



# MEADOW BROOK

## May Newsletter

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## Calendar:

<b>May 3</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet at SHS</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>PTA Meeting at 10:00</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Track Meet at SHS</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Kindergarten Mother's Day Picnic</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Program at 2:30 pm.</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Bean Museum</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Pioneer Day (4<sup>th</sup>) at MB</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program at 1:30 pm.</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>MB Choir Performance at 6 pm.</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Kindergarten Graduation</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Last day of school Grades 1-6. OUT AT NOON.</b>

## Principal's Corner

Happy May to everyone!! It is hard to believe that there are four weeks left of school. Please review the online calendar for upcoming events. We have a lot going on this last month of school. Also, please remember that students will still be involved in end-of-year testing for the next couple of weeks. Please make sure your kids arrive on time since the teachers are testing in the morning. So far everyone has done a great job. Thanks!

I want to thank each parent for their support of Meadow Brook Elementary this year. As we get close to completing our first year here I want to say thank you for helping make it such a wonderful experience. We have such awesome kids that go here. Thank you for working with us as we try to prepare these students to be the future leaders of America. I am already looking forward to next year. 😊

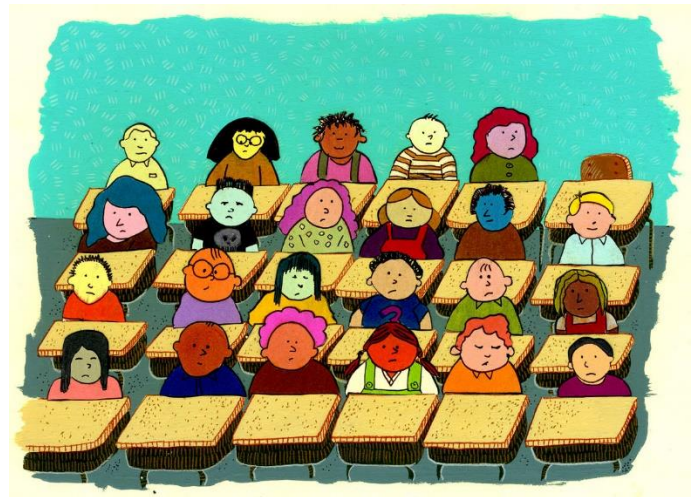
As a behavior incentive for the great choices from our students, the plan is to have grades 1-6 go swimming at the Spanish Fork Pool on Thursday, May 25. This is an activity we have done for the past few years at my last school and was a big hit with the students. Younger kids

are not allowed out of the shallow end unless they can show us they can swim a lap on their own. Lifeguards and teachers supervise to make sure the students are safe. We welcome parents to come and help supervise, especially for the younger students although the pool requests that parents that come to help supervise not bring younger siblings that are not school age due to safety concerns. The plan is to swim starting around 12:30 but we will keep you posted with the latest information as we are still trying to figure out buses. It should be fun for everyone. ☺

Regarding teacher requests for next year I want to share with you the process I will again use to assign students to teachers for next year and the information I enjoy receiving from parents to assist with the process. Before explaining the process I want to express my sincere belief that we have a very strong teaching team at Meadow Brook and I firmly believe that every child can be successful with any of the wonderful teachers we have here.

### Class Placement Process:

As this year ends, teachers will be meeting together and dividing up the students in their classes for next year. Their main assignment is to **BALANCE** the classes at each grade level. The teachers do not assign teachers to these new class lists but just focus on balancing the students depending on the number of classes in the next grade level. Teacher input will be one of the greatest factors in placing students. Once teachers have spent time on balancing classes they then give me the lists and I make any minor changes based on my own knowledge of the students. In



addition to teacher input I would love to have information from parents regarding their child's individual strengths, learning styles, behavior issues, etc. (I prefer that these letters do **not** contain desired teachers names or money ☺.) If you feel an absolute need to put a teacher's name down please include 2 EQUAL choices of teachers that you feel your child would be successful having and I will do my best to accommodate.

With all of the new growth over this past year we will have several new teachers added our our ranks next year. I am happy to report that we were very successful in our hiring over the past couple of months and confident that your kids will be in good hands next year.

Class placement is a difficult task that I take very seriously. If you choose not to inform me via letter or email about your child during the month of May there will be no changes to class placement in August once your child has been placed with a teacher. It is so much easier to get it right in May than make last minute changes once class lists have been posted. The letters can be in the form of email to me ([ryan.pitcher@nebo.edu](mailto:ryan.pitcher@nebo.edu)) or written letter delivered to the office. We will be accepting these anytime during the month of May. We feel that with the quality of teachers we have at Meadow Brook and that the regular collaboration that takes place here that every child can have a great experience with any of the teachers. If there are any questions regarding student placement don't hesitate to call or email me.

**If you know for certain that your student will not be returning to Meadow Brook in the fall, please let the office know as soon as possible or let me know via email. This will help us as we balance classes for next year.**

Thank you, everyone, for your help and support of Meadow Brook Elementary. We have so many parents who work behind the scenes to make us successful. I would like to thank the wonderful PTA group and parent volunteers that we have had this year. I love working with the great people who are associated with Meadow Brook Elementary.

### **LATEST INFORMATION ON OUR MARATHON RACE COMING UP SOON**



We are getting closer to our school healthy lifestyles Fun Run activity taking place on Saturday, May 6 in Provo. We have had several sign up and are hoping to have as many Meadow Brook families there as possible. Your students have been running at school and will have completed 25 miles by May and have the chance to run the last 1.2 miles at this event to have

completed a full marathon. You can still register at this web address:

<https://www.raceentry.com/races/provo-city-half-marathon-5k/2017/register>. The cost is \$15 for all school aged students but with code **MEADOWBROOK25** you will get 25% off the price. **(This discount code will work until May 1)** Parents and non-school aged students can run with their kids without registering. Those that do register will get a race shirt, a finisher medal, and breakfast after the race.

If the cost is too much of a deterrent we have been able to get some sponsors to help with the registration fee. You can email Bethany Brown at [Bethany.brown@nebo.edu](mailto:Bethany.brown@nebo.edu) to get one of these applications -she is our event organizer.

**IMPORTANT – To save everyone time anyone who registers from Meadow Brook before May 1 – Mrs. Brown will pick up the race materials from Provo (race bib number, etc) and bring them to Meadow Brook so that parents don't have to drive to Provo to pick them up. Anyone that registers after May 1, 2017 will be responsible to pick up their own race materials.**

**Yearbooks are still on sale.** The price is \$8 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.

### **School Community Council 2017-2018**

We have two positions available on our School Community Council for the next school year. If you would be interested in being part of this important council please submit your name to the principal via email ([ryan.pitcher@nebo.edu](mailto:ryan.pitcher@nebo.edu)) or letter brought to the office. Names can be submitted anytime from Friday, May 5 – Friday, May 12. If there are more names submitted than positions available we will hold an election. If an election is needed, parents are welcome to come to the office anytime during business hours from May 15-19 and vote. I will keep everyone posted if an election is needed. Please call or email with any questions. Thank you. A big thanks to the council that has served this year. They have done a superb job!!