

# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal      Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal  
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## Principal's Message

Happy October! Hello students and Meadowbrook families! We are excited to announce that our school was recognized as an Imagine Learning Nation Beacon award winner for our outstanding use of the program for ESOL students. Our students and staff are doing a great job of implementing all COVID protocols and we are pleased to report that we have very few cases where students or staff test positive for COVID. When that does occur, we implement contact tracing. At this time, our students are doing so well with complying with the mask mandate. Still, be sure to send your child to school each day with a mask. If not, one will be provided. Our teachers continue to focus on high quality instruction as they utilize small group and whole group instruction to guide instruction and learning. All students received a Quarter 1 interim report which gives parents academic and behavior progress updates. Most teachers have started scheduling initial parent/teacher conferences.

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 with "Eagle Pride" Be sure to visit our website: **[meadowbrook.browardschools.com](http://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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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 Math and Science Night on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Educationally Yours,  
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title 1 News



Welcome families to our new school year! The Meadowbrook Team is delighted to work with you on all things Title I. Our School-Parent Compact, Right to Know letter and Dissemination letter have been sent home with your child. Please fill out the Compact and return to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Our school's Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and Compact in multiple languages are available for viewing in our front office. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mrs. Gutierrez (Title I Liaison), at 754-323-6500.

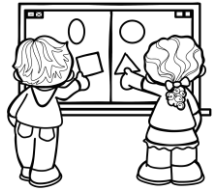
## ESOL News

Congratulations to Meadowbrook Elementary for receiving the Imagine Learning Beacon School Award! This award represents the highest honor in the Imagine Nation customer recognition program. We are working on providing our ELL students the instruction needed to establish English proficiency.

Parents, if you have a computer at home and your child has Imagine on their Clever page, please have them work on Imagine Learning (Blue Robot) at home as well. 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 Jennifer Liberatore, SAC Chair at [jennifer.liberatore@browardschools.com](mailto:jennifer.liberatore@browardschools.com) Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Thursday, October 28, 2021** 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 Manager at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

## Uniform Policy

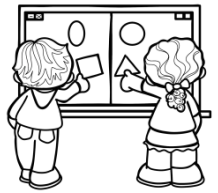
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- 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.

## Ask Bria

Broward Remote Instructional Assistant

**Ask BRIA Quarantine Instructional Support is now available exclusively to BCPS students in quarantine who need quick help with class assignments.**

Ask BRIA instructor support is now available to quarantined students needing quick support on specific assignments from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily. Students can access Ask BRIA through links on Clever or Canvas.

**Ask BRIA after school instruction services resume on August 30<sup>th</sup>** for all students needing homework help after school hours. Quarantined students will be able to access Ask BRIA support both during and after school hours.







Please only use *i-Ready* lessons at home if your student's teacher has recommended it. If so, follow the teacher's usage guidance.

## Fridge Tips FOR *i-Ready Lessons at Home*

### Prepare Them

**Make sure students have what they need:**



- ✓ A quiet place to work on *i-Ready* lessons and activities
- ✓ A device that works with *i-Ready*, consistent internet connection, login information, and headphones
- ✓ Paper and pencil for tracking their lesson progress

**Help them focus:**



- ✓ Plan together for how they will spend their time and when they will work on their learning activities.
- ✓ Direct students to the [To Do section](#) for upcoming lessons.
- ✓ Encourage them to take their time, ask questions, and write things down.

### Support Them

**Keep students motivated:**



- ✓ Explain that **working on *i-Ready* will help them** continue their learning and make sure they are ready for the next grade level.
- ✓ Encourage them to **take each lesson and quiz seriously**.
- ✓ Remind them that **mistakes are part of learning**, and they are okay.
- ✓ If they don't pass a lesson, remind them **they can take it again**.

**Help them track progress:**



- ✓ Get them talking about lessons and what they're learning.
- ✓ Check in at the end of their lessons. Ask them to tell you or write down what they learned and if they have questions.
- ✓ Regularly review progress using the [My Progress page](#).

### Celebrate Them!

**Celebrate their progress:**



- ✓ Celebrate milestones, such as passing a lesson or reaching a goal (e.g., putting marbles in a jar after passing lessons).
- ✓ Reward hard work and focus.



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*Fridge Tips for Tracking Progress*

## What to Look for & What to Ask

Help track and celebrate your student's progress by regularly reviewing their *i-Ready* My Progress page with them. Use the map and prompts below to help.

### 1 My Progress:



Direct your student to the My Progress section to see all their lesson stats.

### 2 Time-On-Task:

- How much time has your student spent on lessons this week?

### 3 Lessons Passed:

- How many lessons has your student passed?
- How did this number change from last week?

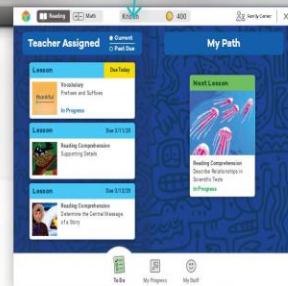
### 4 Lesson Streaks:

- What is the greatest number of lessons your student has passed in a row this school year?
- How many lessons has your student passed in a row most recently (i.e., current streak)?



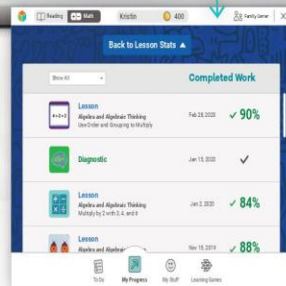
#### To Do:

See upcoming personalized lessons for your student.



#### Completed Work:

See how your student has done on each lesson.

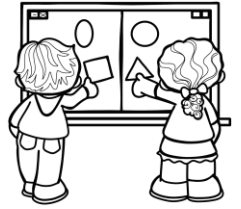


For more information, tips, and tools, visit [i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter](https://i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter).

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# Counseling Corner





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Ms. Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

Welcome to the October edition of the School Counselor’s Corner. This October, we will be focusing on the future by celebrating College and Career Week from October 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> and Red Ribbon Week from October 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. During College and Career Week, students will be hearing Meadowbrook staff members talk about their college or career training experiences on the morning announcements and they will learn the pathways to a variety of careers. During Red Ribbon week, Student 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 Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>
Throw shade on Drugs!	Turn your Back on Drugs!	It’s crazy to use Drugs!	Red Ribbon Day!	MBE Eagles are Drug Free!
Wear Sunglasses	Wear your shirt backwards!	Wear your crazy socks	Wear Red!	Wear blue and yellow or a Meadowbrook t-shirt.
				

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

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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.

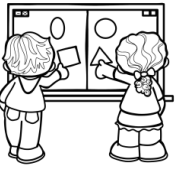
#### Pick up

- 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

In school this month, the preschool students will be learning all about the weather. We are recording each day's weather on a calendar. We're also learning what to wear in different kinds of weather. Please try the following activity at home. Each morning, look out the window and check the weather with your child. Encourage your child to choose what to wear for the day

## Second Grade

Second graders are off to a great start this year! We are reading informational text and learning about habitats and life cycles. In math, we are working on strategies to add and subtract single-digit numbers. Students need to use flash cards and [Reflexmath.com](http://Reflexmath.com) daily in order to quickly recall addition and subtraction facts. Contact your child's teacher about resources to use at home to ensure your child succeeds. Please sign the planner daily and make sure your child completes all homework assignments.

## Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we continue to work on beginning sounds in words and sight words. We are learning to answer questions about a story and fiction and nonfiction text. In math, we are comparing numbers 0-5. In science, we are learning about real and make-believe plants and animals. Finally, we are also learning about the season fall, fire safety and pumpkin investigation. 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 start practicing multiplication and reading graphs. In science we are exploring Parts of Plants and Photosynthesis! Our teachers are working hard to instruct and engage your child, so they are growing academically and in social and life skills. We're all in this together! Happy October!

## First Grade

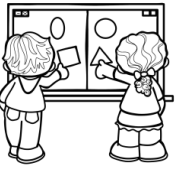
We will be studying characters this month and learning to write narratives. In Math, we are working with addition and subtraction in word problems. For Science we will study trait inheritance and variations in living things, and in Social Studies we will be learning how to be responsible members of our community.

## Fourth Grade

In Reading, we are learning about Opinion Writing, identifying the main idea, supporting details, and summarizing text. We are also celebrating Hispanic Heritage month where we are celebrating influential Individuals of Hispanic background via our Read Aloud literature and Writing cultural projects. In Math, for October, we are learning how to add and subtract larger numbers. This is an extension of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade so the students should be confident with this concept. Parents, please continue to encourage students to complete their I-Ready lessons and to log onto our Reflex Math program.



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## Fifth Grade

This month our Eagles will be learning about Inferencing, Author's Purpose, and Character's Perspective. For Math, students will be working on long division with 2-digit divisor and 4-digit dividend. This skill will be used later in the year also to divide decimals. For science, we will continue with life science, focusing on structure & function of organisms, as well as physical and chemical changes. In Social Studies, our Eagles will be proud to learn about European Exploration and settlement of North America.

## Media

This month in the Media Center we are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. If you enjoy reading a book, write a review. Please see Ms. Williams for details.



## ART

Your children are working hard on their current projects! Kindergarten will be weaving paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is working diligently on tracing, cutting and designing their Molasses, and 3<sup>rd</sup> is experimenting with making cuts into folded paper to create their designs. I can't wait to see these completed projects!

Creatively, Mrs. Hines

## Music

This month in music, we will be focusing on musical pitch. This includes learning solfege hand signs, and the notes on the staff. Students will be singing in their strongest and clearest voices! Strings Club continues to grow, but there is always room for a few more dedicated students!

– Mr. Alfano

## P.E.


The P.E. students learned an activity called Limbo. Limbo is an acrobatic dance from the country of Trinidad. The skill involved in limbo is bending back underneath a stick with music. The student who goes the lowest wins. The students had a fun time, and we have some extremely flexible students here at Meadowbrook.

-Coach Lynch





**MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

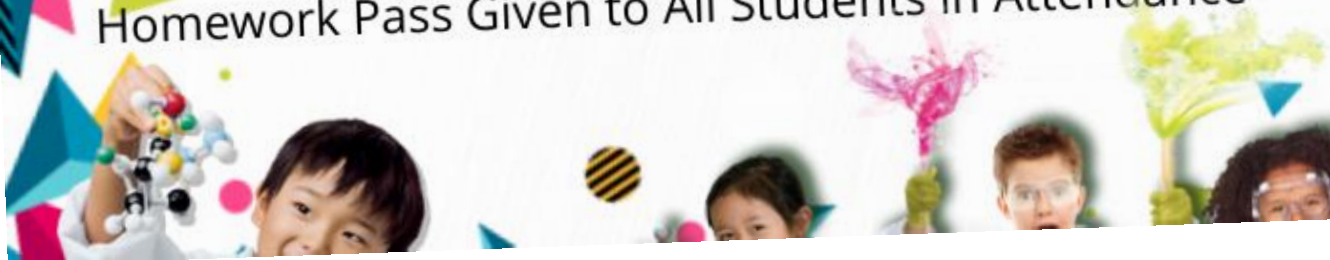


# **MATH & SCIENCE NIGHT**

**EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF MATH & SCIENCE PRESENTED BY  
THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Refreshments Will Be Served!  
Homework Pass Given to All Students in Attendance







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