

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Greetings,

It has been a very productive year thus far. As we administer F.A.S.T. PM2 and i-Ready Diagnostic 2 this month, we are determined to eliminate learning gaps in the areas of reading, math, and science for our Eagles.

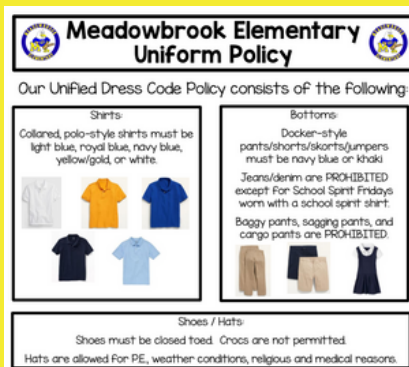
We are confident we can accomplish our goals in collaboration with you and our students. We commit to providing quality instruction every day. In return, we need your commitment and that of our students to be in school, on time, and ready to learn every single day. We will continue to move forward and make the necessary improvements with the help of you and the students.

The holidays are quickly approaching. Please look at the flyer in this newsletter titled Holiday Spirit Week. We hope this brings some fun and cheer during our last week before the break.

The Meadowbrook Elementary staff wishes you a safe, joyous holiday! May your families be blessed with all the good things you deserve, and most of all with health and happiness.

Sincerely,

David Levine



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. Julianne, Attendance Manager at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 16TH _20TH

Monday: ELF DAY

Dress as your favorite elf

Tuesday: HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Dress in international holiday attire to showcase how different cultures celebrate the holidays.

Wednesday: HOLIDAY HEADGEAR

Wear your favorite holiday hat or headgear

Thursday: UGLY SWEATER DAY

Showcase your favorite OR ugliest color and pattern

Friday: PAJAMA DAY

Wear your favorite themed pajamas for a cozy day of learning.

PRESSES

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Greetings MBE Community,

The month of November was very rewarding. A special thank you to Ms. Sternglanz for coordinating our first quarter awards programs. I am exceedingly proud of our scholars for their accomplishments. Keep soaring high Eagles!

Please be advised that the Magnet/Reassignment Application window for the 2025-2026 school year opened December 2, 2024 – January 21, 2025. If you are interested in applying for a reassignment to attend Meadowbrook Elementary, please visit browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

As we enter January, we will continue working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas and preparing for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking for Grades K-5. Student achievement is among our highest priorities, and we expect all our students to reach their highest academic potential.

Sincerely, **Armelle Johnson**

Title 1 News

AS PART OF OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY'S TITLE I PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE. IN DECEMBER, WE ARE FOCUSED ON ENHANCING READING AND MATH PROFICIENCY THROUGH SMALL-GROUP INSTRUCTION, DIALOGUE, QUESTIONING STRATEGIES, AND PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLANS. TITLE I FUNDING ALLOWS US TO OFFER EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING AFTER/BEFORE SCHOOL TUTORING AND TARGETED INTERVENTIONS, TO HELP STUDENTS MEET STATE STANDARDS. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT THROUGH SCHOOL EVENTS AND RESOURCES AIMED AT FOSTERING A STRONG HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION, EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S LEARNING AT HOME. 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 MATH NIGHT IS SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER 12TH. TOGETHER, WE ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT HAS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED. HAPPY TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ALL UP-AND-COMING TITLE I INFORMATION.

ESOL News

In December, our English Language Learners program is focused on strengthening foundational language skills as we continue to support students in their journey toward English fluency. Through small-group instruction and language-rich activities, students are engaged in reading, writing, listening, and speaking exercises designed to enhance their communication skills. Parents are encouraged to participate in an upcoming school event on December 12th that provides strategies to support language learning at home, ensuring that our English language learners have the resources they need to thrive both inside and outside the classroom. Additionally, our ESOL students are working very hard on completing their weekly Imagine usage goals. Please continue to encourage your child 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.

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WHAT WE LEARN IN CLASS?

Prekindergarten

In school this month we will be learning about the importance of staying healthy. We will learn about healthy foods and why exercise is good for us. We are counting groups that have up to ten objects. Try the following activity at home: together make a list of ways your family stays healthy. As you make the list, have your child act out ways to stay healthy, such as brushing his or her teeth daily. Parents, please read to your children during the winter break. The preschool team wishes you a safe and happy holiday.



Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we focus on the many stories that writers tell and in math, we are learning to add and subtract 1-digit numbers. In science, we are learning about how objects move (push or pull) and in social studies, we are focusing on American history. We are celebrating many different cultural holidays this month such as Christmas, Hanukkah etc) and our teachers are teaching us about them. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

1st Grade

Our 1st graders are flying high and making good progress! 1st graders just enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and are now ready to rock the month of December! We are getting ready to take our FAST Reading test on Dec 5 and our FAST Math Test on Dec 12. In our Reading Benchmark series, we are learning about narrators and how each fiction story we read has their own narrator. We are reading a lot of fantastic fiction stories as we learn about this. We are also discovering how to describe the main story elements in a story. In math, we are learning about counting to 100, counting backwards from 100, counting by 2s and counting by 5s. In writing, we are learning about narrative writing. In Science we are learning all about magnifiers. In Social Studies we are learning about important figures in history and how they contributed to our society. Please continue to read for 20 minutes every night with your child, practice sight words, skills words and complete homework as this reflects what we are learning in class! We would like to end December with a pajama party and winter activities to take us into Winter Vacation! More details to come! Thank you for all of your help and support!

2nd Grade

Hello wonderful second grade families! We are nearing the end of the calendar year 2024 and there is still so much to do before we leave on Winter Break. In the area of Reading (English Language Arts) we are in Unit 4 identifying plot structure and describing main story elements, retelling a literary text, identifying and explaining the theme, identifying different characters' perspectives, and comparing and contrasting important details in two texts. In the area of Phonics, we are practicing r-controlled syllable patterns (ur and or). In Writing, we are working on narratives. In Math, we are in Topic 7. This section of our book has us solving problems involving addition and subtraction using a two-step process. In Science, we are studying Force and Motion. And in Social Studies, we are learning about America's first inhabitants. Thank you for supporting your child's success by reading with your child daily and ensuring that their homework is complete.

Just some reminders, we also have some very important tests in December. Our STAR Reading test will be given on December 5 and our STAR Math will be on December 12. The second Ready Reading Diagnostic Assessment will be given on December 16-17 and the Math Diagnostic Assessment will be on December 18-19. As with each test, please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast and arrives to school on time and ready to do their best. Thank you again for all of your support!

3rd Grade

Happy December third grade families! This month in reading we are working on character perspectives. Make sure to have your child reading many fiction stories! In math, we are finishing up place value (ones, tens, hundreds, thousands). Write down numbers for them and ask them which number is in each place. Enjoy your winter break and be safe!

5th Grade

December is a busy month filled with learning, celebrations, and community events. Stay encouraged and engaged by participating in the various activities we have planned.

Upcoming Learning

- Math: We are currently working on Topic 7 and preparing for PM2 FAST Math assessment. Students are developing an understanding of the coordinate plane. Students are not only developing an understanding of how to locate points given the ordered pair but also understanding how to find the ordered pair for a given point.
- Science: Students are working on the standards of SC.5.P.11.1 & SC.5.P.11.2 Electric Circuits. Students will be investigating and illustrating the fact that the flow of electricity requires a closed circuit (a complete loop.) Students will also be identifying and classifying materials that conduct electricity and materials that do not.
- Reading/Social Studies: Students are currently working on Unit 3, which focuses on "The Constitution: Then and Now" and American History. In this unit, they will learn to explain how relevant details support the central idea, analyze the author's perspective, and track the development of an argument. Additionally, they will identify claims, evidence, and reasoning.
- Field Trip: On December 13th, students will see Narnia the Musical at the Broward Amature. Students are to wear their Spirit Shirts and jeans. No ripped clothing, shorts, tights, or open-toe shoes are allowed. Remember to share in the fun and help our fifth graders by volunteering.

Academic Updates

- Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (FAST): Students will be taking the FAST assessment this month. This will help teachers understand each student's academic growth and areas for improvement. Results will be shared with parents after the assessments are complete.

4th Grade

In Math, we are diving into division with partial quotients!

Students practice interpreting remainders to help them understand and solve division problems in real-life situations. They also estimate answers to help them check if their answer is reasonable. Students are encouraged to check their division problem using the inverse operation, multiplication! In Science, we are learning that cooking, burning, rusting, and decaying are properties of chemical change. In Reading, we have begun an exciting nonfiction unit on the government! In this unit, students are exploring how our government helps solve problems for its citizens while learning important reading skills. They'll work on identifying the central idea of a text, using text features like headings and captions to gather information, and understanding text structure to see how information is organized by the author. Students continue to develop an understanding of how to write expository essays including interpreting information from various sources to use in their writing.

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Media

Media will closed many days in December due to testing. Continue to read through winter break and embrace the love of reading!

Math

Hello parents! Kindergarten has completed their number book with numbers, words, and pictures! First grade is learning all about fact families and even applying it to larger numbers. 4th and 5th grade are tackling division (5th grade also has decimals) They are acquiring tools and strategies to assist with this task. 3rd grade is creating a book dedicated to quadrilaterals! Mathematically yours, Mrs. Hines

PE

Greetings Meadowbrook family! Students on the PE field are learning a lesson on football. Football is the most popular American sport. Students will learn how to throw the football using the strings of the football for a grip. Students will also learn how to catch a football by tracking the ball with their eyes and making a diamond shape with their hands to catch the ball with both hands. Grades 3-5 will learn the rules to football and play a game of flag football in class.



Music

For the month of December, the Singing Eagles Chorus will be presenting our Winter Concert on the evening of Thursday, December 12. There will also be an in-school concert on December 17. In class, K-2 will be playing songs on Boomwhackers (pitched tubes) and 3-5 will be learning songs on the xylophones.

Counseling Corner



The month of December brings a lot of fun and celebration, but it can also bring some stress and tension. With the winter holiday break closing schools for more than two weeks, some families and students might struggle with adjusting to a significant change in their routines. Here are some practical suggestions to help make the two weeks without school easier and happier for all the members of your family (adapted from www.pulse.seattlechildrens.org):

- Prioritize sleeping and eating: Maintaining a regular sleeping and eating schedule during these less-structured days can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.
- Develop a plan for screen time and create family screen time activities: www.commonssensemedia.org provides guidelines for managing screentime for children. Family screen time can be a fun way for parents and children to watch a holiday classic, such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" or "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", or another holiday-themed movie.
- Run around and play every day: Physical movement and exercise can improve sleep and reduce stress. Try to give children a safe opportunity every day to run, bike, and play outside.
- Take a deep breath and enjoy the moment: Kids grow quickly! Remember to enjoy the special moments created during this time of year.

Stay calm and peaceful with your family by finding calming mindfulness practices, such as mindful coloring or taking three deep breaths. Meadowbrook students love taking a mindful moment!

Meadowbrook's second administration of the FAST test takes place in early December. Students' scores will be used to guide teachers' instruction and identify students' areas of strength and needed development. Please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Sternglanz for more information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 12- SAC, Math Night,
Winter Concert!**

December 18- PTO Holiday Dance

**December 20- Class Winter
Celebrations**

DECEMBER 2024						
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MID YEAR TESTING

3- Grade 3-4 Reading
4- Grade 5 Reading
5- Grade K-2 Reading
6- Grade 3-5 ASD Reading

9- Grade K-2 ASD Reading
10- Grade 3-4 Math
11- Grade 5 Math
12- Grade K-2 Math
13- Grade K-2 ASD Math

16- Grade 3-5 ASD Math
16-17 iReady Diagnostic 2
Reading ALL STUDENTS
18-19 iReady Diagnostic 2
Math ALL STUDENTS



JOIN
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**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3
WINTER BREAK**

QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL CEREMONY

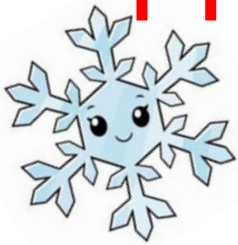




Meadowbrook Elementary

Invites You To

MBE's Singing Eagles



Winter Concert



Thursday, December 12th

5:15PM – 7:15PM



Math Night with Mathnasium

Join us for an evening of fun math games and activities for kids in K-5th grade!

Click the link or scan the QR code to pre-register

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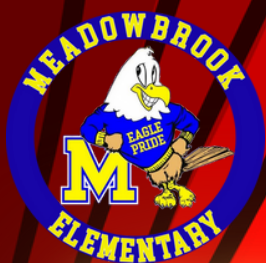


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DRESS TO IMPRESS AND BRING YOUR BEST HOLIDAY
GLAMOUR! THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE AND MAKE
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS.

WEDNESDAY **18** DECEMBER

MBE Eagles PTO

FOLLOW US

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA
AT 05:30 PM - 7:00 PM

ENTRANCE ONLY \$5 CASH ONLY
(YOU WILL GET 5 TICKETS FOR RAFFLES)

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING CASH! FOOD AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE!**
HOSTED BY THE PTO, THIS FESTIVE EVENING WILL BE FILLED WITH MUSIC,
FUN, AND HOLIDAY CHEER.

PARTY TIME





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