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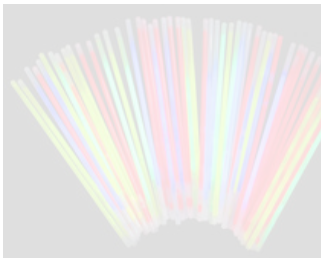
Everything you need to know about Meadowbrook Elementary is found on our website: [Meadowbrook](#)

February Menu

To see what is for breakfast and lunch this month; please [click here](#). Want to join your child for hot lunch? Please let us know if you would like to order hot lunch; by notifying the office no later than 9:00 am on the day you plan to visit. You are also welcome to bring in lunch to enjoy with them.



On **February 12**, the Meadowbrook Student Council will be raising money for the Heavenly Hats Foundation. Please bring a dollar to school and wear your favorite hat. All the money will be donated to a good cause for kids with cancer in the Green Bay area.



On **February 16**, we will be having our annual school wide dance. To make this event even more fun, the Student Council will be selling glow sticks for 50¢. Sales for the glowsticks will begin on February 9th. The sale will go through February 15th. Please send money in an envelope, labeled with your child's name, amount of glow sticks, and amount of money. Your child's teacher will keep track of this

information. Glow sticks will be handed out on the day of the dance.



Referendum Update

The Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution on an operational referendum for the April 3, 2018 spring election ballot. This referendum differs from the April, 2017 referendum, in large part, because of the duration. The Board listened to the community

Upcoming Events at Meadowbrook

Thursday, February 1 - Bulldog Bash at 2:40

Friday, February 2 - **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, February 5 - Yearbook order forms are due

Jump Rope for Heart during PhyEd

Tuesday, February 6 - PSA Meeting 6:30 pm

Jump Rope for Heart during PhyEd

Wednesday, February 7 - Jump Rope for Heart during PhyEd

Thursday, February 8 - Student Council 7:45 am-8:30 am

Sweet Mimi's Fundraiser for PSA

Friday, February 9 - Studio K.I.D. Meeting 7:45 - 8:30

4th Grade Peer Group 11:20-11:50

February Birthdays eat with Mrs.

Zimmer

Monday, February 12 - Hat Day - a fundraiser for Heavenly Hats

Online Conference Scheduling Opens



WI Healthy School Award

For the 2nd year in a row, Meadowbrook Elementary has received the Wisconsin Healthy School Award- Gold level status. Healthy schools create an environment where students can become fit, healthy and ready to learn. Through the collective efforts in the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria, at school events and at home, healthy behaviors are being reinforced. Thank you to all the parents and staff members who have contributed to this award.

Mrs. Brunette & Mr. Kros
Physical Education Department



Our kids love life online, but it is up to us to help teach them how they can protect their devices and their personal information. Here are some tips from Common Sense Media for protecting online passwords and creating appropriate screen names.

Screen name tips to share with kids:

Avoid using your real name.



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through surveys and the Community Task Force Committee. The feedback was clear that the recurring nature of the April, 2017 referendum was not acceptable. The 5 year duration on the current referendum allows the district to address the immediate needs of class size, compensation, and facilities maintenance. As the Board works to address its financial challenges, we are committed to providing as much information as possible. For more information about the referendum, please visit www.hssd.k12.wi.us/referendum. If you have any questions for the Board of Education, please reach out to your board member listed in this article.

HSSD Board of Education Announces Referendum Plans for April 3, 2018 Election

For more information, please click [here](#).

HOWARD-SUAMICO SCHOOL DISTRICT
- REFERENDUM -
APRIL 3, 2018

FIVE YEARS
\$5.85 million per year

- ➔ Reduce class sizes
- ➔ Employee compensation
- ➔ Facility maintenance

Neutral property tax impact
NO INCREASE



Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The district has partnered with the Bridging Brighter Smiles organization to provide dental health services to students at school. [Please click here to read about the program and how you can take advantage of this program.](#)

Staff Spotlight

So which teacher graduated from UW Stevens point and have two children who attend Meadowbrook? **It's Mrs. VanAsten!**

Mystery for this week:

Scrapbooking is this person's favorite hobby; and they also love to read. They have been a member of the Meadowbrook team since 2010; and the most gratifying part of their job is seeing children develop and nurture a love for reading.



Skip personal details - no ages, addresses or phone numbers.

Consider a screen name's effect on others (make sure it's readable and not offensive)

Password tips to share with kids:

- Make passwords eight or more characters long (longer passwords are harder to crack than shorter ones).
- Include letters, numbers, and symbols (these make it harder to guess passwords).
- Change your password at least every six months (this way, even if someone does guess a password, he or she won't be able to get into your account for long).
- Don't use your nickname, phone number, or address as your password.
- Give your password to your parent or guardian (they will help you remember it if you forget it).
- Sharing your password with your friends is not a good idea (even if you trust them, they might unintentionally do something that puts you or your information at risk).
- Create a password that's unique but memorable.

For more information about creating appropriate screen names and passwords talk to your child's library media/technology integration specialist. If you would like to learn more about how to keep your child safe online please visit, [Common Sense Media](#).



Last call for Yearbook orders!

Yearbook order forms are due on Monday! If your child has misplaced their form, please include the following information, along with payment, in an envelope and send with your child to school on Monday. Cost options are: \$11.00 for yearbook only, \$14.00 with personalization, \$15.00 for yearbook and "year in review" (no personalization) or \$17.00 for a yearbook, personalization and the "year in review". Checks should be made payable to: Harmann Studios. Please include your child's name and classroom teacher along with your payment.



Get ready to listen to how much they sweat during gym class next week! That's right - our entire student body will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Each child was sent home with a pledge card; to learn more please [click here](#).

Elementary School Counseling Corner

of Quarter Review:
Zones of Regulation

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**Think Positive
TAKE POSITIVE STEPS
FEEL POSITIVE**

Below is a summary of some of the concepts that students at Meadowbrook have been learning with their school counselor in Life Skills during the 2nd Quarter. Please ask your child about the things they are learning with Mrs. Laughlin. If you have any questions, please contact her at the above number or via email.

Character Traits were the focus of our Life Skills Lessons throughout the second quarter. Be safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible is the Building Block! Every choice we make affects others in either a positive or negative way, but we don't always have the opportunity to fix our negative words or actions. Students had many opportunities to share and pass on acts of kindness. From saying hello to holding doors open for each other, Meadowbrook Bulldogs discussed countless ways to show Kindness and Respect. Our Kindergarten classes focused on treating others the way you want to be treated. We discovered Cuteni Ball words (kind, caring or nice) and compared them to Spideyger words (harful, mean, or rude). First and Second grade placed a great deal of importance on the Golden Rule with help from our Older Friends. "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Others Do Unto You." Third and Fourth grade discovered the importance of kindness, including others and accepting people for who they are. We used the phrase, "Don't judge a book by its cover," to remind us that everyone deserves a chance and that words and actions, the way we treat others makes up our true character. The book *Each Kindness*, *The Invisible Boy* and *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun* were great teaching points.

The answer will be revealed in next week's newsletter!



Inclement weather may necessitate the closing or delay of school. If schools are closed this will also include the cancellation of all extra curricular activities and events at the community pool unless otherwise stated. Many local television stations now give you the option to sign up for text alerts; and

also feature a listing of closing and delays on the home page of their web site. You will also be notified by phone and email of any closings or delays via the District's automated message system.



Click [here](#) to read about how you can minimize the effects of the flu; and how you can tell the difference in the symptoms you or your family are experiencing.

"If You Believe in Yourself Anything is Possible"

Also, during Life Skills, we have been discussing Self-Esteem. Self-Esteem is the value you put on yourself and how important you feel. It's not about bragging. It's knowing that you are important, special and talented in different ways. Healthy self-esteem gives you the courage to try new things and make expected choices. Similar to Bucket Filling, it's important to boost Self-Esteem of others as well as taking care of yourself. Students participated in "Alphabet Affirmations", "Self-Esteem holiday creations and mirror reflections. Remind your students to think positive, talk positive and be proud of who they are individually.



2018 BAY PORT YOUTH TRACK CLUB OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS

IN GRADES 3 - 4 - 5 - 6

The program includes a T-shirt, free entry into Bay Port track meets, an introduction to and instruction in track and field events, and a ribbon for every child during our club meets. All track club activities will occur at the Bay Port High School track facilities. Please meet on the asphalt area behind the concession stand.

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| APRIL 25 | PRACTICE | 4:15 - 5:45 |
| MAY 2 | PRACTICE | 4:15 - 5:45 |
| MAY 9 | CLUB MEET | 4:15 - 5:45 |
| MAY 16 | CLUB MEET | 4:15 - 5:45 |

We will accept younger children, but understand our practices and club meets are geared toward boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. If you have any questions, please call Girls Head Coach Victor Murphy (662-9857) or Boys Head Coach Andy Nuthals (662-7151). Our activity is outdoors and weather dependent. If weather is severe we will cancel. Because of the large number of commitments at this time of the year, missed days will not be rescheduled. To register your child; please click [here](#).

Community Calendar

Our schools now use the Activity Scheduler from rSchoolToday as our School Calendaring system. All of the information is updated in real-time. This link [rSchoolToday Calendar](#) walks you through the process to view the events you choose. Once you choose what you want to see on the report it gives the option to subscribe to the calendar.

Saturday, February 3 Einstein Expo presented by WPS at Shopko Hall, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Expo Admission is \$4 at the door, (free for ages 2 & under). A day of fun, hands-on science, technology, engineering & math activities for families.

Friday, February 9 - Bay Port's "Carnival for a Cure" event organized by the Sting Cancer club. Click [here](#) for more info.

Saturday, March 17 - Project Play 60 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) Lambeau Field Atrium Legends Club (4th floor). This is a FREE community event features activities that are sure to get kids up and moving.