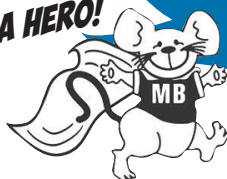


MIGHTY MOUSE

BE A HERO!



NEWS YOU CAN USE!



SAVE THE DATE

January

- 1/24: Superintendent's Coffee
6:15pm, Long Meadow
- 1/25: HALF DAY, 12:10 Dismissal

February

- 2/8: Lock-in for Literacy
6-9pm, MBE Gym
- 2/13: Food Service Appreciation Day!
- 2/15: Popcorn & Spirit Day
- 2/18: No School, Midwinter Recess
- 2/19: PTA General Meeting
6:30pm, MBE Media Center
- 2/20: PotBelly Restaurant Fundraiser
- 2/22: Sweetheart Dance
6:30pm, MBE Gym/Cafeteria
- 2/23: MBE Night at the O'Rena OU
Basketball vs. Detroit Mercy,
3pm, Oakland University
- 2/28: Founder's Day Awards
Ceremony, 6pm, RHS

Exciting Events In March!

- 3/1: Son Plus One Bowling Night
6pm, Avon North Hill Lanes
- 3/4: PTA Reflections Ceremony,
6:30pm, SCHS
- 3/7: Talent Show, 6pm, MBE Cafeteria
- 3/8: Half Day & AirTime MBE Social
Event, 3-11pm, AirTime, Troy

Join the MBE PTA Today!

**IT'S NOT JUST GOOD FOR YOUR KIDS,
IT'S GOOD FOR YOU, TOO!**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello,

It's bright and sunny outside, but oh so cold as I sit and write this. We've only been back from winter break for a couple of weeks and there's already been so much to enjoy and so much more to look forward to. A lot of our families came out to enjoy another amazing show by Baffling Bill the Magician, a former Meadow Mouse himself. This week the students will have the opportunity to see Doug Scheer at another PTA-sponsored assembly where they will learn about being safe, respectful and responsible!

Building with Mr. Berg happened this month as well, and the top earners from the Fun Run along with some of their classmates had the opportunity to create a Little Free Library that will soon grace the front of our school.

As with all our PTA events and projects, it takes many people to make it all happen. Next month our Rochester PTA Council will gather to celebrate PTA Founder's Day and the volunteers that have gone above and beyond. I am pleased to announce Meadow Brook's Founder's Day Award winners: Audrey Hernandez, Allison Patterson and Robert Ebbole.

Health & Wellness Chair, where she coordinates the fourth-grade Health & Wellness Fair and is beginning to focus on mental health/well-being programs.

Robert Ebbole: Robert is the physical education teacher at Meadow Brook. Each year he works hand-in-hand with the PTA to coordinate the annual Fall Fun Run, one of the biggest fundraisers, where he motivates the students in running and healthy living. He also coordinates Field Day every spring, with help from the PTA, bringing in new games and activities each year. He also always lends a hand with set-up and clean-up for assemblies and other PTA events.

Just a reminder, it's still not too late to join the Meadow Brook PTA. We are just a few members shy of meeting the state's January membership goal, which would get us entered into a grand prize drawing. Turn in your completed membership form and \$10 payment to the school office. Forms are attached or are available on the school website or in the front lobby near the PTA membership bulletin board.

Sincerely,
Jamie Rawcliffe
PTA President

Audrey Hernandez: Audrey has been an integral part of the Meadow Brook PTA community for the past four years. During that time she has served as Authors in April Co-chair and Green Schools Chair, where she has worked diligently to get full-scale recycling implemented throughout the school. She has also helped with the Spring Carnival, our biggest fundraiser, and is organizing the fifth grade farewell party this year.

Allison Patterson: Allison has been an active member of the Meadow Brook PTA for years, serving as Corresponding Secretary for two years and currently as Vice President. She started the annual Trunk or Treat at Meadow Brook, helps with the Spring Carnival, and also serves as the



MEADOW BROOK ELEMENTARY - PTA NEEDS YOU!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- The PTA is looking for staff and parents who are willing and able to help with a few different upcoming projects. Our Health & Wellness Team is starting a Kindness/Positivity/Hero committee to look into ways to incorporate more kindness and positivity projects/activities into the school. If you'd like to help out, contact Allison Patterson (algal1@ameritech.net).
- Also, as part of our continued School of Excellence improvement plan, we are looking for ways to incorporate signs throughout the school in multiple languages and would love to get some help from those of you who speak other languages. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please email ptameadowbrookelementary@gmail.com.
- Love to read and share books with students? The Authors in April (AIA) team is looking for parent volunteers to read books by this year's authors in the classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie Rawcliffe (Jamie.rawcliffe@gmail.com).
- Spring Carnival is coming up and the Carnival Committee is still looking for parent volunteers to coordinate classroom baskets and to gather donations from area businesses. We are also in need of someone to help manage the concessions. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, or would like more information about Carnival, please contact Emily Perez (esawdon@gmail.com)

COMMITTEE CORNER

RANH HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING:

A huge THANK YOU Meadow Brook families for your generosity again this holiday season in supporting the Rochester Area Neighborhood House's annual Holiday Giving Tree program. With your help we were able to fill 49 tags and provide dozens of family card/board games to RANH who helped approximately 500 kids this past holiday! Thank you!

GREEN SCHOOLS:

The Green Schools committee once again collected old and broken holiday lights to recycle. We collected 215 lbs. worth, which translated to just over \$15 – way to go Meadow Brook! All the lights (along with the other items from the electronics/cell phone bin in the lobby) were taken to Rochester Recycling to be properly recycled.

The Green Schools student club continues to meet monthly with Mrs. Teller and Mrs. Stickel. In November they made videos that will be shown to all classes to explain the new classroom recycling. In December they audited the classroom's recycling needs to see where bins were needed. And in January they

discussed what animal they will be adopting this year.

Congratulations to Rochester & Adams High Schools, both of which had their Recyclebank Grants accepted! Check them out here: <https://www.recyclebank.com/green-schools/donations> Let's help to get the projects funded at our students' future high schools!

Please see the Green School Team's first monthly Green Scene News where we will be providing monthly recycle/reuse/reduce items, a living green tip, and information to help you recycle additional household items around town.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Mark your calendar for the following and see the flyers (included in this newsletter and also being sent home) for more details:

Friday, February 22nd: Sweetheart Dance for daughters and their special someone

Saturday, February 23rd: OU Basketball Game

Friday, March 1st: Son Plus One Bowling Event

RESTAURANT NIGHTS:

Mark your calendar for the next restaurant night: February 20th at Potbelly on Livernois. Flyers will be coming home prior to the event.

SPRING CARNIVAL:

Spring Carnival will be on April 12, from 5:30-8pm at West Middle School. The planning committee is still searching for a shadow to help Kristine Ma with overseeing concessions for the event. You can contact Kristine Ma at krma17@gmail.com for more information.

We are also still looking for parents to coordinate baskets for the following classrooms: Mr. Noronha and Mr. Shadeck. If you would like to coordinate either of these baskets for our basket raffle, please contact Lindsay Donnellon at lindsaydonnellon@yahoo.com.

In addition to basket raffle, we also need a few "feet on the street" to help gather donations from area businesses for our silent auction. Packets are already made up for your ease! You can contact Emily Perez for more information esawdon@gmail.com.

COMMITTEE CORNER



Green Scene News!

January 2019

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Item of the Month



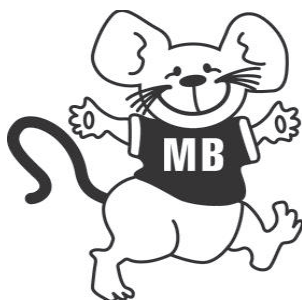
KEYS, KEYS & more KEYS

Everyone has keys lying around their house – car keys, house keys, who knows what keys! Bring any unknown or unneeded keys to Meadow Brook's front lobby recycling area and drop them off in the Recycling Item of the Month bins and turn your keys into cash for our school!



Living GREEN Tip of the Month: Your cell phone (or iPad) only takes a few hours to charge, so don't leave it plugged in overnight!

Clues for Recycling around Town: Did you know that alkaline batteries can now be thrown into your regular trash? They can! However, rechargeable batteries, button cell batteries, lithium batteries, silver-oxide batteries, zinc-air batteries, and zinc-carbon batteries still need to be recycled which can be done at **Battery Giant** on Walton Road in Rochester Hills.



Brought to you by Meadow Brook PTA's Green Schools Committee

Questions: Contact audrey.hernandez@att.net

READ UP ABOUT AUTHORS IN APRIL 2019

Authors in April 2019

April 29-May 3, 2019

The **Meadow Brook PTA** is once again a proud participant in the nationally recognized **Authors In April** program. Unique to Rochester, this nonprofit organization is in its 36th year of bringing renowned authors/illustrators and their books to the students and families of our community. Meadow Brook PTA shares the goal of encouraging students to become lifelong readers, improving their creative writing ability and developing a greater appreciation, understanding and discernment of quality literature and art. This year's authors are:



K/1 Author: Josh Funk (www.joshfunkbooks.com)



Josh Funk writes silly stories and somehow tricks people into publishing them as books — such as the *Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast* series (including *The Case of the Stinky Stench* and *Mission Defrostable*), *How to Code a Sandcastle* (and the upcoming sequel *How to Code a Rollercoaster*), *It's Not Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Dear Dragon*, *Albie Newton*, *Pirasaurs!*, *Lost in the Library: A Story of Patience and Fortitude* (in conjunction with the New York Public Library), *It's Not Hansel and Gretel*, and more coming soon! Since fall 2015, Josh has visited (or virtually visited) more than 300 schools, classrooms and libraries. He is a board member of The Writers' Loft in Sherborn, Mass., and was the co-coordinator of the 2016 and 2017 New England Regional SCBWI Conferences. Josh grew up in New England and studied Computer Science in school. He still lives in New England and when not writing Java code or Python scripts, he drinks Java coffee and writes manuscripts.

2/3 Author: Erin Soderberg Downing (www.erinsoderberg.com)



Erin Soderberg Downing reads and writes books for kids. She loves writing (and reading!) stories that make you laugh, and usually finds inspiration for her stories in everyday stuff — her family, her dog, and things that have happened to her in real life! She loves to travel, explore, read and be outside in nature. These are a few of her other favorite things: playing with her kids and dog; going out to eat at fun restaurants (she loves Ethiopian and Thai food, tacos, and cake!); swimming in lakes; sledding and skiing; spending time with friends and family; watching movies (her favorite is Elf!); and napping. Erin has spent time as a waitress, a malt-maker, a tour guide on a boat, a book editor, a cookie inventor, a movie extra, and she also worked for Nickelodeon. Throughout her life, she has lived a lot of different places, including New York City, England and Sweden. Now she lives in Minneapolis with her husband Greg and her three kids (a 12-year-old and 11-year-old twins).

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4/5 Author: Kirby Larson (www.kirbylarson.com)



Kirby Larson is the acclaimed author of the 2007 Newbery Honor Book, *Hattie Big Sky*, a young adult historical novel she wrote inspired by her great grandmother, Hattie Inez Brooks Wright, who homesteaded by herself in eastern Montana as a young woman. That book, and encouragement from her mentor, Karen Cushman, gave Kirby the confidence to embrace her passion for historical fiction; she has since written the Dogs of World War II series (Scholastic), which include *Duke, Dash* (recipient of the Scott O’Dell Historical Fiction Prize), *Liberty* and *Code Word Courage*. Kirby melded her passion for history and mystery in *Audacity Jones to the Rescue* and *Audacity Jones Steals the Show* (nominated for a 2018 Edgar Award). In 2006, Kirby began a collaboration with her good friend, Mary Nethery, which has produced two award-winning nonfiction picture books: *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival* (illustrated by Jean Cassels) and *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle*. They think three is a lucky number, so have their eyes peeled for another project to tackle together. A frequent speaker, Kirby enjoys sharing her passion for research, reading and writing. She has presented at more than 200 schools, workshops and seminars in more than 20 states and as far away as Qatar, Lebanon and Guam. Her passport is up to date and she’s ready for her next adventure! Kirby lives in Kenmore, Wash., with her husband Neil. When she’s not reading or writing, Kirby can be found beachcombing or bird watching with Winston the Wonder Dog.

Book Reviews/Recommendations

Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast

Author: Josh Funk

Brief Synopsis: Food characters have a good fight in the fridge over the last bit of syrup.

Who should read this book? Kindergarten-3rd Grade

Reviewed by: Jessica Stickel, 1st Grade Teacher at MB





**MEADOW BROOK ELEMENTARY
NIGHT AT THE O'RENA
February 23, 2019 at 3pm
\$7/seat (general admission bleacher seating)**

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Tear this off and return with money no later than 1/31/19 in the PTA Mailbox or to the main office. Please make checks payable to "Meadow Brook Elementary PTA".

Tickets will be sent home with child by 2/20/19.

Questions? Contact Allison Patterson at algal1@ameritech.net or 248-882-0969

MEADOW BROOK ELEMENTARY

PRESENTS

the first annual

Sweetheart Dance

*Girls of MBE may be escorted by dad,
grandpa, uncle, or any other adult!*

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

MBE GYM/CAFETERIA

6:30_{PM} - 8:30_{PM}

Cost is \$15 per couple

\$3 for each additional daughter

Includes DJ, Photo Booth & Ice Cream Bar

Formal attire is encouraged!

Please RSVP by February 15th

Questions? Contact Kelly Konieczny: kellykonieczny@gmail.com or Erin Maher: lakeerin@comcast.net



Daughter's Name(s): _____

Teacher(s) Name(s): _____

Number of Guests Attending: Girls: _____ Adults: _____ Payment Enclosed: _____

Nut/Dairy/Gluten Allergy?: _____

Please detach this slip and send into school with payment in a sealed envelope attn: Erin Maher by February 15th. Please make checks out to "Meadow Brook Elementary PTA".

MEADOW BROOK ELEMENTARY
PRESENTS

**THE FIRST ANNUAL
SON PLUS ONE BOWLING NIGHT!**



FRIDAY MARCH 1ST
AVON NORTH HILL LANES
150 W. TIENKEN RD.,
ROCHESTER HILLS
6:30 - 8:30PM

**BOYS OF MBE MAY BE ESCORTED BY MOM,
GRANDMA, AUNT, OR ANY OTHER ADULT!**

Check In 6pm • Pizza & Pop Served at 7:15pm

Cost is \$11 per person • Includes everything with shoe rental!

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 22ND

Questions? Contact Kelly Konieczny: kellykonieczny@gmail.com or Erin Maher: lakeerin@comcast.net

Son's Name(s): _____

Teacher(s) Name(s): _____

Number of Guests Attending: Boys: _____ Adults: _____ Payment Enclosed: _____

Total payment is \$11/person

Please detach this slip and send into school with payment in a sealed envelope attn: Erin Maher by February 22nd. Please make checks out to "Meadow Brook Elementary PTA".



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- Find bonus offers
 - Scan your receipt!
 - Earn Bonus Box Tops for our school
- See how it works at BTFE.com/BonusApp

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- Use Ziploc® storage containers for extra holiday leftovers.
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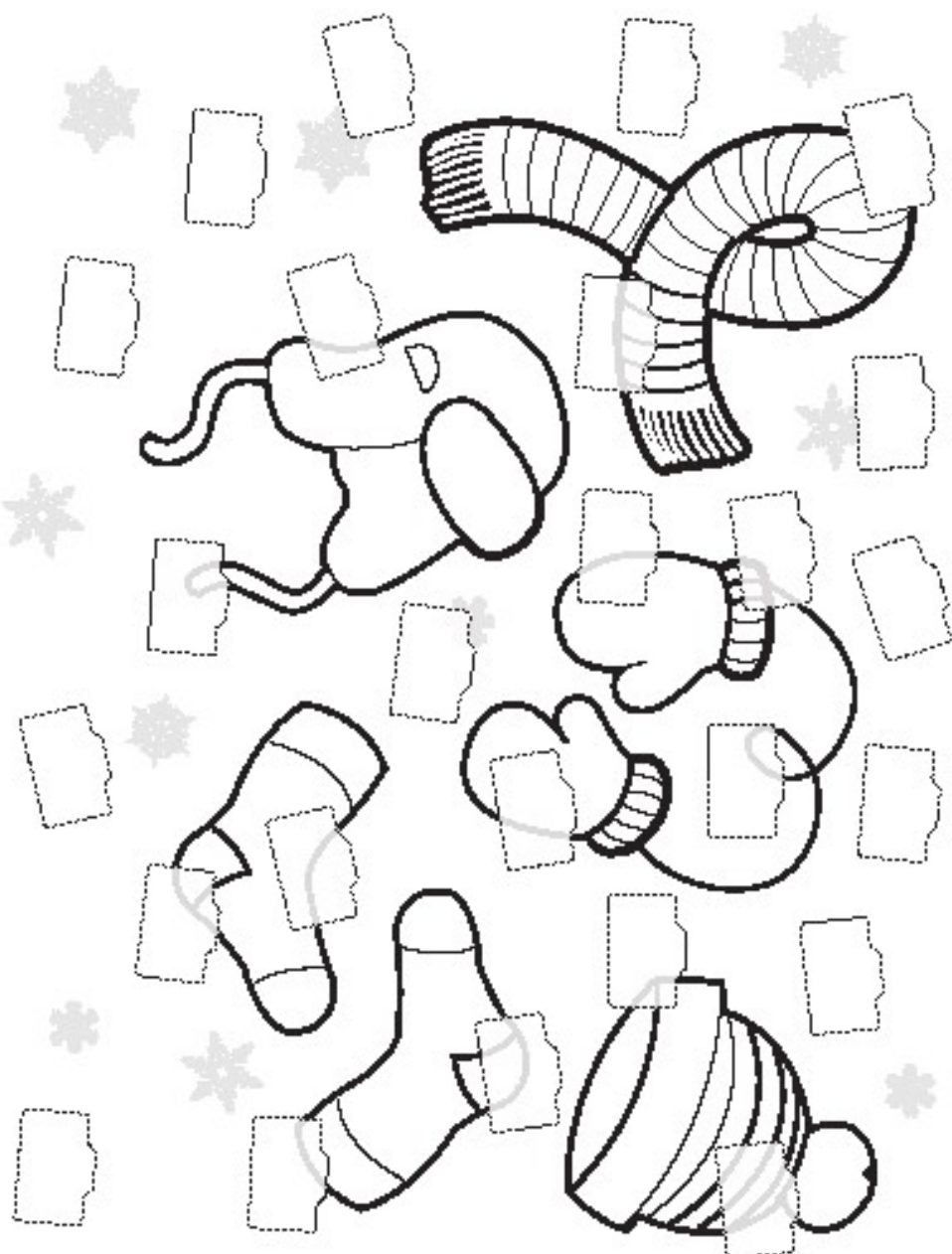
Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Due Date: **January 31, 2019**



BUNDLE UP WITH BOX TOPS



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.

