



MEADOW BROOK

December Newsletter

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Calendar:

- December 8:** SEP Conferences for 1st through 6th Grades, 3:30 – 8:30 pm
- December 12-6:** Santa's Workshop 8:30am-8:55am & Lunch
- December 13** PTA Meeting 10:00am
- December 18:** Parent School Christmas Program 2:30pm
- December 20** Christmas School Choir Concert 6:00 pm.
- December 22** Sixth grade field trip to Space Education Center
- December 22** Parent Christmas Program (all grades) 2:15 pm.
- December 23 to January 2:** Christmas Break—No School
- January 3:** School Resumes @ 9:00 a.m.

Principal's Corner

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Break. It is good to be back at school with all the great students and teachers at Meadow Brook although it is hard to believe that we are already into December already. ☺ A big thanks to all parents for their help and support of our school over the last month. We are a much better school because of you!!!

We are seeing some great progress in both reading and math with those students who are regularly practicing each night at home. If you haven't been as faithful having your kids read and practice their math facts each night – now would be a great time to start. It really makes a huge difference. We will be having a school reading carnival just before Christmas. Students have earned reading tickets by reading at home every night. At this carnival students can then "spend" their tickets on fun activities, games and treats. The more diligent they were reading every night the more tickets they will have to spend. We will do another reading carnival in May.

As a reminder we do have SEP parent conferences next week. Your child will bring home a reminder note with the time that your conference is scheduled. If you need to adjust this please contact your child's teacher or the front office. We are looking forward to celebrate with you all that your child has learned since last conference.

As we near Christmas we know that families are busy so we are going to hopefully help out with this by holding ONE Christmas program assembly where all grade levels will perform a Christmas number. This performance will be on Thursday, December 22 at 2:15. All grade levels will be performing.



As winter is upon us, I wanted to discuss Meadow Brook's policy for inside/outside days. We live in the great state of Utah where it often snows. Many students want to go outside and play in the snow and take a needed physical break from their studies. For the most part, students will be expected to go outside for recess. A few days during the winter are excessively cold and on these days students will be given a choice to stay in or go outside. On rare occasions (rain, blizzard, etc.) students will not be allowed to go outside. **Parents can help us out by sending their child to school dressed as if it will always be an outside day. This way they are prepared for whatever happens. If your child is sick and you would prefer they not go outside, please send a note with your child and they will be required to stay inside.**

Finally we have done a little better this past month with kids not being late to class because they arrive late to eat breakfast. Thank you for your help on this. In an effort to step this up a little more and hopefully prevent all kids from being tardy because of breakfast – starting in January we will be opening the front doors 10 minutes earlier (at 8:20) and stop serving breakfast 5 minutes earlier (at 8:50). Hopefully this will allow enough time for kids to eat but also not be late to class because of it. Again this will start in January when we come back to school. We appreciate your help and support with this. If you have any concerns please let me know. Thank you!

--Mr. Pitcher

Winter Wonderland Gift Shop

We wanted to let you know that we are going to have a “Winter Wonderland Gift Shop” where students can purchase a Christmas gift for family members and friends at school. During the week of December 12-16 the workshop will be open before school and during lunch for students to purchase a gift and have it wrapped if you they would like. The gifts are priced between \$0.50-\$5.00. In the past this has been a fun way for students to buy surprise gifts for parents and friends. The Workshop will be operated by some of our older students.



FROM THE PTA:



There are still ornaments available for parents to come to the school and pick up to purchase or donate items for families in need at our school. The giving tree is in our front entrance. A big thanks to those parents that have already picked up an ornament.

Also please continue to collect those Box Tops. The PTA will be collecting these early in the new year. This is an easy way to help our school out and it makes a HUGE difference.

Don't Forget...

SEP Conferences will be on Thursday, December 8 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Reminder notes with your appointment times will be coming home at the end of this week.



In January we will be having a kick off assembly to our kid's marathon program. Mrs. Brown (one of our amazing Kindergarten teachers) is putting together a slide show of students, teachers, and staff being active. If you would like to contribute a family picture or two for the slide show, please email the picture to your student's teacher by **December 20th.**"

Yearbooks are still on sale. The price is \$7 at the office. Please send correct change or a check made out to Meadow Brook Elementary to the office. If you aren't sure if you ordered a yearbook at Registration, please contact the office. Thanks.

Nebo Overdrive Library Books – In case you were not aware – your child has access to several library books in the digital format (tablet, phone, laptop, etc.) because they attend Meadow Brook Elementary and Nebo District. It is a great way to make reading fun for your child and also prevents late fees or lost books. To access this library you can follow the steps at this web address. <http://www.nebo.edu/overdrive>

Habit #4

THINK WIN WIN

Everybody can win!



- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone to be happy.

For December, Meadow Brook students finished out Red Ribbon Week by learning about Habit 4: Think Win-Win. They watched an inspiring Olympic video that represented a Win-Win attitude. The students learned that to think win-win means to make the best of any situation. We do our best to reach our potential and we help others to reach their potential too. A win-win person doesn't just think about what they want, they think of other's needs too. They think of ways to make everyone happy.

If you would like to encourage Habit 4 in the home, you can have a family game night and focus on the "fun" of the game not just the winning. Books to help encourage Habit 4 are: Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, The Grinch and The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss.

