

PARENT NEWSLETTER



April 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Meadow Lane Families,

Spring is officially here and the Meadow Lane campus is buzzing with activity! We are wrapping up our 5th grade boys and girls basketball season. It has been great to see them progress in their skills both individually and as a team.

We also have several after school opportunities taking place this month and next. Students are involved in Music Club, Gardening Club, 4th Grade Book Study, plus many other tutoring opportunities at many grade levels. Please ask your child's teacher for more information.

This month we also began our Campus Cleanup Club. Any student can join me each Wednesday during their lunch recess. During this time we work on picking up litter, recycling and coming up with ways to beautify our campus. The students are doing great and really care about our campus!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office at (530) 378-7030 to make an appointment.

Kindly,

Karen Maki
Principal Meadow Lane



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

3/29-4/5	Spring Break
5/27	Memorial Day Holiday
6/6	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*

3/29	Staff Inservice - NO SCHOOL
3/29-4/5	Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
4/8	School Resumes
4/9	Parent Booster Meeting 6:00pm
4/12	Coffee with The Principal
4/19	Sock Hop Hosted by Booster Club
4/23	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
4/29	State Testing Begins 3rd-5th Grades
5/1	School Principal Appreciation Day
5/3	School Color Run

APRIL SCHOOL NEWS



Now Accepting TK/Kindergarten Registration

Our round up was a great success on March 20th. If you missed it, please register your student online at 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 ages 3 & 4 with birthdates between September 2, 2020 and December 1, 2021 can now pre-enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Please enroll online at 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. Lifetouch Spring Proof forms have been sent home. Information on how to order was included.

1950s Sock Hop

Meadow Lane's Parent Booster Club is hosting a 1950s Sock Hop for our families on Friday, April 19th. Families are encouraged to dress up and join in the fun. Pull out those poodle skirts, hair gel, scarves, jeans and white T's to jump back in time. Watch our Facebook page for some easy DIY ideas as we get closer. Please see enclosed flyer for more information. **All students must be accompanied by an adult to attend.**

Join the Parent Booster Club

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm in room #4. Please join them, this is their busy season with Spring event planning & prepping.

CAASPP State Testing

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress is scheduled to begin on April 30th and continue through to May 20th. 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, try to attend daily during that time frame and are not picked up early. It is also very helpful to stick to an evening schedule that allows for plenty of sleep each night. Please see the enclosed helpful "Tips for Parents" to ensure a smooth transition from home to school each morning.

Cascade Union School District will again host a schoolwide raffle drawing for testing grade level students, 3rd grade and higher who participate in the Spring 2024 testing. More information about this exciting event last Fall can be found with the "Tips for Parents".

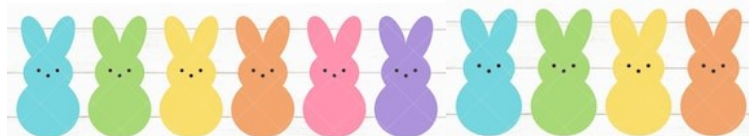
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Let's show our Meadow Lane Bus Drivers some LOVE on Tuesday, April 23rd. If your student rides the bus please encourage them to write a little note of appreciation or draw a picture for their bus driver.



Project Share

Project Share is our afterschool program, it is open on scheduled school days from school dismissal to 6:00pm. Registration for the 2024-25 school year opens on April 15th. Spots fill up quickly, so register early. **Important Do Not** register before April 15th or it will be processed for the current year and your student will not be registered for next year's program. Please watch your Parent Square for a QR Code and registration link to be sent after Spring Break.



APRIL SCHOOL NEWS

Monthly Character Trait

This month's trait is "Perseverance". This month we are challenging students to work hard and stay determined. This is great timing as 3rd-5th graders will begin state testing at the end of the month and will need perseverance. Capturing Kid's Hearts wants to help you acknowledge your child's achievement of goals, big and small. Helping your child develop perseverance now, will prepare them to learn from their future failures and to work hard to achieve future success. See more information on the attached Family Newsletter from Capturing Kids Hearts. The 3 steps include activities to help families remember to work daily to learn new things and keep trying even when it is hard, to use a word to describe their best version of themselves and identify three actions to persevere and model that word, learn that daily commitment and patience are necessary to persevere like when tending a garden. A garden can be like the many challenges in life that we must persevere to help us win over weeds. The 3 steps include opportunities to teach our character trait of the month and model the power of perseverance!

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.

March's Courage

Character Award Recipients

Congratulations to the students listed below who were chosen to receive the March's Character Award by their teachers.

Alexis Lopez	Kenny Nevers
Alynah Smith	Khalondre Haskins Jr.
Amour Anderson	Khloee Lupercio
Ariyah Borba Williams	Luke Fotovat
Aubree Culver	Madeleine Baldwin
Ava Alvarez	Mateo Benton
Branson Drake	Myles Baker
Brody Reagers	Nathaniel Babcock
Carter Pumford	Noble Dannenbrink
Carter Totherow	Ronan Kilgour
Chelsea Hoekstra	Sentinel K Luis
Dominic Goryushko	Sophia Burton
Ella Los	Stevie Mayer
Freya Norderum	Sydney Alleson
Gabriel Vilando	Tarandeep Singh
Hanna Wen	Uriah Hancock
Isiah Kelley	Xiyonna Wooten
Jaxon Getz	Zhavia Aragon
Jaxton Crile	
Jonathan Hackman	
Kelson Skibinski	



Color Run

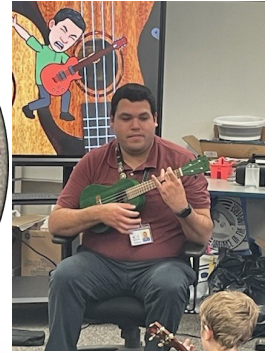
Meadow Lanes Parent Booster Club is hosting a Color Run on May 3th. It is recommended that student's wear a white shirt so that the color will show up. More information will follow. Watch our Facebook page and website for posts and updates. The Parent Booster Club will be planning the color run at this month's meeting on April 9th.



APRIL SCHOOL NEWS

Meadow Lane Music Club Mr. Martinez, Music Teacher

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a guitar and a ukulele? Ask these students! Interested 4th and 5th grade students have been attending weekly rehearsals for the Meadow Lane Music Club since late January. After a few weeks off, students have been fine tuning their skills as they learn proper playing posture, how to hold the instrument, how to play basic chords, and strumming technique. Many students look forward to music club all week. It is a chance to learn fun music, and to stretch their musical abilities. Students are currently preparing for an end of year music showcase. More information on performance date and time to come.



Meadow Lane Library Celebrates the California Young Readers Nominees

This is an exciting time of year for all, TK-2nd grade students and staff are exposed to new literature as they come alive in library presentations! Ms. Ann highlighted each book by creating elaborate presentations, even dressing up as book characters. Mrs. Smith collaborated with Ms. Ann to help bring these stories to life. Ms. Ann is enjoying working with our staff and students in the library. Below are a few of the books that were highlighted.

Chez Bob, by Bob Shea



Ms. Ann dressed up as Chez Bob the very hungry but lazy alligator who builds a bird seed restaurant to entice birds to come in, planning on eating them. He soon becomes friends with them after they create a whole town based off his restaurant. Chez Bob decides he in fact can not eat them even after the perfect opportunity presents itself. Students reviewed cafeteria behavior and ate a croissant at a slow and polite pace while demonstrating nice table manners.

Negative Cat, by Sophie Blackall

After begging for a cat a young boy's parents finally give in. After picking out the cat of his dreams from the shelter, the cat (Max) isn't all he was hoping for. Max is a rather negative cat, until the young boy discovers Max loves to be read to. From then on Max and the young boy along with his class read to shelter cats. Ms. Ann created an "animal shelter" with stuffed cats that were given away as prizes for the best "cat book" created by students. Students also read cat books to learn about how to care for a cat.



Littlest Yak, by Lu Fraser

Mrs. Smith knitted cute hats for the huge yaks that lived high up in the mountains along with Gertie; the tiniest yak who wished to be bigger. Gertie realized that you can have bigness inside you and it's ok to be the size you are after she was the only one small enough to rescue an even smaller yak. We also took some time to learn about yaks and the environment they live in.

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.



- At the beginning of the year Meadow Lane held an exciting RAFFLE for all 3rd through 5th grade students who participated in the Spring 2023 CAASPP state testing. Students were rewarded for showing improvement or maintaining proficiency on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test.



- Students were given tickets based on a score of 2 or higher, as well as tickets for showing improvement on their previous score. A schoolwide raffle drawing for testing grade levels, 3rd grade and higher was held.
- There were so many great prizes: Squishmallows, Wireless Headphones, Wireless Speaker, Lego Sets, gift cards to Amazon, Crumble Cookies and more. The grand prize was a 32" LED Television. All the students were happy for each other and the excitement could be felt by everyone.



- Meadow Lane will be holding raffles during CAASPP Testing, April 29th through May 17th. Students will earn raffle tickets for being on time to school, attendance, and their efforts. Please watch for more information to come as we near our testing window.



- The district will again be holding a RAFFLE to reward students for showing improvement or maintaining proficiency once CAASPP Spring 2024 scores are received. Our Director of Curriculum is already planning.

Finish Strong

Give extra effort to make it through to the end.

*This month we are challenging students to work hard and stay determined. **We are partnering with you to acknowledge your child's achievement of goals- big and small!** By helping your child develop perseverance now, you can prepare them to learn from their future failures and work hard to achieve future successes. This month, look for opportunities to teach and model the power of perseverance!*



1 ENGAGE: Power of Yet

Ask each family member to write down a list of things they would like to learn to do but just haven't done yet. For example, "I haven't learned ____." Choose a few phrases from each family member and repeat these phrases, adding the word "yet" to the end. Remind your family that we must work daily to learn new things and keep trying even when it's hard.



2 EMPOWER: The Best Version of You

Ask each family member to think of a word that describes the best version of themselves or a word they would like to live out. It may be a word from their class or family Social Contract. (For example, respectful, responsible, a good listener, etc.). After each member decides on one word, ask everyone to identify three actions they can take to persevere and model their word to ensure they become the best version of themselves. Have weekly check-ins to see how things are going.



3 EXCEL: Winning Over Weeds

This spring, plant a garden as a family. It can be big or small! Discuss the daily commitment needed to help this garden grow and the patience necessary as you wait for the final product. Weed this garden together and as you do, discuss how this garden is like many challenges in life. Perseverance helps us to win over weeds!

Conversation Starters

- ♥ What is something you're good at that took a lot of hard work and practice?
- ♥ What is something you're still learning to do in school that is difficult?
- ♥ Who is someone at school you feel comfortable asking for help from when you need it?

NOW ACCEPTING PRE-ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK

Meadow Lane State Preschool & Soaring Eagles Private Pay Aftercare

2024-2025

Ages 3 and 4 years

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 9/2/2020-12/1/2021 can pre-enroll for the 2024-2025 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 2024-25 school year. Enrollment forms are available in the elementary school office or you can enroll online at sis.cuesd.com/enrollment/

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

JOIN US

Meadow Lane's 1950's Sock Hop

Family Dance
Students, Parents & Siblings
are Invited

Friday, April 19th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Treats for Sale

- \$1 Water
- \$1 2 Cookies
- \$2 Nachos
- \$3 Root Beer Floats



**Students Must Be
Accompanied by an Adult**

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Cascade Union Elementary School District
Meadow Lane

BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

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

Monday

1

BREAKFAST:
SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE BISCUIT
FRUIT
LUNCH:
BBQ CHICKEN FLAT BREAD PIZZA
CHIPS
CARROTS & FRUIT

Tuesday

2

BREAKFAST:
BISCUIT & GRAVY
FRUIT
LUNCH:
CHEESEBURGER
FRENCH FRIES
FRUIT

Wednesday

3

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
FRUIT
LUNCH:
SLOPPY JOES
VEGGIES
FRUIT

Thursday

4

BREAKFAST:
FRUIT & YOGURT PARFAIT
LUNCH:
BAKED ZITI
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

Friday

5

BREAKFAST:
EGG & CHEESE CROISSANT
FRUIT
LUNCH:
RIB-A-QUE SANDWICH
VEGGIES & RANCH
FRUIT

Spring Break - No School

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BREAKFAST:
SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE BISCUIT
FRUIT
LUNCH:
NACHOS
REFRIED BEANS
FRUIT

16

BREAKFAST:
BISCUIT & GRAVY
FRUIT
LUNCH:
TURKEY, RICE & BLACK BEAN BURRITO
CARROTS
FRUIT

17

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
FRUIT
LUNCH:
SPAGHETTI & ROLL
SALAD
FRUIT

18

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT
LUNCH:
5 LAYER BEAN DIP & CHIPS
CARROTS
FRESH FRUIT

19

BREAKFAST:
EGG & PANCAKE SANDWICH
FRUIT
LUNCH:
CHICKEN PARMESAN SANDWICH
SALAD
FRUIT

22

BREAKFAST:
SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE BISCUIT
FRUIT
LUNCH:
CHICKEN & WAFFLE SANDWICH
Choice of Gravy or Syrup
HASHBROWN & FRUIT

23

BREAKFAST:
BISCUIT & GRAVY
FRUIT
LUNCH:
EGG MCMUFFIN
HASHBROWNS
FRUIT

24

BREAKFAST:
HOMEMADE MUFFIN
FRUIT
LUNCH:
MAC & CHEESE
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT

25

BREAKFAST:
EGGS & TOAST
FRUIT
LUNCH:
BRIELLE'S CHINESE CREATION
DUMPLINGS, RICE
BROCCOLI & FRUIT

26

BREAKFAST:
EGG & CHEESE CROISSANT
FRUIT
LUNCH:
PIZZA
SALAD & FRUIT
BIRTHDAY TREAT

29

BREAKFAST:
SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE BISCUIT
FRUIT
LUNCH:
BBQ CHICKEN FLAT BREAD PIZZA
CHIPS
CARROTS & FRUIT

30

BREAKFAST:
BISCUIT & GRAVY
FRUIT
LUNCH:
CHEESEBURGER
FRENCH FRIES
FRUIT

31

BREAKFAST:
BISCUIT & GRAVY
FRUIT
LUNCH:
CHEESEBURGER
FRENCH FRIES
FRUIT



April's Spotlight Recipe is Brielle's Chinese creation.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Menus are subject to change

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