

PARENT NEWSLETTER



January 2023

Principal's Message

Meadow Lane Parents,

As we move into the year 2023 and take time to reflect on the holidays, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our teachers, staff, students and our parents for your dedication to help make Meadow Lane Elementary an amazing place.

This month we are working on the character trait Courage. Courage means the ability to do something that is difficult. Teachers and staff will be handing out positive referrals and golden tickets for students that are displaying the character trait. Monthly classroom awards are also given for students who are exceptional in their ability to demonstrate the character trait.

Parents thank you for partnering with us to educate your children. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office or email me directly at tamara.kendall@cuesd.com. Have a wonderful month and holiday!

Tamara Kendall
Principal

happy new year
2023

School Information

Begins at 8:00 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

1/16	Martin Luther King Holiday
2/20-24	February Break
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

1/4	School Resumes
1/9	Project Share CLOSED
1/10	Parent Booster Meeting 6:00pm
1/11	Minimum Day Out at 1:00 pm
1/16	Martin Luther King Holiday NO SCHOOL
1/31	100th Day of School

JANUARY SCHOOL NEWS



December Activities

December was a busy but FUN month here at Meadow Lane! All of our students went to theater and watched *The Polar Express*, our booster club generously provided the popcorn. Ms. Reiley created the *Polar Express* train in the library and they watched/read the video book. We loved seeing all the creative outfits during Spirit Week. Students loved finding “Eagles” the Elf daily. TK/ Kindergarten’s Christmas Concert was adorable, video is posted on our Facebook page.

Booster Club Santa’s Event

Our Parent Booster Club did such a fantastic job organizing and preparing for this event! The turnout was amazing. Pictures with Santa, crafts, elf names, cookies and hot chocolate were all part of the fun. The containers for each basket were stuffed with raffle tickets because everyone wanted to win one.



Project Share Closed on January 9th

Reminder that the Project Share afterschool program will be CLOSED on Monday, January 9th for staff training. If your student is enrolled in the program please make arrangements to have your student picked up at the 2:00 pm dismissal.

Closed
for TRAINING

100th Day of School

Tuesday, January 31st will be our 100th Day of School. Lots of classes will celebrate this day in a fun and creative way.

Music at Meadow Lane

In December, students in each grade level learned about *The Nutcracker* ballet. They learned dances, to play along to



the music using percussion instruments, about the composer, the story of the ballet, and what some of the music from the ballet sounds like. Our students gained a greater appreciation for the connection between dancing and music. Ms. Rickel's 1st grade class is pictured and their movement scarves after dancing along to music from *The Nutcracker*.

Lost & Found

We have so many items that have been left at school, Lost and Found is overflowing. Please stop by the office to find your students’ lost clothing items.

Attendance & Sick Students

Student attendance plays an important role in your child’s academic success. Please do your best to schedule appointments at the beginning or end of the school day to avoid missing the entire day. If your child is sick the office must be notified for it to be considered excused.



Facebook Love it, Follow it

Parents if you have questions re: minimum days, school holidays or just want to know what’s going on our Facebook page will have the answer! We only have 279 followers, please follow our page “Meadow Lane Elementary School” to keep up to date. Help us reach our goal of 350 followers by the end of the month. Our website is an additional resource with links to event flyers, district calendar and Meadow Lane event information.



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CHARACTER

Monthly Character Trait

This month's character trait is "**Courage**". Each month Meadow Lane teachers and staff focus on a character building trait with students. Please also check out the video read along book "Courage" by Bernard Waber," using the QR Code in the character section. Meadow Lane would like to extend a challenge to our families as we begin a "New Year." We hope you have the courage to try something new as a family, set a goal that you all work on together. Please see more information in the Social Emotional Learning section.

Join the Parent Booster Club

Please mark your calendar. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in room #4. This month they are prepping for the February Valentine Gram sales and doing a recap of the Santa's Shops event held in December. Come to the meeting to join the fun, share your ideas and talents while having a positive impact on the school.

Gymnasium Construction Update

The month of December brought a lot of rain to our construction site. Construction crews spent a lot of time prepping the foundation to start framing the walls. Staff was excited to walk back onto campus and see a building standing! The gym/cafeteria now has four walls. Construction crews will continue framing the project this month. Fun fact the gymnasium will be the second tallest building in Anderson, the first is Anderson City Hall. Please visit Meadow Lane Elementary School's Facebook page to see pictures and videos of the progress.



December's Generosity Character Award Recipients

- Aaron Hebert
- Addie Harrie
- Alejandro De La Torre
- Alice Kyle
- Allison Aldridge
- Anita Bell-Cabrera
- Arturo Garcia Maldonado (Jr.)
- Ava Crowell
- Aydrian Haught
- Bailey Howsmon
- Brooklyn Underwood
- Brynlee Robinson
- Conner Haggie
- Connor Duckett
- Daniel Hannah
- Dominiq Pimlott
- Ellie Roberts
- Emily Rincon
- Emma Crowell
- Honor Fontaine
- Jack Dederer
- Jonathan Hackman
- Kaynen Browand
- Kennedy Wolf
- Layla Garcia
- Madison Willey
- Makenna Sisk
- McKynzie Burkiewicz
- Miles Mitchell
- Myles Baker
- Perla Ruiz Padilla
- Rocky Ericsson
- Rory Dumore
- Rowdy Secrest
- Sapheria French
- Walter Williams
- Xara Cramer
- Zayden Spangrude-Clemens



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CHARACTER



Each month Meadow Lane spotlights a different Character trait.

This month our character trait is **Courage**. *Courage is a noun meaning, the willingness to do something that is hard or challenging.*

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

Here is a video link to the video read along to the book "Courage" by Bernard Waber."



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL learning

Goal setting is a common occurrence at the start of a new year. Your family can set a goal that you all work on together. We would like to encourage you to make goals with your children. Some examples are breaking out of your routine; do something simple but different such as taking a silly walk, trying a new food you prepare together 1x per week, acknowledge your strengths and teach that strength to a family member or friend.

As with being courageous we want to also remember to **enCOURAGE**, see the enclosed list of ways we do that."

The Power of Encouraging Kids Daily (an excerpt from bouncebackparenting.com)

Every day, young people face a barrage of challenges. They may be struggling with schoolwork, feeling left out by their peers, or coping with difficult family situations. In the midst of all these challenges, it's easy for kids to lose sight of their own worth and potential.

That's why it's so important for adults to take the time to encourage kids on a daily basis. Just a few words of encouragement can give a child the boost they need to keep going and make all the difference in their life. It can remind them that they are valued and capable, no matter what they're facing. Encouraging kids is one of the most powerful things we can do.

For more great information and an additional list please visit:

<https://bouncebackparenting.com/64-encouraging-things-to-say-to-kids/>

25 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE

Thank you for helping with...

It makes mornings/dinner/outings easier when you.... thank you.

I really appreciate it when you...

Thank you for doing that... it means I/we can now...

We did it together!

Wow! You made a building/drawing/etc.

You did it on your own!

You did x and then y and worked it out.

You used lots of red paint/blocks/tape/etc.

You made it really big/small/colorful/complicated/etc.

That took you a long time, and you did it!

How did you do that?

You did x, what will you do now?

Can you tell me about it?

What is your favorite part?

How did you think of that?

I really enjoy doing this with you.

I love watching you create/help your sister/play soccer/ etc.

I'm so proud to be your mum, every day, no matter what.

Look how happy your friend is when you share/help/smile/etc.

You kept going, even when it was hard.

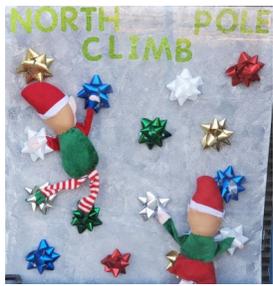
You look so pleased to have done that!

You made x feel so pleased when you did that.

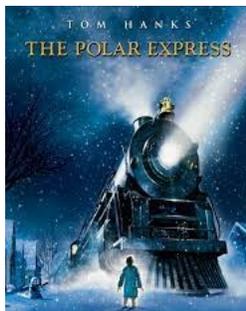
It makes you feel good when you do x.

Say nothing - just smile.

DECEMBER SCHOOL FUN



Eagles the Elf visited Meadow. The kids loved finding him & seeing his shenanigans! He even invited his friend Ellie to join in the fun. Did you see them climbing to the North Pole? Eagles even offered to help the construction crew.



Our Librarian, Ms. Reiley hosted the Polar Express video book during library time. Look at the train she created! Students climbed aboard and she was the conductor. We are so lucky to have her at Meadow Lane sharing her love of books.



Meadow Lane went to the Movies! All of our students loved watching The Polar Express while enjoying popcorn and a drink. Valley 11 Cinemas in Anderson was ready when we arrived!



2nd Grade took a walking field trip to the Dollar Tree and Safeway to learn how to count money and their change when buying items, they especially enjoyed their donut.



The Santa's Shops Event hosted by our Parent Booster Club was so fun! We had a great turnout and the kids and parents loved taking photos with Santa. See more photos of the event on our Facebook pages. Many Thanks to the Parent Booster Club!

BREAKFAST

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

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LUNCH

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

Monday

2
 WINTER BREAK
 NO SCHOOL

9
 BREAKFAST:
 YOGURT, GRAHAM BEARS
 FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE
 CARROTS
 MANDERINES

Tuesday

3
 WINTER BREAK
 NO SCHOOL

10
 BREAKFAST:
 WAFFLES
 STRING CHEESE & RAISINS
 LUNCH:
 MAC & CHEESE
 GREEN BEANS
 PEARS

Wednesday

4
 BREAKFAST:
 A TO Z MUFFINS
 STRING CHEESE & FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 ROASTED CHICKEN
 SUN CHIPS
 CARROTS & APPLE

11
 BREAKFAST:
 A TO Z MUFFINS
 STRING CHEESE & FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 HAMBURGER
 LETTUCE & TOMATO
 CARROTS & APPLESAUCE

Thursday

5
 BREAKFAST:
 EGGS & TOAST
 JUICE
 LUNCH:
 HOT DOG
 BAKED BEANS
 ORANGES

12
 BREAKFAST:
 EGGS & TOAST
 JUICE
 LUNCH:
 SLOPPY JOES
 MIXED VEGGIES
 PEACHES

Friday

6
 BREAKFAST:
 NUTRI GRAIN BAR
 STRING CHEESE & FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 BURRITO
 SALAD
 KIWI

13
 BREAKFAST:
 NUTRI GRAIN BAR
 STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 CORN DOG
 BAKED BEANS
 FRUIT COCKTAIL

16
 NO SCHOOL

 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Day

17
 BREAKFAST:
 PANCAKES
 STRING CHEESE & RAISINS
 LUNCH:
 SPAGHETTI
 SALAD
 PEARS

18
 BREAKFAST:
 A TO Z MUFFINS
 STRING CHEESE & FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 HOT DOG
 BAKED BEANS
 APPLE

19
 BREAKFAST:
 EGGS & TOAST
 JUICE
 LUNCH:
 EGG MCMUFFIN
 CARROTS
 FRUIT COCKTAIL

20
 BREAKFAST:
 NUTRI GRAIN BAR
 STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 PIZZA
 SALAD BAR
 FRUIT SALAD

23
 BREAKFAST:
 YOGURT, GRAHAM BEARS
 FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 CHICKEN SANDWICH
 CARROTS
 FRUIT COCKTAIL

24
 BREAKFAST:
 WAFFLES
 STRING CHEESE & RAISINS
 LUNCH:
 PULLED PORK
 GREEN BEANS
 ORANGES

25
 BREAKFAST:
 A TO Z MUFFINS
 STRING CHEESE & FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 ROASTED CHICKEN
 SUN CHIPS
 CARROTS & APPLE

26

 BREAKFAST:
 EGGS & TOAST
 JUICE
 LUNCH:
 SOPHIA'S HAWAIIAN TURKEY SLIDERS
 CUCUMBER SLICES
 APPLESAUCE

27
 BREAKFAST:
 NUTRI GRAIN BAR
 STRING CHEESE & FRESH FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 BURRITO
 SALAD & KIWI
 BIRTHDAY TREAT

30
 BREAKFAST:
 SAUSAGE PANCAKE ON A STICK
 FRUIT
 LUNCH:
 FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE
 CARROTS
 MANDERINES

31
 BREAKFAST:
 PANCAKES
 STRING CHEESE & RAISINS
 LUNCH:
 MAC & CHEESE
 GREEN BEANS
 PEARS



January Spotlight Recipe is Sophia's Hawaiian
 Turkey Sliders. Check online for the recipe at
CUESD.com

Menus are subject to change
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Happy Birthday to everyone with a birthday in January!
 Birthday treat comes with hot lunch only.

