# Meadow Park Eagle Tribune

**January Edition** 

#### Updates from Mrs. Patrick, Principal

Hello Eagle Families!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable winter break. We are excited for students to be returning and getting to work! Don't forget there is no school on Monday, January 15th.

The School District of Palm Beach County's School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ) gives parents of enrolled students in all elementary, middle, and high school grades, students in grade three through 12, and school-based staff, an opportunity to submit feedback to the District. We need your help!

Last year, we were 1 of only 2 schools in the entire county to have 80% of our families fill the survey out. This shows how much you care about your child's education. I know we can get this done again this year! Click here <u>http://l.sdpbc.net/zzhjx</u> to fill out the survey!

SEQ Parent Survey: Due no later than Friday, February 9, 2024.

As always, thank you for your support!

Mrs. Patrick



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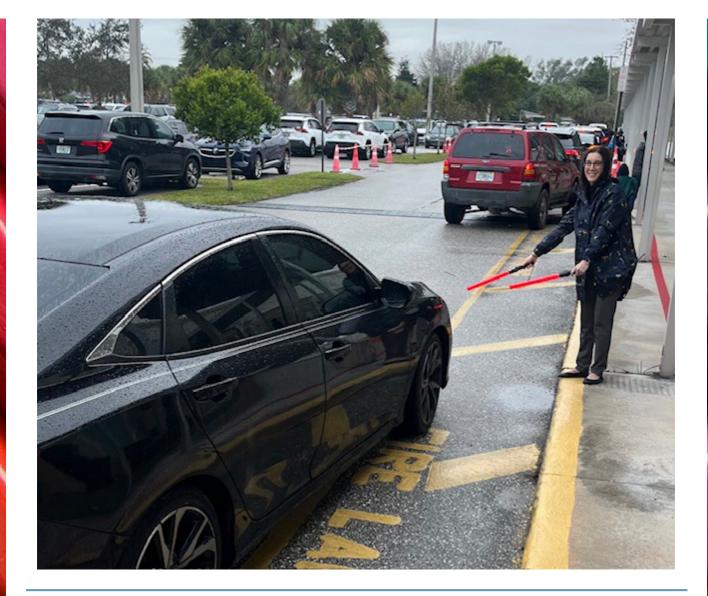
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\*Clue of the month: take a picture or screenshot showing you completed the survey by January 19th and send it to your child's teacher. The first class to have 100% of the parents fill it out will win a pizza party! Let the competition begin!



Every school day counts BUT <u>every minute</u> is equally important!

Thank you for getting your child to school on time every day! Following the traffic rules during arrival helps speed up the drop-off process, avoiding unnecessary tardies! Thank you to our staff that assists with traffic each morning. Ms. White, Ms. Penuela, Ms. King, Ms. DalPiva and Ms. Abalo enjoy greeting your children each morning while having some fun with our lights and music! Please make sure you're pulling all the way up to the white line if you're dropping your child off in the main loop. The parent pictured below gets a GOLD STAR for pulling all the way up to the white line, passed the main entrance where Ms. White is standing!



# Updates from Ms. White, Assistant Principal

Did you know that teachers with 3+ calendar years of successful teaching experience and rated as Effective or Highly Effective on their most recent evaluation are eligible to serve as a Clinical Educator Mentor for new teachers? At Meadow Park, our staff is eager to serve in this role and to share their knowledge with new and aspiring educators. We have almost 25 teachers that have completed coursework to attain this prestigious certification! This year, our "Clin Ed" certified teachers are serving in a couple of different roles, all of which ultimately help us deliver top-notch instruction to all of our students.

First, we have veteran teachers paired up with our new teachers in the Educator Support Program. Each month, we meet together in "Huddles" and share best practices. The mentors work with the new teachers in their classroom as well! At Meadow Park, we know that every educator has a wealth of knowledge, no matter the years of experience ...our mentors learn from their mentees as well!



Second, we have Clin Ed certified teachers paired up with University Student Interns. This semester, we have the privilege of hosting two student interns from Florida Atlantic University. In 1st grade, Mrs. Mahoney is working alongside Ms. Amairis Racine to complete her internship in Elementary Education. In 3rd grade, Mrs. Noakes is working alongside Ms. <u>Brigette Raudales</u> to complete her Elementary Education internship. We are honored to have them here at Meadow Park and can't wait for them to see everything that makes Meadow Park so special!

# Updates from Mrs. Haag, SSCC

Students in kindergarten through 5th grade have all started a new reading unit focusing on technology. Balancing reading of literature with informational texts helps their vocabulary and comprehension. Be sure to choose both types of books to read with your child or ask them which books they have checked out of the Media Center.



Additionally, we are coming close to the end of the iReady Diagnostic window, which closes next Friday, January 19th. The

data coming in has shown great growth for the first semester of the school year. We're looking forward to even greater gains by the end of the year. Please continue to monitor your child's usage of iReady as well as their proficiency of lessons.



# Updates from Mrs. MacCloud, Math Coach

The Mighty Eagle mathematicians are continuing to soar! Our delightful Kindergarten students are working on adding and subtracting to 10. Our hard-working First graders are mastering place value concepts. The tenacious Second graders are zooming

along with addition and subtraction equations with unknown numbers. Our brave Third graders are beginning to extend numerical patterns. The determined Fourth graders are identifying and generating equivalent fractions. Our feisty Fifth graders are adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. And finally, the steadfast students participating in Sixth grade math are braving the world of percentages. As always, parents, continue to encourage your children to master their basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). Also, second through fifth graders can work on IXL and iReady Math at home to get extra practice.

#### **Grade Level Updates**

#### PreK

We are working hard on getting our little ones back in a routine. Some of us are doing Themes about Snowmen and Snow, Winter Animals, and with our Frog-Street Curriculum will be about "Tales". Please check your child's bookbag for activities that they have been doing daily. You can discuss with your child what they did for that specific day. Daily Language Skills are very important. \*\*\*\*\*Some parents will be getting notices for Transition to Kindergarten Meetings. Please adhere to these times. It is very hard to reschedule.

\*\*\*\*\*\*Parent's please get here on time. We have had a lot of late students. Remember, instruction starts promptly at 8:00a.m. We want to have a good start to the New Year!

#### Kindergarten

We are excited to continue building our addition and subtraction fluency in Math. We are beginning a new unit in Reading. In this unit, we will read and learn about the different kinds of technology that we use at home and school. We will develop the following Enduring Understandings:

- Technology is changing how we work, learn, travel, and live.
- We can use technology to interact with others in new ways.

Our students love exhibiting their knowledge of the Scientific Method and are having fun seeing themselves as Scientist as we complete our class Science Fair projects!

#### **First Grade**

We are so excited to start this New Year! This month we have started a new unit in reading. Our unit focuses on Technology. Students will learn and use prior knowledge to: identity main ideas, compare and contrast relevant information, and enhance vocabulary. We started working on expository writing. In math, we are continuing to work on place value. In science, we have started to work on our science project. Don't forget to read every night!

#### Second Grade

We look forward to starting the new year with our first field trip to the Palm Beach Zoo on January 17th! The kids are very excited to see real life animals and learn more about their habitats and adaptations. This month the students will begin learning about the basics of fractions. In science, we will be working on completing our class Science Fair Project.

#### Third Grade

In reading, the students will be learning how to explain ideas and making connections in the events of the text. In math, Unit 9, student dive into number patterns. The students should be working hard to complete their Science Fair project.

#### **Fourth Grade**

We look forward to starting off our next Reading Unit in text structures in text about technology. In Math, we will begin our unit about equivalent fractions. Our St. Augustine trip is coming up,

Thursday, February 8th! Information about the day of the trip and permission slips will be sent home soon. Please be on the lookout!

#### Fifth Grade

January 26th is the deadline for the choice application for middle school.

In science students are wrapping up their science fair projects . We are currently learning about circuits and will be doing a variety of hands on labs to test our knowledge.

In reading we're focusing on test features and how they help us depend our understanding of the text we are reading .

# STEM Updates from Ms. D'Angelo

Our super scientists and STEM Stars are back in the STEM swing of things! Our Kindergarten-Third graders will be constructing and designing various simple machines using the STEM Design process. Third Graders will finish their unit on food webs. All students will be coding with the robots.

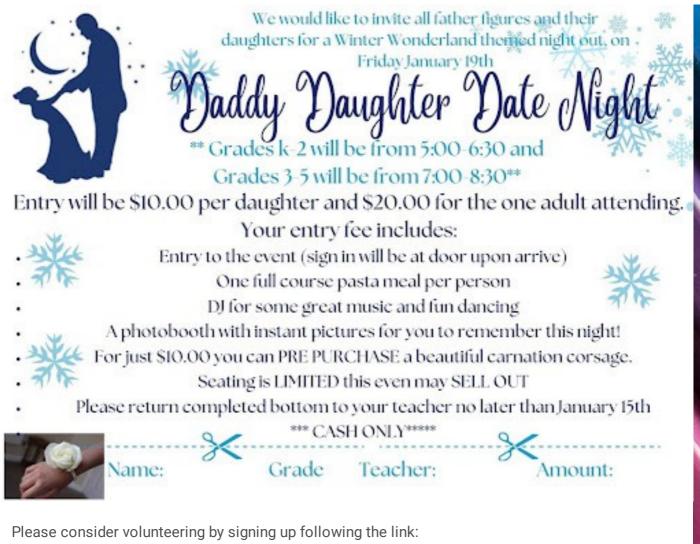
Look out for some DIY and Take Home projects and their designs to work on as a family. Additionally, our Second and Third Graders are designing an Everglades Animal or Plant Coin learning about different types of animals and plants in the Everglades in STEM. Next, they will work with our awesome Art teacher, Mrs. Duer, to do the actual design during Art classes. We are demonstrating collaboration and team building throughout this process.

# Event Information Daddy Daughter Dance When? Friday, Jan 19, 2024, 05:00 PM Where? Meadow Park Elementary, Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach, FL, USA

# A Message from your PTA

Palmetto Rd

Our annual Daddy-Daughter dance for this school year will be on Friday, January 19th. We are anxiously waiting for your slips to be turned in so that we can count you in for a fun night of dinner and dancing. We will be accepting payments until Wednesday January 17th. The sign up to come and join us that night has been provided below and also posted on the class dojo page. Calling all Moms! Please consider coming to help us set up around 2:30pm and then staying to assist us during the dance. You can get some really great pictures of your daughters with their Dads this way! Stay tuned for more information about the Mother/Son Glow night that will be in February.



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5A82AA0FBC07-47156297-volunteers#/

# **Safety Patrols**

Our Safety Patrols are currently enjoying their time in Washington D.C. Thank you to our patrol sponsors, Ms. Mercado and Ms. Figueroa for planning this incredible trip. Thank you to Mr. Dronda, Mr. Martinez and Mrs. Barnes for assisting them as chaperones.



**Jefferson Memorial** 



**Washington Monument** 



**MLK Memorial** 

#### Yearbooks on Sale!

Be sure to order your yearbooks, the price is \$35.00. You may send in a check made out to Meadow Park or exact cash. Be sure to include your child's name and teacher. You can also order a yearbook or buy an ad online at the following link:

https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/meadowparkelementary



#### **ESOL Updates**

All ESOL students will participate in a state standardized test called ACCESS and will be tested on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. This testing window is January 22, 2024 through March 15, 2024.

#### **Running Club**

We are finishing up running club this week. The kids have really enjoyed running with their friends. Numerous students from running club and other students are looking forward to going to the Kids Mile Race at the South Florida Fair Saturday. January 13 at 8 am. They will be running the 1 mile race through the entire fair and receiving a medal at the finish line. They even receive a free ticket to the fair!!! Hope to see you all there!





#### **Character NOW!**

An early congratulations to our December certificate & brag tag recipients, which will be announced next week, for "Being Generous & Helpful" throughout the month & the holiday season. As for January, we are focusing on "Being Responsible" & making good choices. Students that demonstrate responsibility & good

decision-making will be awarded with January's certificate & brag tag at the end of the month. We look forward to seeing the students be responsible and make great choices!!

#### **Robotics**

The Meadow Park Eaglebots have been working together to create codes for the robots. We will hopefully participate in a qualifier in January and then will wrap up our season. The students worked well together and have had a lot of fun.



# autism Walk

# K-Kids

March 3rd: Walk Now For Autism

K-Kids and Meadow Park families are invited to join our team and walk with us for this worthy cause. K-Kids will continue to collect the recycling bins and help do their part for improving our school environment.. K-Kids are doing a Literacy project for Literacy Week-January 22-26th. Additionally, they are preparing for performing special Acts of Random Kindness in the month of February. Look out for more information coming! Garden session 3 will be starting January 22nd, This session I will be finishing up with second grade. We had such a huge response from students that I divided the students up. At the beginning of February I will be sending home permission slips for first graders to be a part of session 4. We just finished a huge harvest of lettuce, spinach, kale, and lots of herbs. This round in hydroponics we are growing tomatoes, peppers, and strawberries. Yummy! Our outside garden beds are growing great too!. Lots of radishes, carrots, beets, tomatoes, beans and pumpkins. As well as tons of herbs. The kindergarteners also planted over 50 sunflower plants around the K/1 Car Loop. Get ready to see huge sunflower plants growing!





### Does Your Child Ride a Bus To School?

Coming Soon! If your child rides a bus to school, I know you will be excited about this! Be on the lookout on January 16th for an email from the school district regarding a new tracking system called "Here Comes the Bus." Take a look at the <u>HCTB</u> <u>informational video</u> for a quick overview. More information to come!

#### **VPK Registration Procedures**

Florida

Are you interested in signing your child for VPK at Meadow Park for the FY25 School year? We will be following the below steps for the selection process this year.

- 1. Starting January 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., you can fill out the google form by scanning the QR Code below. The form will be available until February 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Fill the form out to express your interest in the program.
- 1. After 3:00 p.m. on February 2, 2024, we will no longer be accepting applications.
- 1. Filling out this form does not guarantee a spot in the program. Spots are filled based on a lottery system.
- Phone calls letting you know if your child has been accepted will be made from February 12, 2024 to February 23, 2024. You must have all required documents at the time the phone call is made to secure your spot.
- 1. If you receive a call stating your child is accepted, registration will take place at Meadow Park Elementary March 4, 2024-March 15, 2024

Click <u>here</u> to put your child's name on the list if you are interested in the VPK program at Meadow Park.

Event Information SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting When? Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024, 05:30 PM Where? Meadow Park Elementary, Florida Mango Road, West Palm

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# **School Recognition Funds**

Please join us for an additional SAC meeting this month to vote on the ballot for School Recognition Money awarded to Meadow Park for being an A school! The SAC must approve the ballot before staff votes. You participation is encouraged!

# **Social Media**

Beach, FL, USA

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @MeadowParkEl Tag us in school photos!



#### **Important Documents**

Meadow Park Website

Meadow Park Calendar

School District Calendar

Code of Conduct

Student Technology Use

SIS Gateway

School Cash Online

FY24 Student and Family Handbook

# SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING. DO SOMETHING.



# Florida Abuse Hotline

https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse/abuse-hotline

# **District Bullying Hotline**

#### **Report Anonymously**

If you or someone you know is a target of bullying, abuse, mistreatment, harassment, threat or intimidation, let us know the name of your school and as many specifics of the situation as possible. Reporting is not tattling when the intention is to alert the teacher and/or administration of any harmful acts of mistreatment toward your child or others. **See Something, Say Something!** 

#### **Bullying Report**

OR Call Bullying Hotline: (561) 434-8200



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