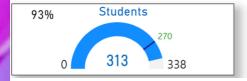
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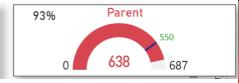
February 2024 Edition

Updates from Mrs. Patrick, Principal

Thank you to all our families who took the SEQ survey. We hit our goal of 90% for students, staff and families. I appreciate you taking the time to give us the valuable feedback! Congratulations to Ms. Norman's class for winning the Clue of the Month Challenge. Her class was the first one to have 100% parent participation on the SEQ. Her and her students won a pizza party. Keep reading to find this months clue!







Important Information Regarding Summer Camp

Renovations to our parking lot, play court area and first floor tiles are set to take place starting in June 2024. Due to the renovations, Meadow Park WILL NOT be having a summer camp this year. Although this is not an ideal situation for your own summer scheduling, it is the best time to get this major work done at the school while there are no students on campus. If the plans are completed as written, students will be coming back to new floors that are no longer cracked, beautiful new play areas in the back of



the school and the families/staff will be driving into a freshly paved parking lot that doesn't flood!

Updates from Ms. White, Assistant Principal

Here Comes the Bus!

Is your child a bus rider? If so, this news is for you! The Transportation Department is pleased to announce that Meadow Park has been selected for the next phased roll-out for **Here Comes the**

Bus (HCTB). HCTB has been successfully piloted at several schools since the beginning of the school year.

HCTB is an easy-to-use website and application that enables families to see the location of your child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. Check out the HCTB informational video for a quick overview!

One of the most important aspects of HCTB is that it is a parent-facing application, which means you must register to use the product. **The District started sending parentlink messages to parents and guardians on January 16, 2023.**

Step-by-Step directions for downloading the mobile application and registering for HCTB can be found <u>here</u> and on Transportation Services' website.

Title I Parent Training #3 旦.

You are cordially invited to our final Title I Parent Training of the year on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join us in Meadow Park's cafeteria for a hands-on training session in which you will be able to explore the various technology resources and platforms available to you and your child! Hear the words "iReady" or "IXL" but don't know what that is? We'll learn all about it! Want to connect to our Student Information System (SIS) to access student information? We'll get you connected! Curious of how to connect to the parent portal to access Progress Monitoring assessment scores? We've got the answers!

Because of the hands-on, interactive nature of this training, we will not offer a virtual option. However, this training will be recorded and shared with families to access at their convenience.

Updates from Mrs. Haag, SSCC

Writing is an important part of literacy. Writing increases and deepens comprehension.

February, and Valentine's Day are a great time to have your child write notes to family members, teachers or classmates showing their appreciation and kindness. **Parents and family members can join in by putting a note in their child's lunchbox or orange folder.**

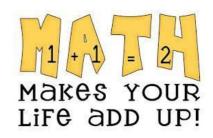
I encourage and **challenge you and your child** to try to <u>send a note at least once a week</u> to someone else. It could be to Officer Diaz, or maybe a teacher from last year or a classmate. **You** could send an email or text to a family member you haven't seen in a while.

Writing about reading is a wonderful way to increase vocabulary and spelling skills too. Students should be writing every night about the book they are reading. Their favorite character or event, maybe a new vocabulary word they learned.

4th and 5th Grade students will be taking the first of the State B.E.S.T assessments in the beginning of April, and yes it's the **Writing Assessment (which they have to type)!** Their final practice assessment is scheduled for February 12th.

Updates from Mrs. MacCloud, Math Coach

The Soaring Eagles have entered the fun world of fractions! Each grade level is exploring what fractions are and how we use them in real life. Parents, you can help your child at home in some very simple ways. As you're cooking, have your child measure fractional parts of your recipe. When you're doing laundry, have your child sort clothing and discuss how, for example, what fractional parts of the



laundry are socks. Or, give your child a measuring tape and have your child help you measure items with fractional parts. All of these easy activities will deepen your child's knowledge of fractions.

 As always, encourage your child to master his/her basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. This is one of the best ways to increase your child's math proficiency!

PTA Updates

Thank you to the parents that helped with popcorn Friday! Also, thank you to the families that purchased popcorn to support our PTA. It was a huge success; over 800 bags popped! Our next popcorn Friday will be March 1st! Be on the lookout for a signup genius. Also, coming up on Friday, February 23rd will be our Mother/Son Glow night. We will be sending a flyer home soon with more



Grade Level Updates

PreK

We can't believe January has past and now we are moving into February! We are working with our Frogstreet Curriculum and the students are learning about Tales and Nursery Rhymes. Please go over these Nursery Rhymes or Tales with your child. You can pull up these Rhymes on YouTube, which is The Three Little Pigs, The Little Red Hen, Goldilocks and The Three Bears,

Parent's, we have had a lot children coming in late daily. This interferes with their learning. If you get here right at 8:00 or after please park and go to the office.

Since February is here, most classes might have a Valentine Card exchange. This helps with Language, exchanging cards with each other.

Thank you to our parents who support our PreK program. ♥

Kindergarten

We are 100 (plus) days smarter! Our Kindergarten students had fun celebrating the 100th day of school and setting goals for themselves for the remainder of the school year. Our upcoming Literacy unit is Stories Have a Message. We are going to talk, read and write about the messages and lessons of stories. We will soon begin a new unit in Math- Count and represent numbers to 20. Please continue to help your child build addition and subtraction fluency. Our little scientists and engineers have learned so much as



we have completed our class science fair projects. Thank you for reading with your child every day!







First Grade

First Graders are very excited about their new learning adventures that we had this past month. We learned the process of an experiment by participating in our class Science Fair Project. In Reading, we have been working on Non Fiction texts about Technology. We have learned how to identify important and unimportant details in a text. In Math, we have learned place value of tens and ones, greater than and less than, and how to put numbers in order. We had a big Celebration of 100 Days in School! Some of us dressed as a 100 year old or created a 100 shirt! Some of us even collected 100 items in a bag! We are officially 100 days SMARTER!







Second Grade

Our 2nd graders enjoyed their trip to the Palm Beach Zoo! They had a great time learning about animals from different parts of the world. In the month of January, we also had a great time

celebrating literacy week. The kids enjoyed reading with a flashlight as well as reading outdoors. Thank you for your participation! In math we are currently working on time and money, next up understanding numbers up to 1,000! Please make sure your child is reading daily.







Third Grade

The 3rd graders enjoyed working on their Science Fair Projects and learned a lot about the process of an experiment. In Math, we will be learning about fractions! In Reading, the essential question is what helps us solve problems? The student will be reading realistic fiction and learning how character's make decisions.







Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade is ready for our trip to St. Augustine! We are reading a biography about Henry Flagler in preparation. In Reading, we will begin our next unit discussing folktales and overcoming challenges. As for math we are working hard in our fractions units. Please make sure your child is reading every night and fluent in their multiplication facts.



Fifth Grade

In fifth grade students have been working on their science fair projects and enjoying learning about the process of completing it by using technology. In Math we just wrapped up our unit in multiplying fractions and are beginning our unit in dividing <u>fractions.In</u> Reading we have been learning about text structure and understanding how an author organizes information on a text to help us stay focused on key concepts and relationships. We enjoyed participating in different activities throughout literacy week.







Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books - We are proud to announce that we have 2 fifth grade teams and 4 fourth grade teams competing in the Battle of the Books reading competition. The school wide competition will be held during the month of February. The team that answers the most questions correctly on the 15 books read will be the Meadow Park champions. Check back next month for the results. Good luck teams!!



Although running club has concluded this year, we encourage everyone to stay active! We had a great time at the South Florida Fair Kids Mile Race on January 13th. Kids ran their mile through the fair. They received a snack, drink, superhero cape to run with and at the finish line they received a metal from our very own school board! They also received a free ticket to the fair! I look forward to even more joining us next year!











Kindergarten: Our Creative Kinders are showing their understanding of open and closed shapes as they draw, color, cut and glue to create beautiful 3D flowers.

1st: The Fabulous First graders and working on crafting colorful and elegant stained glass style fish that will be showcased in this year's school production of The Little Mermaid. Make sure to come see the show and take in all the beautiful artwork that went into it!

2nd: Our Super Second Graders are designing and crafting their own personalized books. Will your second grader make a sketchbook, comic book, journal, or story book? Everyone gets to choose their own type of book!

3rd: The Thrilling Third Graders are beginning a two part mega project that every class has been excited about so far. We are making MEGA sized paper pillows! Students are excited to work on their designs and hug and squish their finished projects.

4th: The Fantastic Fourth Graders are learning how to create tints and shades of colors and use them to make objects look 3d in their paintings. Get ready for an awesome new art display at the end of this project!

5th: The Fabulous Fifth Graders are just finishing up their weaving projects. From early practices with strips of paper, students have moved on to weaving yarn on their individual looms to create bookmarks and bracelets.

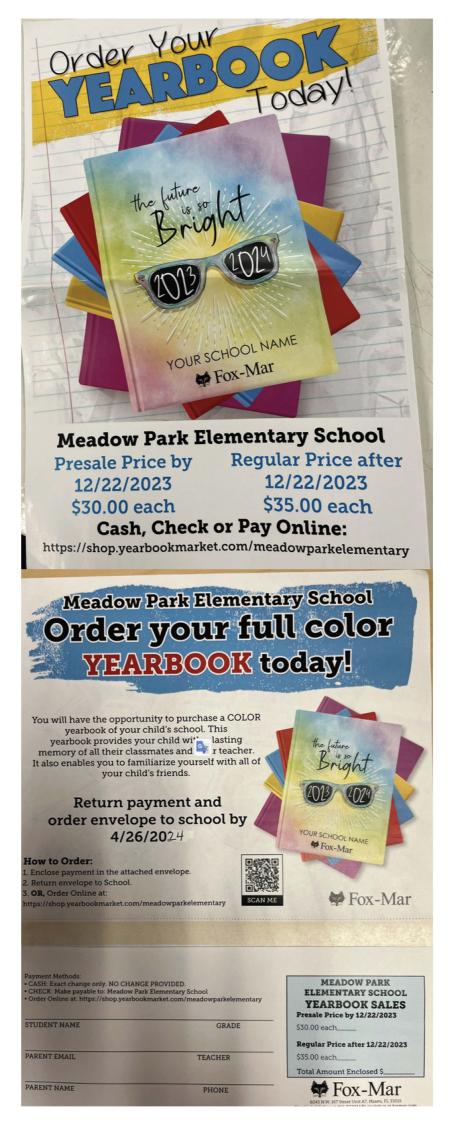
The work of our outstanding 2nd and 3rd grade art club members could be seen at the South Florida Fair this year! Thanks to the talented students who helped to create our Turtle! Current 4th and 5th grade Art Club members are currently working on creating the sets and props for our upcoming production of The Little Mermaid!



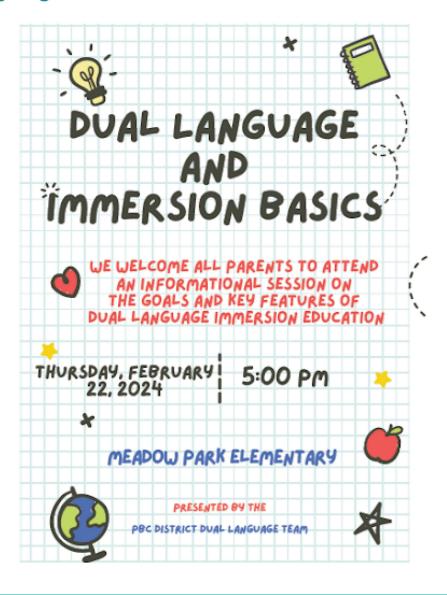
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Robotics

The Eaglebots came in 4th place out of 12 teams at the Qualifier! The team worked together and had a lot of fun. Congratulations Eaglebots!







Character NOW!

Congratulations to all of our December: "Being Generous & Helpful" certificate & brag tag earners!!! (Pictured above) We are looking forward to finding out who our certificate & brag tag earners are on Friday for January: "Being Responsible"! We are so excited!! We have loved watching our Eagles demonstrate responsibility throughout the month of January. As for February, we are excited to learn all about "showing empathy & kindness" throughout the month in guidance class each week.



STEM

Force of Nature!

Our incredible K-2 STEM Stars have been studying Force and Simple Machines. They cleverly constructed their catapults demonstrating the power yet ease simple machines provide through levers and inclined planes. We hope your child brought their design home and shared what they learned in STEM. Ask your child to describe force and the six simple machines and how they make our lives and work easier!



The thorough Third Graders created clay models of food webs and food chains. Next unit of study for them is Balanced and Unbalanced Forces.

We are excited to see what Everglades coin designs our Second and Third Graders created in STEM and art!

Crossing our fingers and hoping one of our deserving and artistic students win the Everglades design challenge!

K-Kids

K-Kids are working on a kindness project they will share with the whole staff. They are continuing to assist in gathering the recycling bins. We are preparing for our Walk for Autism on Sunday,

March 3rd, at the Meyer Amphitheatre. We welcome all Meadow Park Families to join us that morning! Flyers are going out next week with the information on how to join our team. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Garden Club and Green Team Updates

We are into session 4 of garden club. This session will run into February 12th. Permission slips will be going home soon for session 5. This session will be open to first graders. The first 15 turned will be a part of the next session. We have so many things growing in our outside garden from all of our sessions! We have carrots, pumpkins, corn, green beans, radishes, tomatoes, peppers, and of course tons of herbs. More fresh cut herbs will be going back on sale soon. If you drop or pick up a child in the K/1 car loop you will see that we have over 50 Sunflower Plants growing! These were planted by my Kindergarten class with the help of Officer Diaz. These will grow 3-4 feet long! Our hydroponics is also doing well with peppers, tomatoes and snow peas! We are looking for a parent volunteer to help build one more garden bed. We have the materials, please email me @ angela.norman@palmbeachschools.org or you can send me a dojo message. Thank you!!

Event Information

SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting

We will be discussing our needs as a school for next year! Your input is important. We hope you can join us.

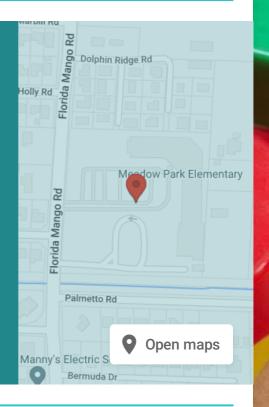
SAC Co-Chair: joanne.d'angelo@palmbeachschools.org

SAC Co-Chair: <u>juliana.mercado@palmbeachschools.org</u>
When?

Tuesday, Feb 20, 2024, 05:30 PM

Where?

Meadow Park Elementary, Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach, FL, USA



Clue of the Month Hint

DID YOU FIND THE CLUE OF THE MONTH?

Your child can win a special prize if you find the clue in this newsletter and do what is asked. Read through the entire Eagle Tribune to find the clue. Hint: Complete the task from Mrs. Haag by taking a picture and sending it to your child's teacher by February 16th.



Student ID Replacement Procedures

Since the School District incurs costs related to providing ID badges to students, a student's first replacement ID badge within the school year will be free of charge to the student. In the event that a student needs a replacement ID badge beyond the first replacement ID badge a fee may be imposed to cover the replacement costs directly related to the replacement ID badge. If a student requires a replacement badge in excess of five times during the school year, the Principal or Assistant Principal is authorized to follow the established processes for the determination of consequences in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct Policies – Level 1 (5.1812 and 5.1813).

Students who have lost their ID more than one time are now being charged \$5.00. The \$5.00 replacement cost for a replacement badge will include a basic lanyard.

Help Keep Our School Safe!

It is important to remind students of the multiple ways to report bullying on campus and address what to do if they are experiencing any antisemitic incidents at school. The District has several ways a student can report bullying, and it goes directly to the principal of each school:

- The Bullying Hotline 561-434-8200- they can report by calling it in, and a taped recording is sent directly to the school principal.
- Go to <u>ReportBully PalmBeachSchools.org</u>, which opens a form and sends it directly to the principal.
- Scan a QR Code from posters found on campus to get to the same reporting form.
- A reporting form is also available from the Student Portal at sign-on.

You can access a copy of the sign below through the <u>Safe Schools Resource Center</u>, which is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. Please post them throughout your campus.

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

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- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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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

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