharing that with their parents soon. They will begin Unit 3 within the next few days and will learn about the U.S. Constitution. Our current focus in math is to practice division with whole numbers and decimals. Remember that knowing their multiplication tables is key to success when learning to divide. During the upcoming weeks, you should be able to ask your children questions about the Solar System because that is what they will be learning in science. We encourage all families to continue to support our 5th grade eagles during their last flight at Meadowbrook Elementary.

## Media

In the media center this month we are learning about digital citizenship. Students will be introduced to using the internet in a safe and responsible way. Please remind students to log their minutes on Beanstack.

## Art

Hello parents! Kindergarten and 1st grade have finished learning about lines and they are now learning how to create a weaving! Both grades are practicing their over/under technique, but 1st grade had to cut their own loom! 2nd graders are completing their Molasses and are now beginning a project about abstract minimalism. This will be done in the style of Carmen Herrera. Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music

This November, the Chorus will be performing at Light Up the Holidays at The Fountains on Saturday, November 18! Also, Black Violin and the South Florida Youth Orchestra will be partnering to offer a once in a lifetime Strings Ensemble opportunity to our 4th graders.

## P.E.



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# Counseling Corner



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Welcome to November, the month when Eagles and their families can practice gratitude for all the good things we have in our lives. This month, Eagles will be practicing gratitude-themed mindfulness activities in the mornings to get our days started off in a peaceful and positive way. Try this three times: Breathe in and imagine what makes you happy, then breathe out and feel your body and mind relax.

Another important November activity is Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Safety Awareness Week. On Thursday, November 9th, Students and staff are invited to wear a t-shirt with a positive message or a Meadowbrook t-shirt or Meadowbrook colors to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week. Students will participate in a District-mandated lesson about internet safety during Anti-Bullying Week. Meadowbrook Eagles know how to be kind online and to look out for one another, which makes our school a happy and safe place to learn!

Parents can reach out to Ms. Sternglanz with any questions about Anti-Bullying Week activities and lessons.



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*Join us for a*

# SCIENCE NIGHT

*Meadowbrook Elementary*

*Joined by the  
Museum of Discovery and Science*

... ——— ——— ...  
Thursday, November 16, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join us in the Cafeteria

*Students will receive a homework pass  
for participating!*



[Register Here!](#)

## Who can UM-NSU CARD help?

We serve individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their family members, professionals and those with related disabilities including dual sensory impairment, sensory impairments with other disabling conditions, developmental delay, and genetic disorders that present with autism-like behaviors, such as Fragile X Syndrome, Rett Syndrome, and Tuberous Sclerosis.

## What services can UM-NSU CARD provide?

UM-NSU CARD services are **FREE** and individualized to meet the unique needs of our clients, families and community partners. Below are some of the ways we can help:

- **Individualized family support & assistance for clients and families:** We can provide community resources, parent support groups, social groups, and individualized support.
- **Training for Clients, Families, and Professionals:** We can provide trainings and workshops on a variety of different topics related to ASD.
- **Consultation and Technical Assistance for Professionals and Programs:** We can provide assistance and support in schools (public and private), community agencies, and therapeutic centers.
- **Public Education and Community Outreach Services:** We can collaborate with community partners on special projects and inform the community on UM-NSU CARD related services and ASD-related resources.

## How are UM-NSU CARD services accessed?

If you or a loved one has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a related disability:

- Register online now: <http://bit.ly/CARDClient> or contact your local UM-NSU CARD office to request an appointment and register with UM-NSU CARD.
- You will be asked to provide diagnostic reports or other proof of eligibility for UM-NSU CARD services.

For community partners interested in UM-NSU CARD services:

- You can access a Training Request Form here (<https://www.card.miami.edu/support-services/request-assistance-folder/index.html>) or contact your local UM-NSU CARD office.

### UM-NSU CARD Main Office

Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties  
University of Miami  
5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Coral Gables, FL 33146  
305-284-6563  
[CARD@psy.miami.edu](mailto:CARD@psy.miami.edu)  
1-800-9-AUTISM ext.1

### UM-NSU CARD Broward Satellite Office

Broward County  
Nova Southeastern University  
6100 Griffin Road  
Davie, FL 33314  
954-262-7111  
[CARD@nova.edu](mailto:CARD@nova.edu)  
1-800-9-AUTISM ext. 2

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## Shoes / Hats:

Shoes must be closed toed. Crocs are not permitted.

Hats are allowed for P.E., weather conditions, religious and medical reasons.

## Consequences for Uniform Violations

Violation 1: Warning letter

Violation 2: Contact home for a change of clothes

Violation 3: After School Detention

Thank you for working with your child to ensure they adhere to our uniform policy.

I have read the information regarding the MANDATORY UNIFORM POLICY at Meadowbrook Elementary.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Meadowbrook Elementary SAC Meetings “Eagles Rise Together”

## SAC Dates and Times

September 21, 2023 2:20 PM	October 26, 2023 4:00 PM
November 16, 2023 5:30 PM	December 21, 2023 2:20 PM
January 18, 2024 2:20 PM	February 15, 2024 2:20 PM
March 14, 2024 2:20 PM	April 18, 2024 2:20 PM
May 16, 2024 2:20 PM	







# FORTIFYFL

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