

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



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

Principal's Message

Happy September! Welcome back students and Meadowbrook families! This is our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is distributed at the beginning of each month and contains important dates, highlights progress and programs, and recognizes student and staff achievements.

The first days of school were very successful and now we're on our way! We hope you had a wonderful summer, and we know you're ready for a great school year. Our Open House was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many families and students.

During the first days of school, all students were given a first day packet. Please take time to read all of this important information, fill out the requested forms, and complete online acknowledgement.

Our first PTA meeting will take place on September 13th at 5:30 PM. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Together, we will have another fantastic school year.

Be sure to visit our website: meadowbrook.browardschools.com and follow us on Twitter at @MeadowbrookElem for announcements and photos.

-David J. Levine, Principal





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 three weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. 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 as we start this awesome school year with Eagle Pride.

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



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 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

Our marvelous ESOL team, Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Avila are thrilled to welcome parents and students to our 2022-2023 school year. We are diligently working on meeting the needs of all our ESOL students. A big 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. 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:

- ☐ 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.

"Eagles Rise Together"



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

The Preschool students are excited to be in school. Our theme for this month is "All About Me". We're having lots of fun learning about ourselves and our friends. Try the following activity at home to promote pre-reading skills. Write the name of each person in your family on a separate index card. Bind the cards together and make a name book. Then read the book to your child.

Second Grade

Welcome back to school! The teachers have been busy assessing your child to determine his or her reading and math levels. After our data has been collected, we will be meeting with you to discuss your child's learning goals. Please read a book with your child and practice addition/subtraction facts every night. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Kindergarten

In kindergarten, we are adjusting to our new environment. We are learning classroom rules, how to walk-in a line and how to be responsible for our belongings. We even have classroom jobs. This month our focus in reading is retelling a story and in math, compare numbers 0-5. In science, we are learning about plants and animals' characteristic. We are also learning more about Hispanic Heritage month. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

Welcome to third grade! We enjoyed meeting you all at Open House. We are busy learning new routines and adjusting to our new environment. In reading, we are learning about central idea and key details. In math we are learning our multiplication patterns. Our curious scientists will be practicing classifying animals and plants! Please continue to read with your student every night for at least 20 minutes. We are looking forward to an amazing year with our wonderful third graders!

First Grade

Ready, set, go!!! Yes, first grade is ready to learn a lot of new things in school. During this month, we will learn about story elements, identify the topic and relevant details in a text, and write narrative texts. In science, we are going to learn about plants and its parts and differentiate about living and nonliving things. Our social studies lessons will focus on identify people from the past who have shown character ideals and principles including honesty, courage, and responsibility and also, show respect and kindness to people and animals. Also, we will learn about timelines. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 min every night to improve their fluency and comprehension. We look forward to getting amazing readers in first grade.

Fourth Grade

In Reading, students will be learning how to explain how relevant details support a central idea and write expository texts about a topic using multiple sources. We will continue to review foundational skills and prepare students for the routines of an effective literacy classroom, as we build a community of learners. In Math, we are learning place value, comparing and rounding numbers. We will be moving into multiplication and division soon. Students should be studying their facts and reading a book daily.



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Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, our eagles are working on determining the central message of informational texts and identifying the relevant details that support it. With their writing, our eagles are learning how to plan for and respond to informative prompts. In science, they are learning about animal adaptations that help them survive in different environments. Finally, in math, they are learning how to add and subtract decimals.

Media

Welcome back to a new school year! Our library offers a wide variety of books for all students. Currently students are participating in a back-to-school reading challenge where they log their reading minutes on Beanstack. In September, we will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and introduce students to the Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books. Additionally, students will learn how to use Destiny Card Catalog.

Art

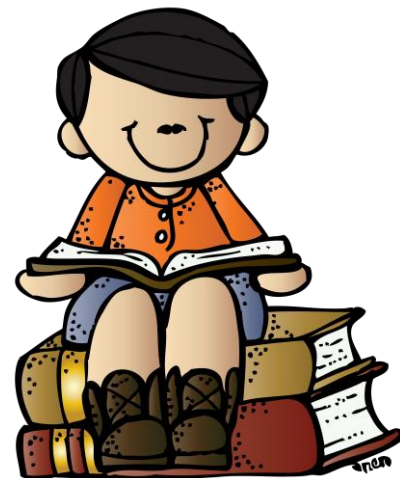
Hello parents! Welcome back to a new school year. All of our students have completed orientation and are beginning their first projects. Kindergarten and first grade are learning about lines and the correct names for them. They will be making their own chart to display their knowledge. Second grade will be creating a Mola in honor of Hispanic Heritage! Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

Music

This month in music, we will be discussing the instruments and music of Latin America as we celebrate Latin American Heritage Month! The kids will learn about great musicians and artists such as: Tito Puente, Gloria Estefan, Santana, Marc Antony and Shakira! We have also begun morning chorus rehearsals for the Winter Concert. It is not too late to join up!

P.E.

Welcome back, Meadowbrook students! I am looking forward to a wonderful year on the P E Court and getting ourselves physically fit. We are hoping to learn some new sport skills and playing our fun game of flag tag. This month we've been reviewing the rules for PE class as well as the playground. We've started our sit ups and exercising during class. So we are off to a good start



"Eagles Rise Together"



Counseling Corner



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School Counselor's Corner

Ms. Sarah Sternglanz, school counselor

September is a wonderful month in the school counseling department. We will be celebrating Peace week during the week of September . Student will learn about famous peace-keepers from history on the mornings announcements, we will decorate the school with pinwheels on September 21st to celebrate "Pinwheels for Peace", and we will have daily dress-up days to show our school's peace-loving spirit! The daily dress up days are as follows:

Monday, 9/18	Tuesday, 9/19	Wednesday, 9/20	Thursday, 9/21	Friday, 9/22
Be a Peace Superhero!	We are Team Peace!	We are Crazy about Peace!	International Day of Peace!	School Spirit for Peace!
Wear a superhero shirt	Wear your favorite team's sports jersey or team colors	Wear your crazy socks	Wear White to symbolize Peace	Wear blue and yellow or a Meadowbrook t-shirt
				

Want to bring some peace into your busy day? Find mindfulness activities and guided meditations in the Inner Explorer program, located in your child's Clever page.

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Self-Care September 2023

MONDAY



4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

TUESDAY



5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

WEDNESDAY



6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

THURSDAY



7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

FRIDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

SATURDAY

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

SUNDAY

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Septiembre Autocuidado 2023

LUNES



4 Planifica una actividad divertida o relajante y saca tiempo para ella

11 Sacar tiempo para hacer algo que realmente te guste

18 Pide a un amigo de confianza que te diga qué puntos fuertes ve en ti

25 Evita decir "debería" y dedica tiempo a no hacer nada

MARTES



5 Perdónate cuando las cosas vayan mal. Todo el mundo comete errores

12 Haz actividades al aire libre que den un impulso natural a tu cuerpo y a tu mente

19 Observa lo que sientes, sin juzgarlo

26 Encuentra una nueva forma de utilizar uno de tus puntos fuertes o talentos

MIÉRCOLES



6 Céntrate en lo básico: come bien, haz ejercicio y acuéstate temprano

13 Sé tan amable contigo mismo/a, como lo serías con un ser querido

20 Disfruta de las fotos de una época que te lleve recuerdos felices

27 Libera tiempo cancelando cualquier plan innecesario

JUEVES



7 Date permiso para decir "no"

14 Si estás bastante ocupado/a, permítete hacer una pausa y tomarte un descanso

21 No compares cómo te sientes por dentro con cómo se muestran los demás por fuera

28 Decide ver tus errores como pasos que te ayudan a aprender

VIERNES

1 Encuentra tiempo para cuidarte: no es ser egoísta, sino algo fundamental

8 Está dispuesto/a a compartir cómo te sientes y a pedir ayuda cuando la necesites

15 Encuentra una frase amable y tranquilizadora para decirte a ti mismo/a cuando te sientas mal

22 Ve despacio. Busca tiempo para respirar y estar tranquilo/a

29 Escribe tres cosas que aprecies de ti mismo/a

SÁBADO

2 Fíjate en las cosas que haces bien, por pequeñas que sean

9 Proponte hacer las cosas bien, en lugar de hacerlas a la perfección

16 Deja mensajes positivos donde los puedas ver con frecuencia

23 Deja a un lado las expectativas que otras personas tienen de ti

30 Recuerdate a ti mismo/a que eres valioso/a, tal como eres

DOMINGO

3 Deja de lado la autocritica y háblate con amabilidad

10 Cuando las cosas te resulten difíciles, recuerda que está bien no estar bien

17 Día sin planes: dedica tiempo a hacer las cosas despacio y a ser amable contigo mismo/a

24 Acéptate a ti mismo/a y recuerda que eres digno/a de amor



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Más felices · Más amables · Juntos



Meadowbrook Elementary Uniform Policy



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Shirts:

Collared, polo-style shirts must be light blue, royal blue, navy blue, yellow/gold, or white.



Bottoms:

Docker-style pants/shorts/skorts/jumpers must be navy blue or khaki

Jeans/denim are PROHIBITED except for School Spirit Fridays worn with a school spirit shirt.

Baggy pants, sagging pants, and cargo pants are PROHIBITED.



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.

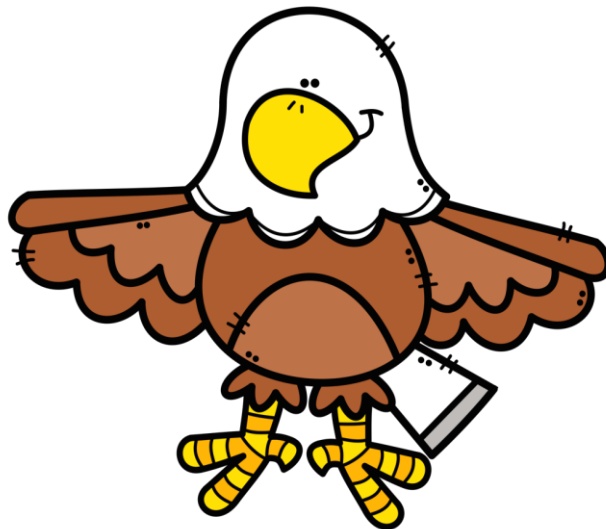
Student's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Meadowbrook Elementary Volunteer Orientation & PTA Meeting “Eagles Rise Together”

Please join us for our Volunteer Orientation and PTA Meeting! Come out and learn about volunteer opportunities at Meadowbrook Elementary.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Media Center



Meadowbrook Elementary SAC Meetings “Eagles Rise Together”

SAC Dates and Times

September 21, 2023 2:20 PM	October 26, 2023 2:20 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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