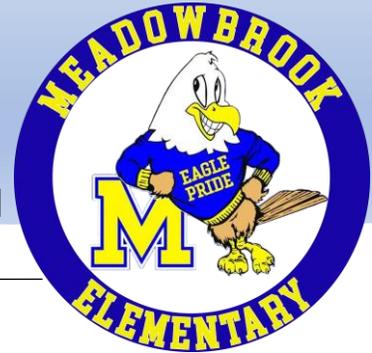


MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal

Armelle Johnson, Assistant Principal

September 2024

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 well attended, biggest ever! 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.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our first PTO meeting. Please support the PTO by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTO events and activities. Together, we will have another fantastic school year with "Eagle Pride."

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

-David J. Levine, Principal



Assistant Principal's Message



September 2024

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I would like to officially welcome our students and parents back to Meadowbrook Elementary School. We plan to have a very productive school year, and we need your help in this endeavor. Parents, please join the following groups: School Advisory Council (SAC), School Advisory Forum (SAF), and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Get involved! We want and need your support!

As we enter September, we will be working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas and preparing for the Progress Monitoring State Assessments in Grades K-5. We expect all students to reach their highest academic potential within a safe and secure learning environment! I look forward to working with you as we start this awesome school year with Eagle Pride.

Educationally Yours,

Armelle Johnson, Assistant 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 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, Mrs. Sanchez, and Mrs. Felix, is thrilled to welcome parents and students to our 2024-2025 school year. We are diligently working on meeting the needs of all our ESOL students. We are continuing with Imagine Language and Literacy for all our A1, A2, level 1 and level 2 students. If your child has Imagine on their Clever dashboard, please encourage them to complete their goals each week. Go EAGLE PRIDE! SOAR HIGH!



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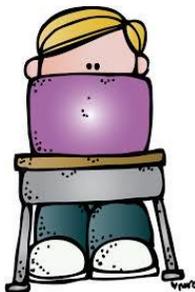


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School Advisory Council

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. The next SAC meeting will be held on September 26, 2024.



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

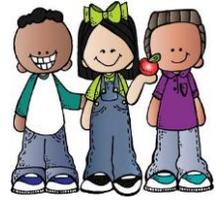
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- Docker style pants/shorts/skort/jumpers must be navy blue or khaki.
- Collared, polo-style shirts must be light blue, royal blue, navy blue, yellow, or white.
- Jeans/denim are **PROHIBITED**
- School Spirit shirts can be worn with uniform bottoms on Fridays.
- 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



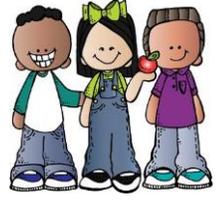
Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and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



Counseling Corner



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Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

Greetings! My name is Ms. Sarah Sternglanz and I am happy to be the school counselor at Meadowbrook Elementary. My roles at Meadowbrook are diverse and exciting. I teach classroom lessons related to social-emotional learning (SEL), which teach our students skills in self-regulation, conflict mediation, self-awareness, working towards goals, and mindfulness. I teach small group lessons for students with common concerns. I am the liaison for students in transition or in foster care. Communication with families is an important part of helping our wonderful students be successful and I look forward to speaking with you as we work together to prepare the most wonderful students in Broward County for life in the 21st century!

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 (975)321-1590 to make 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!



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! Our teachers have been hard at work evaluating your child's reading and math skills. Once we've gathered all the data, we'll arrange a meeting with you to talk about your child's learning goals. In the meantime, we encourage you to read a book with your child and practice addition and subtraction facts each night. We're excited for a fantastic year ahead!

Kindergarten

In our kindergarten classes, the excitement is palpable as our young learners adapt to their new environment. They're learning classroom rules, perfecting the art of walking in a line, and embracing responsibility for their belongings, all while eagerly taking on classroom jobs. This month our focus in reading is retelling a story and in math, compare numbers 0-5. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

Welcome back to school third graders! We are currently working on reviews and routines in reading to establish structure in our classrooms. Please be a part of this structure by joining us on Class Dojo or however your child's teacher communicates with you. In math, we are beginning multiplication! Please start practicing this at home. Flash cards are a great tool to use!

First Grade

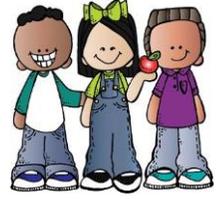
Ready, set, go!!! Yes, first grade is ready to learn a lot of new things this school year. During this month, we will learn about story elements, identify the topic and relevant details in a text, and write narrative texts. In science, we are going to learn about the practice of science and how to do observations using our five senses. Additionally, we are going to learn how to classify matter according to its observable properties. Our social studies lessons will focus on learn about time. Also, we will learn about timelines and its importance. 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

Welcome Back Eagles! In ELA, we will continue to review foundational skills and prepare students for the routines of an effective literacy classroom. We will begin Unit 1 during September and focus on explaining how relevant details support the central idea. We will also begin learning about expository writing. In Math, we are learning Place Value, Comparing Numbers, and Rounding. We will be moving into Multiplication/Division facts in the coming weeks. In Science, we are Classifying Matter based on their properties.



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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 classifying matter and investigating using the scientific method. Finally, in math, they are learning how to add and subtract decimals.

Media

Welcome to a new school year! In the media center we are excited to kick off the year with a diverse selection of books available for all students. This month, students are participating in the Reading Across Broward initiative and our Back-to-School reading challenge, where they can track their reading minutes on Beanstack.

In September, we will proudly celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and introduce our students to the Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books. Additionally, students will receive instructions on how to use the Destiny Card Catalog. We look forward to a fantastic year of reading and learning together!

Math

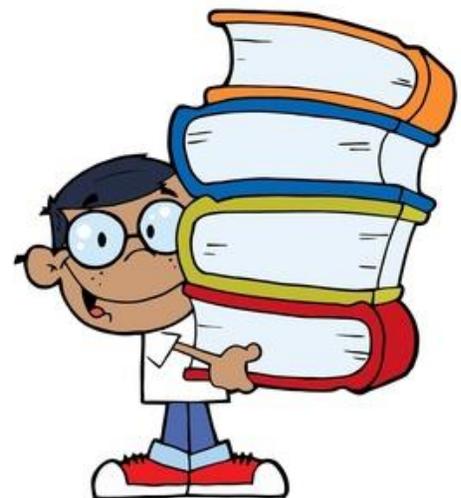
Hello parents! This year we are lucky to have a Math Special! Don't worry though, nothing boring going on in here. We will have hands on activities, relays, races, and get up and find the answers. The Math room also has "jobs" in the morning so the students can learn about earning, and spending! 4th and 5th grade are working on their place value, with 4th grade going to the millions, and 5th grade now has decimals! Mathematically yours, Mrs. Hines

Music

This month in music, we will be discussing the music of Latin America as we celebrate Latin American Heritage Month! We have also begun afternoon chorus rehearsals for the Winter Concert. It is not too late to join up!

P.E.

Welcome back Meadowbrook students! In Physical Education class we learned the P.E. rules for the year and started a lesson on walking. Did you know walking is one of the easiest forms of exercise? Hippocrates one of the greatest know physician once said, "Walking is the best medicine." I encourage you to walk more and keep your heart healthy.



Peace Week 2024

Join us in celebrating Peace Week! Every year, Meadowbrook students celebrate their choice to be peaceful, kind, and welcoming to everybody. These dress-up days are a fun way for students to show their spirit and to pledge to be peaceful and kind to one another.

Monday, 9/23	Tuesday, 9/24	Wed., 9/25	Thurs., 9/26	Friday, 9/27
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 or a tie-dye shirt!	Wear white to symbolize Peace	Wear Meadowbrook colors!
				

¡Únase a nosotros para celebrar la Semana de la Paz! Cada año, los estudiantes de Meadowbrook celebran su elección de ser pacíficos, amables y acogedores con todos. Estos días de disfraces son una forma divertida para que los estudiantes muestren su espíritu y se comprometan a ser pacíficos y amables unos con otros.





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