



Meadow Brook

Elementary School

THE PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE: Flexibility, Patience and Calm

Dear Meadow Brook Partners,

It's been a great couple of weeks at school! We're in the swing of things and the *back to school dust* has settled.

Our youngest learners are moving around school with confidence, our Meadow Brook veteran learners are demonstrating the MBE Hero leadership core values by focusing on being **safe, respectful** and **responsible** through kindness, inclusion, and thoughtfulness, and we're all living the *RCS respect Code and District Equity Statement* (always posted at the end of my messages).

Our office, our hallways and our classrooms are filled with joyful students, staff, volunteers and visitors!

This morning the Berg family had to take two vehicles to Hebrew school because our oldest is on staff as a Madrich (teacher's assistant). He had an early meeting.

When he and I opened the door to leave we were greeted by the over two thousand runners and walkers who were making their way along the *Detroit Zoo Run Wild* fund-raising event course (I always forget it goes directly in front of our house). We were not getting out of the driveway. He would miss his meeting.

We had two options: worry and get upset or go with the flow. We went with the flow.

The silver lining is that we were no longer rushed. He could sit down and enjoy a bowl of cereal. I could take a moment to be mindful during my morning cup of coffee rather than spilling it on myself in the car. Also, everything would be ok...and it was.

Everyone at school is doing the very best we can, every day. Students, staff, and volunteers all focus on safety and learning for each and every MBE Kid as we engage with one another. We all have good intentions, and we all empty the tank with everything we do.

I am extremely grateful for the **flexibility, patience** and **calm** this community demonstrates as we celebrate the triumphs and face the challenges together.

This shared effort and the positive path it paves sets the incredible foundation for who we are as a school community!

We're doing great so far...thank you, and keep up the wonderful work!

LOOKING FORWARD

Monday, 9/11: Picture Day

Monday, 9/11: MBE Bagel Monday

Tuesday, 9/12: MBE Staff Meeting (8:15 - 8:45 am)

Tuesday, 9/12: Kindergarten Curriculum Night (6 - 6:45 pm)

Wednesday, 9/13: I-READY (Lovell)

Wednesday, 9/13: MBE PTA General Meeting (6:30 pm)

Thursday, 9/14: I-READY (Beier)

Thursday, 9/14: TK/1 - 5 Curriculum Night (6 - 6:30 pm/6:35 - 7:05 pm)

Friday, 9/15: I-READY (Amore, Suarez, and Sylver)

Friday, 9/15 - Sunday, 9/17: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish Holiday)

* Please note that Janmashtami, a Hindu holiday was on Wednesday, 9/6 and I missed recognizing it on our calendar. My goal is to recognize as many cultural and religious events/holidays as possible throughout the school year to add to our already enriching awareness and celebration of the diversity that enhances our wonderful school community. Input is welcome and appreciated.

Thank you for your patience and your partnership...in it together for the kids!

Here's to another joyful and balanced Meadow Brook week,

Seth