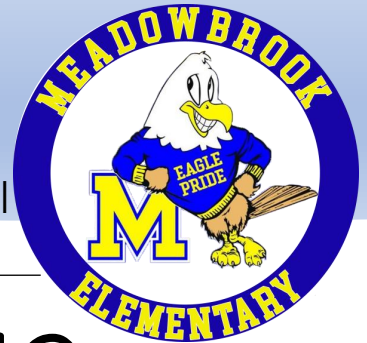


MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

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 have completed the first of three FAST assessments. Your child's teachers will send home these results. All students received a Quarter 1 interim report on Tuesday, October 3rd, which gives parents academic and behavior progress updates.

On Thursday, October 26th, please join us for our Family Literacy Night! More information will be provided by your child's teacher.

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 and follow us on Twitter at @MeadowbrookElem for announcements and photos.

-David J. Levine, Principal



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Intern Principal's Message

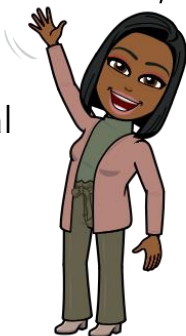


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We are off to a great start this first marking period! It promises to hold many new academic discoveries for our students. The level of instruction that is going on excites me. One of the most important components of a good school is partnership between 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 Literacy Night on Thursday, October 26, at 5:00 PM.

Educationally Yours,
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



It is imperative that the student emergency contact sheet has been turned it to your child's teacher! Please return this form as soon as possible. If you need another copy, please ask your child's teacher.



Title I News



The Meadowbrook Team is eager to collaborate with you on any matters pertaining to Title I. You received a copy of our School-Parent Compact form during the Annual Title I meeting and Open House. Please complete the Compact and provide it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Additionally, you will be receiving soon a parent survey. Please complete it as well and return it at your earliest convenience. Please call Mrs. Gutierrez (Title I Liaison) at 754-323-6500 if you have any questions or concerns.

ESOL News

Our English language learners are putting in effort and dedication to learn the English language. Administration, teachers, and staff are committed to these learners as they strive to improve their language skills, which can be a challenging and rewarding process. We are supporting English language learners in their journey by providing resources, guidance, and a conducive learning environment that can greatly contribute to their success. Parents, please continue to motivate your child to meet their Imagine Learning usage and lesson goals every day. Please contact Ms. Gutierrez at (754) 323-6500 for any questions or concerns.

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.



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:

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- ☐ 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 graders have been very busy practicing reading and math skills. We have been reading informational text and identifying nonfiction text features such as captions, photos, maps, graphs, and charts. We also identify the main story elements (characters, setting, conflict, solution) in a fictional story. Second graders have also been adding 2-digit numbers with regrouping, so please practice basic addition facts at home with your child.

Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten our focus in reading is 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 that we are very excited about. 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 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!

First Grade

Welcome to October! First Grade just completed a wonderful field trip to Miracles Ranch where we interacted with baby chicks, bunnies, and a pony. We became detectives with our hand lenses and discovered several caterpillars on the leaves of the milkweed plants in the butterfly garden. Our next trip is on October 25 at The Parker where we will be attending a performance of Havana Hop. 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 up to 20 and are learning strategies such as making a ten and using related facts. In Science we are learning about plant parts, and are excited about planting our own seeds to watch the plant life cycle unfold! 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

This month in ELA, our Meadowbrook Eagles are learning how to identify the central idea using relevant details and explaining the author's perspective towards a topic. This unit's topic focused on nature. In writing, we are learning about expository writing. We are also celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15th to October 15th. 4th grade is off and learning. We will be diving deep into multi-digit multiplication soon. Please encourage your child to learn their facts so they can be more fluent and ultimately have a better foundation for learning other topics. We passed out the field trip forms for YAA museum. This is a favorite among our students, and they will be excited to attend. Also, the Islands of Adventure trip is in motion as we speak. Be on the lookout for the field trip criteria and acknowledgment form. As always 4th grade rocks!!!!

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Fifth Grade

Our 5th grade eagles are looking forward to an October full of learning experiences. They just completed their iReady Diagnostic for reading and math therefore, they are ready to follow their path of learning. The i-Ready Program provides a personalized path for each student. The 5th grade students will be visiting the Parker House on October 16. This learning experience will enhance our science program. The current focus of our science instruction is the different organs of the human body and their functions. In math we are starting to multiply decimals and in reading we are working on analyzing how setting, events, conflict, and characterization contribute to the plot in a literary text. We encourage all families to continue to support our 5th grade eagles during their last flight at Meadowbrook Elementary.

Media

As we continue to honor Hispanic Heritage Month, our intermediate grade students will focus on using Microsoft Word in the media center. Primary grade level students are working on the main story elements. Parents, please encourage students to log their reading minutes on Beanstack.

Art

Hello parents! 5th grade is now working on creating a picture using only silhouettes. It's a little tricky when you cannot put anything in front of something else! 4th graders are creating Sugar Skulls like they use in La Dia de la Muerta. This is in honor of Hispanic Heritage month. 3rd grade is also creating for Hispanic Heritage in making Papel Picado! Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

Music

So much will be happening in music this month. We will celebrate Fall with spooky music. K-2 students will compare and contrast different music and decide which sound sad, scary, or happy. Chorus is in full swing, and the students are practicing for our Winter Concert every Tuesday and Thursday! Grade 5 has been learning the violin, 4th grade is learning piano and 3rd grade will be playing recorders!

P.E.



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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, Ms. Sternglanz will share a special weekly message filmed on a college campus and share how students can start planning ahead for a bright future. 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, 10/23	Tuesday, 10/24	Wed., 10/25	Thurs, 10/26	Friday, 10/27
Turn your Back on Drugs!	It's Crazy to Abuse Drugs!	It's Red Ribbon Day!	MBE Eagles are Drug-Free!	Put Drugs to Sleep!
Wear your shirt backwards!	Wear Crazy Socks or Hair!	Wear RED!!	Wear Blue and Yellow or a Meadowbrook T-shirt	Pajama Day! *School dress code rules apply
				

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

Free family counseling is available to all Broward Schools families by calling (754) 321-1590. Counseling is available in English or Spanish

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2

Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3

Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4

Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5

Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6

Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7

Look for the good in people around you today

8

Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9

Share an important goal with someone you trust

10

Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11

Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12

Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13

Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14

Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15

Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16

Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17

Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18

Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19

Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20

Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21

Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22

Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23

Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24

Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25

You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26

Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27

Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28

Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29

Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30

Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31

Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



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DOMINGO

LUNES

MARTES

MIÉRCOLES

JUEVES

VIERNES

SÁBADO

1

Escribe tres cosas que te hagan ilusión este mes

2

Encuentra algo sobre lo que ser optimista, incluso si estás en un momento difícil

3

Da un pequeño paso hacia un objetivo que realmente te importe

4

Empieza el día con lo más importante de tu lista de tareas

5

Sé un optimista realista. Ve la vida como es, pero céntrate en lo que está bien

6

Recuérdete a ti mismo/a que las cosas pueden cambiar a mejor

7

Hoy, busca las buenas intenciones en la gente que te rodea

8

Avanza en un proyecto o tarea que has estado evitando

9

Comparte un objetivo importante con una persona de tu confianza

10

Dedica un tiempo a reflexionar sobre lo que has logrado recientemente

11

Trata de no culparte a ti mismo/a o a los demás. Busca una forma más útil de avanzar

12

Hoy, busca noticias positivas y razones para estar contento/a

13

Pide ayuda para superar un obstáculo al que te enfrentas

14

Haz algo constructivo para mejorar una situación difícil

15

Agradécete a ti mismo/a por conseguir las cosas que a menudo das por sentadas

16

Deja de lado tu lista de tareas y haz algo divertido o que te anime

17

Da un pequeño paso hacia un cambio positivo que quieras ver en la sociedad

18

Ponte metas esperanzadoras pero realistas para los próximos días

19

Date cuenta de una de tus cualidades positivas que te será útil en el futuro

20

Siente la alegría de finalizar una tarea que has pospuesto durante algún tiempo

21

Pon a un lado las expectativas de los demás y céntrate en lo que te importa

22

Comparte una cita, una foto o un video esperanzador con un amigo o colega

23

Sé consciente de que puedes elegir tus prioridades

24

Escribe tres cosas concretas que han salido bien últimamente

25

¡No puedes hacerlo todo! ¿Cuáles son tus tres prioridades en este momento?

26

Encuentra una nueva manera de ver un problema al que te enfrentas

27

Sé amable contigo mismo/a. Recuerda que las mejoras necesitan tiempo

28

Hazte la pregunta: ¿tendrá importancia esto dentro de un año?

29

Planifica una actividad divertida o interesante que te apetezca mucho

30

Piensa en tres cosas que te dan esperanza de cara al futuro

31

Ponte una meta para el próximo mes, que aporte sentido a tu vida





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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 2:20 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	





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