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NEWS YOU CAN USE!



SAVE THE DATE

March

3/28: Superintendent's Coffee
8:45am, Meadow Brook

3/29: Spring Break begins at end of day, Carnival wristband Pre-Sales Due!

April

4/8: School Resumes

4/9: PTA General Meeting 6:30pm
Media Center

4/9: Carnival Basket Wrapping,
9:15am, Meadow Brook

4/12: Spring Carnival
5:30pm, West Middle School

4/17: Fourth Grade Health Fair
Afternoon, Meadow Brook

4/18: Popcorn/Spirit Day

4/19: NO SCHOOL

4/24: Thank You Secretaries!

4/26: Half Day of School

4/29: Authors In April Kickoff & Banquet

Looking Ahead in May

5/1: Noodles & Co. Restaurant Night & Noodle Eating Contest!

5/2: Meadow Brook's AIA Day

5/7: Thank You Teachers!

5/15: PTA General Meeting

6:30pm, Media Center

5/16: Superintendent's Coffee

8:45am, Hamlin

5/23: Ice Cream Social 6pm

5/30: Skating Night at The New Rink
6-8pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Meadow Brook Parents, Teachers and Staff,

Every month as I sit down to work on the newsletter I think about how busy we are. This past month has been no exception, and in fact, as we head into the last few months of the year things are getting busier, if that's possible.

Despite rescheduling three times due to snow and ice, we were finally able to welcome Doug Scheer to school for his assembly Les Trouble PI. The kids had a blast learning about how to solve problems. I also want to send a HUGE thank you to Kelly Konieczny and Erin Maher for planning and executing our first (hopefully annual) Sweetheart Dance and Son Plus One Bowling events. I was fortunate to be at both and they were fantastic.

We started the month with our first-ever Kindness & Positivity Spirit Week and hope the kids enjoyed spreading some extra kindness throughout the school and community. March is Reading Month is in full swing, which is a great segue into Authors in April. Once again Meadow Brook will welcome three nationally acclaimed authors to our school for a visit with our students on Thursday, May 2. We are currently selling books by these authors for our kids to enjoy, and we'll be collecting them after

Spring Break to have them autographed by the authors during their week-long stay in Rochester.

Planning for Spring Carnival is also well underway. Our first Friday back from Spring Break, April 12th will be our annual carnival (and largest fundraiser) at West Middle School. We hope you'll all join us for games, a magician, our classroom basket and teacher raffles, silent auction and the ever famous, Cake Walk! Read the rest of the newsletter for more details on how to get involved to make this year's carnival our best and most successful ever.

And, if you're interested in getting involved in PTA even more to help us undertake and execute all these amazing programs, we are currently looking for interested members to run for next year's board, specifically Recording Secretary & Corresponding Secretary. Interested in finding out more? Contact Kristine Ma at krma17@gmail.com.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a chance to rest and relax during Spring Break, whether you get away or simply stay home for a few days.

Thanks,
Jamie



COMMITTEE CORNER

GREEN SCHOOLS

Our Michigan Green Schools application has been submitted. Meadow Brook has a lot of wonderful qualifying sustainable initiatives underway throughout the school; awards will be given out at the ceremony in April.

The Green Schools team is currently collecting paper towel rolls now through the end of March. These will be donated to the Detroit Zoo and used for treats for the primates. These can be dropped off in the bins in the main lobby near the year-round recyclable items.

AUTHORS IN APRIL

AIA season is kicking off this month. Students have been hearing books by the authors during library and classroom time (thank you parent volunteers). Books by all authors are on sale now through the end of March for 20% off the cover price. Orders can be sent in with your students. After Spring Break we will be collecting them to gather signatures from the authors during their visit.

If you are interested in further supporting this amazing program, on its 36th year here in Rochester (and only in Rochester!), tickets are available for the Banquet on April 29th at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Twp. for \$45. Contact Audrey Hernandez (Audrey.hernandez@att.net) or Jamie Rawcliffe (Jamie.rawcliffe@gmail.com) to purchase tickets so you can sit with the Meadow Brook tables.

REFLECTIONS

Meadow Brook had four winners at the RCS District level of the Reflections Art Competition! Congratulations to:

Brooke Bolash, Literature (Poetry), "All Heroes"

Olivia Gralewski, Film (Stop-Action Animation), "Heroes Are Everywhere"

Abbey Meyers, Photography (Color), "Brave and Blue"

Harper Miesch, Film (Live Action), "Everyday Soldiers"

Their artwork has been sent on to the state level of the competition where it will compete against elementary schools from all over Michigan! A ceremony for the state level will take place in May.

Thank you to ALL the Reflections participants! I saw many pieces that seemed like they should have advanced as well, both at the MBE level and the RCS District level. Please remember that a judge's opinion does not increase or decrease the value of your beautiful work! Your pieces were amazing; ALL of them! Keep expressing yourselves, Meadow Brook! Next year's Reflections theme is "Look Within." I can't wait to see what wonderful creativity you'll bring in the next school year! — Paula Gralewski, MBE Reflections Co-chair

RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in the February Potbelly Night; we raised about \$100. Save the date on May 1st for our Noodles & Co. night at the Village, featuring our annual MBE Teacher & Staff Noodle Eating Contest!!!

SPRING CARNIVAL

Spring Carnival this year will be held on Friday April 12, from 5:30-8pm at West Middle School. Carnival is our PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year – all money raised goes directly back to our school to fund enrichment programs, assemblies, gifts and grants to teachers and to our school, social events, and more.

In addition to traditional carnival style games, other fun activities you and your children can look forward to are face "painting",

photobooth, magic, balloon twisting, music, the Cake Walk, and concessions. Of course, we can't forget the basket raffles and the silent auction!

However, we are still looking for many volunteers to make carnival a success. Here are some great ways to get involved:

If you like to bake (or buy baked goods!) and are interested in donating treats for the bake sale at Carnival, follow this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8ae23aa8-carnival>

If you REALLY like to bake (or REALLY like to buy baked goods!), consider donating a cake or two for our cake walk! (see flyer at back of newsletter)

If you'd rather donate time during the event, consider giving us an hour to help things run smoothly. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eaba82aa4ff2-meadow>

We would also love if you would join us to wrap baskets prior to Carnival! Sign up here to help - with enough people, it doesn't take more than an hour or two. All wrapping materials are provided. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aea92ba3fe3-carnival>

And finally, a great way to make Carnival successful is simply to join in the fun! If you haven't turned in your wristband order form yet, you can find it attached. Pre-order wristbands are just \$10 and are due by March 29th. After that, plan on buying your wristbands at the door for \$15. *Preschool age siblings are FREE, as are parents/adults.

Look to the back of the newsletter for more info. Feel free to reach out to Emily Perez (esawdon@gmail.com) for questions.

We've been working so hard to make this night spectacular and can't wait to see you there!

Join the MBE PTA Today!

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

COMMITTEE CORNER



Save your **Paper Towel Rolls** to benefit the



*They will be used to put treats in for the primates!

Collection bins are located outside the main office

March 1 – March 29, 2019

A Meadow Brook PTA Green Schools Committee Event
Questions? Email audrey.hernandez@att.net



Congratulations to all of the participants of this year's

MBE Talent Show!



You were all spectacular!



Meadow Brook Partners,

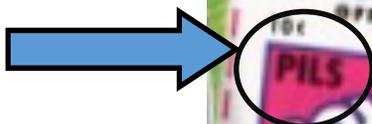
Thank you for clipping BOX TOPS. We received a check in December for \$803 and we will receive another check in April for \$262.10! Keep clipping and sending in those BOX TOPS.

Just place your BOX TOPS in a bag or envelope or paste/tape them on a collection sheet (available on www.boxtops4education.com or the PTA section of the MBE website). Please include your child's name, teacher and grade so they can be entered in a monthly book giveaway. In addition, the class with the most BOX TOPS at the end of the year will win a popsicle party!

Also, here are a few tips to keep in mind when you are clipping:

- ◆ Check the expiration date. Expired ones don't count.
- ◆ The product code must be present.
- ◆ They don't have to be clipped perfectly!
- ◆ Don't paste or tape bonus BOX TOPS to collection sheets. They have to be turned in separately.

Product
Code



Expiration
Date





COLLECT BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION™ FOR YOUR SCHOOL!



Start clipping Box Tops today! Each one is worth 10¢ for your child's school. They add up quickly and your school can use the cash to buy whatever it needs. For more information on Box Tops for Education, including a list of participating products and how much your child's school has earned, go to BTFF.com. Thanks for your help!



- 1** Clip Box Tops. Don't forget to check the expiration date.
- 2** Tape or glue clipped Box Tops to this sheet. Please note, bonus certificates must be submitted separately.
- 3** Send completed sheet to your school.

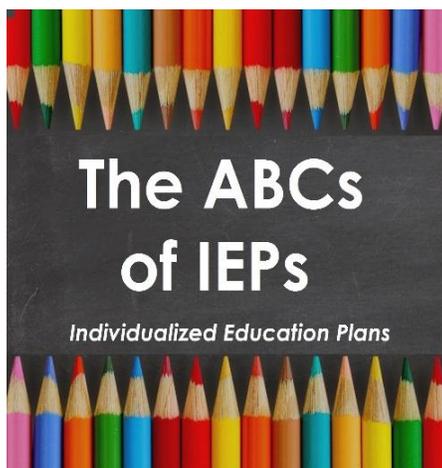
Teacher name: _____

The Rochester Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Presents

IEP ADVOCACY:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Join us for an informal meeting with Sandy Turner, Rochester's Assistant Director of Special Education



- Walk through each component of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and explain its intent
- Share how parents should be welcomed to participate in the IEP process
- Explain how a good measurable goal should be developed
- Suggest ways to communicate throughout the year about progress and concerns

Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

In the Parker Room of the Administration Building



Parents of all age students are welcome

Bring your family to the
Authors in April
Scavenger Hunt

Saturday April 13th

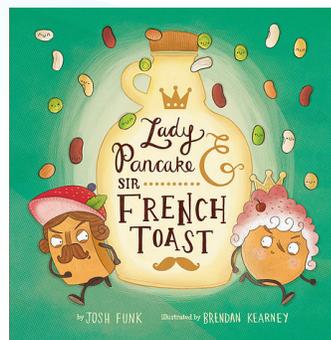
11:00-1:30*

Downtown Rochester

Hunt begins at the Rochester Hills Public Library

*Latest start time is 1:00. Hunt ends at 1:30.

Clues will lead you to businesses in downtown Rochester where your family will discover answers to scavenger hunt questions.



Answers will be found on the cover of an Authors in April book

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Follow us on Facebook | Visit our website at www.authorsinapril.org

Come to the hunt for FREE family fun!

AUTHORS
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MEADOW BROOK CARNIVAL ADVANCE WRISTBAND SALES

Students **MUST** have a wristband to play the games at the carnival.

One wristband per child allows unlimited play.

Purchase your wristbands early and save \$5 each

Price before Friday March 29th:

\$ 10 for elementary and older students



Price at the door on April 12th:

\$ 15 for elementary and older students



Wristbands for pre-school age siblings are FREE

ABSOLUTELY NO Pre-Sales after March 29th

Please do not turn in orders the week of April 8th, plan on purchasing wristbands at the door.

Return this form with payment to your child's teacher by Friday, March 29th .

Oldest Student's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Number of wristbands for elementary and older students _____ at \$ 10 each

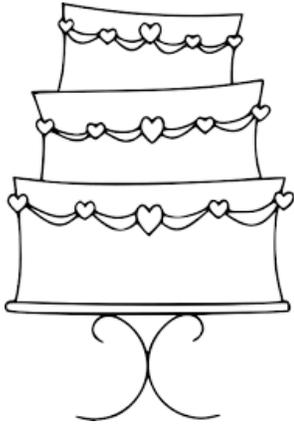
Number of wristbands for pre-school aged younger siblings _____ (Free)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ cash or check # _____

-Please make checks payable to: Meadow Brook PTA

-Wristbands will be sent home with your child a day or two prior to the carnival in a marked and sealed envelope

For more information, contact Jamie Rawcliffe at jamie.rawcliffe@gmail.com



CAKE WALK

BAKERS NEEDED!

OUR GOAL is to get 100 CAKES!

Please check the cake mix ingredients to make sure there are NO NUTS included!

The Top 3 Best Decorated Cakes will receive a mystery prize!

Cakes boxes will be delivered to your child's classroom on Monday April 7.

All cakes need to be delivered to the front lobby of MBE between 9:00-10:00 am on Friday April 12.

Questions? Contact Emily Francis (419) 356-0055 or email emilymfrancis@gmail.com

THANK YOU for helping make the Cake Walk a success!
Please return the bottom portion to school asap.



I will donate _____ Cakes.

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____



How the Basket Raffle and Silent Auction Work

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BASKET RAFFLE

- ✓ Purchase raffle tickets at the fun fair (**cash or check only**). \$1 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 25 tickets.
 - ✓ Print your name & phone number neatly on the ticket (**small address labels are a great way to speed up this process!**).
 - ✓ Place your ticket in the bag for the basket(s) you hope to win.
 - ✓ Raffle will close at 7:45 pm. Winners not present at the drawing will be contacted using the details provided on the ticket.
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SILENT AUCTION

- ✓ View each of the silent auction items on the tables at the Carnival.
 - ✓ Using the starting bid as a guide, write the price you are willing to pay, along with your name & phone number on the sheet associated with the item(s) you wish to bid on.
 - ✓ You can increase your bid by the minimum increment of \$5, or more, (as many times as necessary) until the auction closes to ensure you secure your prize.
 - ✓ Winning bidders must pay by **CASH OR CHECK (made payable to Meadow Brook PTA)** at the close of the auction.
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