

# PARENT NEWSLETTER



## April 2023

### Principal's Message

Meadow Lane Parents,

The construction is really taking shape I recently went on a walkthrough inside the building and it is going to be beautiful! The new building includes a new front office, two full basketball courts, and a new kitchen. It has been very exciting watching the progress every week.

Enrollment for 2023/2024 is open for pre-school through fifth grade. If your child is going to be new to Meadow Lane or transferring from pre-school to Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten please complete enrollment either online or in the office and have supporting documents. You will need two forms of address verification, birth certificate, and your child's immunization records to enroll. Project Share, our after school program, will open enrollment on April 17th.

This month we will be working on the character trait of forgiveness. Forgiveness is the act of letting go of angry feelings. Teachers and staff will be handing out positive referrals and golden tickets for students displaying the character trait. Monthly awards are also given for students who are exceptional in their ability to demonstrate courage.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office to make an appointment. You can reach me in the office at Meadow Lane at [tamara.kendall@cuesd.com](mailto:tamara.kendall@cuesd.com) or (530) 378-7030. I value and appreciate feedback regarding your child's education. Have a wonderful April!

Tamara Kendall  
Principal



### School Information

Begins at 8:00 am, Campus opens at 7:30 am  
Dismissal: TK/K at 1:45 pm, Minimum at 12:45 pm  
Dismissal: 1st-5th at 2:00 pm, Minimum at 1:00 pm

### School Holidays & Breaks

4/3-10 Spring Break  
5/29 Memorial Day Holiday  
6/8 Last Day of School

### Please Arrive on Time to School

If your student arrives after 8:00 am, please have them check in at the office for a pass to class. The office is able to then mark them present and avoids autodialer calls stating your student is absent.

Thank you for your cooperation, it is important to have accurate attendance for student safety. If your child is going to be **absent please call** the school office at (530) 378-7030.

## JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

- 4/3-10 Spring Break
- 4/10 Staff Inservice Day—NO SCHOOL
- 4/11 School Resumes on Tuesday
- 4/11 Parent Booster Meeting 6:00pm
- 4/12 Minimum Day Out at 1:00 pm
- 4/25 Book Swap by Booster Club
- 4/25 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 5/2 National Day of the Teacher
- 5/5 School Color Run

# APRIL SCHOOL NEWS



## Now Accepting TK/Kindergarten Registration

Our round up was a great success on March 23rd. If you missed it, please register your student online at [sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/](https://sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/) or stop by the school office and pick up a registration packet.

## Preschool Pre-Enrollment

Meadow Lane State Preschool and Soaring Eagles Private Pay Aftercare is now accepting pre-enrollment. Children with birthdates between September 2, 2018 and December 1, 2020 can pre-enroll for the 2023-2024 school year now. Please enroll online at [sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/](https://sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/) or pick up registration paperwork in the school office. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.

## Spring Picture Proofs

Don't worry if you missed the opportunity to purchase Spring pictures. Spring Proof forms will be sent home as soon as the office receives them from Lifetouch. Information on how to order will be included.

## Lost & Found

Please make sure to add your child's name to their jackets and sweatshirts. We have so many items that go unclaimed that could be returned if only a name was written on the tag. When Lost & Found is overflowing and out of control we donate unclaimed items during school breaks. We post reminders on Facebook and through Parent Square. Please regularly stop by Lost & Found to find your students' lost clothing items.

## Join the Parent Booster Club

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 pm in room #4. This is our first day back from Spring break .

## Spelling Bee



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners, Eden Jensen took first place and Kingston Boswell took 2nd! They went on to compete in the Shasta County Spelling Bee on March 22nd at McLaughlin Theater at Sequoia Middle School. They were both nervous and did their best. Everyone was surprised at how hard the words were to spell. **Thank you Ms. Rahimdel** for organizing the Spelling Bee and supporting our students.

## CAASPP State Testing

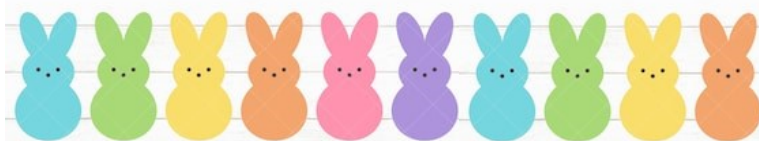
The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress is schedule to begin on May 8th and continue through to the 26th. All 3rd through 5th graders will be assessed. To ensure your child's success please make sure they arrive to school on time, try to schedule all appointments after school, and try to attend daily during that time frame and are not picked up early. Please see enclosed "Tips for Parents".

## Teacher Requests

Classroom Placement Forms will be available for parents to pick up in the office April 24th-April 28th. We welcome your input regarding the placement needs of your child. We strive to consider all variables when creating balanced classes for next year. Completing this form ensures we will consider your perspective, but will not guarantee a specific classroom or teacher. The deadline to turn requests in to the office is 3:00 pm on Friday, April 28th, there will be no exceptions.

## Book Swap

Meadow Lanes Parent Booster Club is hosting a Book Swap on Tuesday, April 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This is a great way to switch up your home library and provide your children a new book to read. Please bring a gently used AR Book to swap, you will also be able to purchase additional book(s) for a nominal fee. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.



# APRIL SCHOOL NEWS

## Project Share

Project Share is our afterschool program, it is open on scheduled school days from school dismissal to 6:00pm. Registration for the 2023-24 school year opens on April 17th. Spots fill up quickly, so register early. To register online, use the link: [bit.ly/3ZPeqFw](https://bit.ly/3ZPeqFw) or scan the QR code.



## Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Let's show our Meadow Lane Bus Drivers some LOVE on Tuesday, April 25th. If your student rides the bus please encourage them to write a little note of appreciation or draw a picture for their bus driver.



## Easter Egg Donations

Wow! Thank you to all who donated Easter Eggs to our Parent Booster Club for the annual Egg Hunt. Your generosity resulted in **8,080** donated Eggs. Students will be able to hunt for a dozen eggs this year, twice as many as last year. There was more than a little friendly classroom competition to win an Ice Cream Sundae Party. Donations were overwhelming and the Booster Club wanted to reward the top 5 classes and treated them to a sundae party on Thursday.

1st-	Ms. Peery, TK grade	1,343 Eggs
2nd-	Mr. Costello, 5th grade	1,300 Eggs
3rd-	Mrs. Campbell, 3rd grade	845 Eggs
4th-	Ms. Hedges, 1st grade	835 Eggs
5th-	Mr. Spencer, Kindergarten	728 Eggs

## Color Run

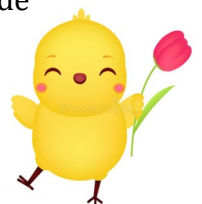
Meadow Lanes Parent Booster Club is hosting a Color Run on May 5th. It is recommended that student's wear a white shirt so that the color will show up. More information will follow. Watch our Facebook page and website for posts and updates. The Parent Booster Club will be planning the color run at this month's meeting on April 11th.

## CAASPP TESTING TIPS for PARENTS

- Make sure appointments are not scheduled during the testing time frame that would require students to arrive late or be picked up early.
- Make sure your child attends school regularly. Remember, tests do reflect children's overall achievement. The more effort and energy a child puts into learning, the more likely they will do well on tests.
- Make sure that your child is well rested on school days and especially the days of a test.
- Give your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.
- Provide a good breakfast, including a protein.
- Encourage your student to do their best.

## Excerpt from 50 Questions To Ask Your Kids Instead of Asking "How Was Your Day"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- Does everyone have a friend at recess?
- Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
- What did you do that was creative?
- What is the most popular game at recess?
- What was the best thing that happened today?
- Did you help anyone today?
- Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- What made you laugh?
- Did you learn something you didn't understand?
- Who inspired you today?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- What is something you saw that made you think?
- Who did you play with today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.





# APRIL SCHOOL NEWS



## Meadow Lane Construction Update

We are thankful for the good weather we had this last month. When the construction zone parking lot is full we get excited. It is so fun to watch the progression of construction. We had a building walk through mid March which allowed us to visualize the new spaces. The new gymnasium/cafeteria is enormous! It will be able to fit two basketball courts side by side when the bleaches are stored and allow room for more than one activity to happen at a time in the space. We are hopeful that it will be complete by the end of the calendar year however there are still parts and shipping delays happening.

Construction workers finished covering all the roof areas with plywood this month. They are working on getting the new building areas "dried in" which means that they will not be affected by bad weather anymore. The roof will be covered in a thick moisture barrier and then the roofing material will be installed. Installation of doors and windows will complete the dried in process. We hope to see those materials arriving on site soon. The large door frame with window panels is currently onsite, it will be installed in the large opening across from the current office. It will be the main access point onto campus from the new school office.

Electricians have been onsite working. They have been busy installing electrical conduit in the framed walls in anticipation of electrical outlets, electrical connections for kitchen equipment, and more. They have begun installing the first stage of canned lighting in ceilings.



## March's Compassion Character Award Recipients

- Abigale Nelson
- Adeline Hammeken
- Alexandra Melton
- Alistair Pitcher
- Angel Tahquechi
- Ariana Saelee
- Aubree Culber
- Ava Crowell
- Averie Boyd
- Braedyn Everett
- Brantley Copeland
- Christian Dillhoff
- Conner Kester
- Corrah Campbell
- Dakota Hampton
- Easton Hanger
- Elijah Jung
- Gracelynn Nevarez
- Hanna Wen
- Isaac Shepherd
- Jack Epperson
- Jaxon Long
- Jesus Ponce-Hunt
- Julian Culver
- Julieta Gonzales Marin
- Kaden Demartini
- Kamden Martin
- Knytin McCamis
- Kyra Baker
- Lilyana Key Escobar
- Luke Peterson
- Madison Judd
- Makai Spangrude-Clemens
- Michael Berton
- Paetyn Griffith
- Robert Keller
- Romell Garnes
- Rosa Salgado
- Selena Jewett

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## Meadow Lane Bucket Drumming Ensemble

Who knew that buckets could be so fun to play? Every Monday and Wednesday, the Meadow Lane Bucket Drumming Ensemble meets after school to make music by drumming on buckets. Meadow Lane and Anderson Heights Music Teacher, Mr. Martinez says the students are working on developing good drumming technique and reading sheet music. They are currently learning and fine tuning music to perform with the Anderson Middle School Band at the end of the school year. 4th and 5th grade students were invited by Mr. Martinez to join this club in February, and they have been hard at work learning music. Drumming on buckets is a fun way for students to gain experience as musicians!



## Meadow Lane Library Celebrates the California Young Readers Nominees



This is an exciting time of year for all, students and staff are exposed to new literature as they come alive in Mrs. Reiley's presentations! Our District Librarian focused on the picture book and intermediate novel categories, she highlighted each book by creating elaborate presentations, reading incentives and even dressing up as book characters. It is obvious that Mrs. Reiley loves what she does. Below are a few of the books that were highlighted.

### **We Don't Eat Our Classmates, by Ryan T. Higgins**

Mrs. Reiley, dressed in pink overalls and dinosaur mask, was Penelope on her first day of school. Penelope realized that she and her classmates we really all the same on the inside and had many of the same feelings. A fun project was built to complete at home to have a chance to win Walter the goldfish or the pony backpack.



### **The Good Egg, by Jory John**

Dressed as the "good egg," Mrs. Reiley told us about this wonderful story on how to relax and take care of ourselves when we begin to feel frustrated and anxious.



### **Dozens of Donuts, by Carrie Finnison**

LouAnn, the bear is feeling frustrated and hungry as her friends keep stopping by and eating all her food. The friends finally chip in, buy some groceries, and pay back LouAnn's kindness. Students from fourth and fifth grade are helping out with the read-aloud story, while the audience participates acting as LouAnn's friends.



# APRIL SCHOOL NEWS

## CHARACTER

Each month Meadow Lane spotlights a different Character trait.

This month our character trait is **Forgiveness**. *Forgiveness means letting go of angry feelings towards the person who hurt you and refocusing on positive emotions.*

Each teacher and all of our staff will be looking for students who are exhibiting this trait. Please talk to your child about what **forgiveness** looks like for you and your family at home as well as ways they can demonstrate **forgiveness** at school.

Each teacher nominates students from their class who have been “caught” often demonstrating the character trait of the month. These students will receive an award from our Principal.

Here is a link to a cute story video for younger children, The Angry Bee: <https://youtu.be/-aEUjlxOK-Y>

Here is one for older children, Cultivating Forgiveness: <https://youtu.be/2z5BRj6mJ7M?t=14>

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

### Three steps to help children with the process of forgiveness with friends

1. "I understand that forgiving my friend will wipe away my bitterness."
2. "I will stay committed to our friendship and respect my friend and his feelings."
3. "I realize that forgiveness will make me happier and more loving towards others".

**Activities to teach children forgiveness,** <https://www.parentcircle.com/how-to-teach-forgiveness-to-a-child/article>

#### **Friendship band**

What better way to encourage your child to forgive than to let them make their own friendship band and tie it around the wrist of a friend they find difficult to forgive?

#### **Stick puppets**

Use magazines or newspaper to cut out pictures representing mother, father, and children and paste them to ice cream sticks. Use these as puppets and weave a story to help your child understand forgiveness.

#### **'Clean' heart**

Cut out the shape of a heart from chart paper, scribble on it and give it to your child. Now, ask your child to clean the pencil marks on the heart using an eraser. Explain how important it is for them to erase any differences they have with their friends and forgive them.

#### **The 'Gift' of forgiveness**

Ask your child to gift-wrap an empty box and decorate it. Then, explain to them how forgiveness is like that gift, a gift that only they can give to someone. Ask them to imagine how happy their friend would feel to receive that gift.

#### **Walk in another's shoes**

Give your child your pair of shoes and ask them to walk in it for a while. Then, explain how it is difficult for them to walk as the shoes aren't theirs. Similarly, only if they try to walk in a friend's shoes will they understand a friend's point of view and learn to forgive.

#### **Sport a 'smile'**

Have a role-play with one sibling saying something harsh to the other. In return, the other sibling should smile back. A smile can do wonders. It can wipe away hurt and bitterness.

# Book Swap

Hosted by the Meadow Lane Parent Booster Club



**Tuesday, April 25th**  
**4:00pm to 6:00pm**  
**In Room #4**

Books are Expensive!

Do you want to switch up your home library?

Come to the Book Swap

## How it Works:

Bring a Gently Used Book to Swap and Shop

AR Books are Preferred

Option to Buy Extra Books at Really Really Deep Discounts

# KINDNESS

## CRAFT CLUB

Thursday, April 20th  
2:30 - 4:00 pm

### We will be creating Canvas Paintings!

Students can choose an image or photo they love to paint. Images/Photos must be turned into Ms. Squellati **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, APRIL 18th** to allow time for it to be prepped and ready.

Images can be emailed to [sera.squellati@cuesd.com](mailto:sera.squellati@cuesd.com) or students can drop it off in Room #17



**NOTE: This project will require a lot of patience. Students should have a strong desire to participate to be successful.**

Club is Open to 2nd-5th graders on a first come basis.  
There are only 24 slots available.

**Parent must sign student up in the office**



All materials are provided and students will leave with a finished art project.



Please make sure you notify your child's teacher that they are attending that day, they will be escorted to room #17 after auto pick up





# NOW ACCEPTING PRE-ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK

## Meadow Lane State Preschool & Soaring Eagles Private Pay Aftercare 2023-2024

Daily our Preschool Teachers and Staff nurture and provide opportunities for the children to learn through discovery, exploration, investigation, choice, problem solving, and engaging hands-on-activities. Our program focuses on developing the whole child in the areas of cognition, language, physical development, as well as social-emotional growth and well-being.



Children with birthdates between 9/2/2018-12/1/2020 can pre-enroll for the 2023-2024 Meadow Lane State Preschool. This is an income based program. We will review all enrollment forms in early August and begin our registration soon after for the 2023-24 school year. Enrollment forms are available in the elementary school office or you can enroll online at [sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/](https://sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/)

OUR PRESCHOOL VISION  
ALL CHILDREN CAN LEARN  
TOGETHER WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE





# Bright Start Playgroup!

Lots of Fun for Little Ones & Parents or Adults

Our FREE program is for children birth to 5 years old

• Bubbles & Balls • Books • Snacks • Play Time • Take Home Activities

We will host Bright Start Playgroup at Anderson River Park's  
Kiddyland on the following dates:

May 10, 17, 24 and June 7, 14, 21 from 9 - 10 a.m.

If it rains we will hold a drive-through at Kiddyland

Playgroup will start up again in September!

For more information call Christa Arthur at (530) 351-4285.

This program is part of a partnership between the Cascade Union  
Elementary School District and the City of Anderson.



# BREAKFAST

All breakfast includes the following components:  
2 Oz. Grains, 1 Cup Fruit & 1 Cup Milk. \*Optional  
breakfast is cereal, crackers, fruit & milk.

# APRIL 2023

## Meadow Lane School

# LUNCH

All lunches include the following components:  
1 Cup Milk, 1-2 Oz. Meat/Meat Alt., 1-2 Oz Grains  
Fruit & vegetables

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



**10**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**11**  
**BREAKFAST:** YOGURT, GRAHAM BEARS  
FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** PIZZA  
GREEN BEANS  
FRUIT COCKTAIL

**12**  
**BREAKFAST:** A TO Z MUFFINS  
STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH  
SALAD  
APPLE

**13**  
**BREAKFAST:** EGGS & TOAST  
JUICE  
**LUNCH:** EGG MCMUFFIN  
PARADISE PUNCH VEGGIE JUICE  
TANGERINE

**14**  
**BREAKFAST:** WAFFLES  
STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** DORITOS TACO SALAD  
CHICKEN & BEANS  
BANANA

**17**  
**BREAKFAST:** SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK  
ORANGES  
**LUNCH:** CHICKEN SANDWICH  
GREEN BEANS  
APPLESAUCE

**18**  
**BREAKFAST:** YOGURT, GRAHAM BEARS  
FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** DELI SANDWICH, SLURPUPS  
LETTUCE, TOMATO, PICKLES  
APPLE

**19**  
**BREAKFAST:** A TO Z MUFFINS  
STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** COOK'S CHOICE

**20**  
**BREAKFAST:** EGGS & TOAST  
JUICE  
**LUNCH:** CHEESE QUESADILLA  
REFRIED BEANS  
PEACHES

**21**  
**BREAKFAST:** PANCAKES  
STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** CORN DOG  
BAKED BEANS, CHIPS  
TANGERINE

**24**  
**BREAKFAST:** BISCUITS & GRAVY  
FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE  
PARADISE PUNCH VEGGIE JUICE  
MIXED FRUIT

**25**  
**BREAKFAST:** YOGURT, GRAHAM BEARS  
FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** CHICKEN RICE BOWL  
STEAMED BROCCOLI  
APPLE

**26**  
**BREAKFAST:** A TO Z MUFFINS  
STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** HAMBURGER, DORITOS  
BURGER BAR VEGGIES  
FRUIT COCKTAIL

**27**  
**BREAKFAST:** EGGS & TOAST  
JUICE  
**LUNCH:** FETTUCINE ALFREDO & CHICKEN  
STEAMED BROCCOLI, ROLL  
FRESH PEAR

**28**  
**BREAKFAST:** WAFFLES  
STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT  
**LUNCH:** PBJ UNCRUSTABLE, DORITOS  
FRESH VEGGIES & RANCH  
BANANA, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREAT



Menus are subject to change  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday in April!  
Birthday treat comes with hot lunch only.