

MEADOW BROOK FLIER - MARCH 2005

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"All for one, One for all - Focus on Kids and Their Learning"

Principal's Note



Meadow Brook Intermediate was proud to receive an honor at the February School Board meeting. Rob MacGregor, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for School Improvement, attended to present a plaque for Academic Improvement. Meadow Brook was recognized for outstanding continuous improvement in student achievement. The plaque recognized 4th grade Reading and Math for 2003-2004. We are thankful for our dedicated teachers, persistent students, and supporting parents.

Meadow Brook also received a check from Washington Mutual Bank - WaMoola For Schools Program. Community members and parents can enroll using their Washington Mutual Visa Check Card and select a favorite school to support. With every purchase the card earns points for the school. The points are converted to cash and given to the school to support student learning. We want to express our gratitude to Washington Mutual and to participating parents and community members.

On Feb. 15 we enjoyed working with parents at our Pyramids & Parents Event. Students, teachers, and parents were challenged to build the largest pyramids possible with rolled newspapers. We want to congratulate all for their efforts - our winners were Mrs. Starr's and Ms. Sutherland's class. They will be having a celebration in the classrooms.

We are proud to work with Children's Home Society offering parent classes in the evenings. The following events provided informational support to parents and students. 1. Parenting and Stressful Times (Feb. 17); 2. How to Help Your Child Succeed in School (Feb. 24); 3. Game Night (March 3).

On March 2, 2005 we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Day. We have a door decorating contest, teachers dressed as book characters, reading activities in the classrooms, and an award assembly. Come visit and enjoy the excitement.

March is the beginning standardized testing for students. We seek the partnering of parents to help students get rest and attend school everyday. With this support students can experience a positive assessment time in the classroom.

Congratulations!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Once again we honor those students chosen to be Student of the Month from their classroom. Those chosen for February are: Mike Zaro, Tania Corona, Marcus Agidius, Katelyn Hensley, Juan Lara, Marco Contreras, Alexis Zamora, Morgan Packard, Seth Thomas, Joel Galan, Lynsey Reyes, Michael Jones, Colten Meyers, Marco Contreras, Alexis Zamora, Austin Morgan, Michael Schumacher, Diana Valencia, Steven Valdez CONGRATS!

LOST AND FOUND We have many coats, sweatshirts and other items turned in to the lost and found. Please check the lost and found the next time you are in the school, and claim any items that may be your child's. Thank You!

ADDRESS CHANGES Please include the school in your list of people to contact when you have moved, have a change of phone number, or change jobs.



MMR SHOTS

It is a state requirement that all students entering 6th grade have a second Measles, Mumps, Rubella immunization. The county health department will be giving these shots free of charge at Meadow Brook to 5th grade students, the date will be announced soon.

Students must have signed parental permission. Forms will be sent home. If you choose to not have your child receive the shot at school, you may get it at the Health Department for a fee, or from your private health care provider, also for a fee. If your child has it somewhere other than at school, you will need to bring in documentation as proof of immunization.

CLASS PICTURES

Life Touch School Photography will be at Meadow Brook on Thursday, March 3rd to take class photos. Payment is required at the time of the photo for the group picture. Individual photographs will also be taken, parents will have an opportunity to preview those individual portraits before purchasing. There is an example of the background that is being used this year in the office. Payment envelopes will be sent home with your child.

ITBS TESTING

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills testing week for 6th graders will take place during the month of March.

This multiple-choice test is a standardized test designed to measure school achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The test provides a way to compare the achievement of students in Washington with students across the country.

Please help your child do his/her best by seeing that he/she has a good night of sleep and a good breakfast each day.

HIGHLY CAPABLE

If you are interested in nominating your child for the Highly Capable program the nomination packet is available at the school office and is due by May 1st.

REMEMBER MEAL MONEY

It is preferred that your child not carry over charges on meals. **Our handbook states that the maximum number of charges allowed is three. It also states that if your child has more than three charges, lunch will not be provided by the school.** Please anticipate the fact that your child will be eating breakfast and/or lunch and keep tabs on the meal account balance.

There are 18 school days in March. If you would like to pay for the month, it would be \$28.80 for lunch, and \$18.90 for breakfast. At the reduced rate, it is \$7.20 for lunch and \$5.40 for breakfast.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Assist your child toward meeting the state learning goals by using different skills and strategies in solving problems.

Try this: **Vending Machine Task**

There are two different vending machines in the cafeteria. Which vending machine offers Leslie the better buy?

Vending Machine #1: She can get 7 peanuts for 3 cents.

Vending Machine #2: She can get 5 peanuts for 2 cents.

Explain your thinking using words, numbers and pictures.

It's important to read to your children, but equally important to listen to them read to you. Children thrive on having someone appreciate their developing skills.

What You'll Need - Books at your child's reading level - What To Do

1. Listen attentively as your child reads.
2. Take turns. You read a paragraph and have your child read the next one. As your child becomes more at ease with reading aloud, take

turns reading a full page. Keep in mind that your child may be focusing on how to read, and your reading helps to keep the story alive.

3. If your children have trouble reading words, you can help in several ways: tell them to skip over the word, read the rest of the sentence, and ask what word would make sense in the story; help them use what they know about letters and sounds; supply the correct word.

Tell children how proud you are of their efforts and skills.

Listening to your children read aloud provides opportunities for you to express appreciation of their new skills and for them to practice their reading. Most importantly, it's another way to enjoy reading together.



POWER BOOST FOR BOX TOPS

March 31 is the final submission date this school year for the General Mills Box Tops. We'd love to have tons of them to send in. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Money generated from them is earmarked for buying books for our Accelerated Reading program.

Don't stop collecting after March 31. Keep sending them in and we'll hang on to them until time to mail them in the fall.

The Carnival is coming....

All students enjoy their time at the annual PTA Carnival. If you want to volunteer to help at the carnival contact Davis Elementary 525-5110



CALENDAR

March

- 2 Awards Assembly 1:30
- 3 7:00-9:00 p.m. Parent/Child Game Night – MB Library
Class Pictures – Life Touch

- 4 Early Release – 12:30 p.m.
- 8 5:30-8:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- 9 9:25 a.m. Delayed Start
5:30-8:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher/Student Conf.
- 10 8:00-3:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher/Student Conf. NO SCHOOL
- 11 NO SCHOOL
- 16 9:25 a.m. Delayed Start
- 23 9:25 a.m. Delayed Start
- 19 5:30 p.m. Davis Carnival
- 28 6:30 p.m. D.A.R.E. Graduation
- 30 9:25 a.m. Delayed Start

APRIL

- 4-8 Spring Vacation
- 18 WASL Testing Begins

Think you can't make a difference in your child's success at school? Well, you can! In fact, only you can control the three things that researchers say most improve school achievement.

1. Limit TV time.
2. Keep-and read together- a variety of reading materials at home.
3. Make sure your kids attend school every day. (But keep sick kids at home, please)

Think

Spring



