



February 2022 Newsletter

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

It looks like Winter MAP testing is wrapping up this week. Once all of the scores are in, your teachers will let you know when you should be receiving them (most likely on February 17th). You will receive a school messenger message letting you know to expect them. As a reminder, MAP tests are just one snapshot that is used to determine how students are doing.

Our Showcase of Learning will be in February. I will be available on February 7th from 4:30-7:15 and February 16th from 4:30-7:15 in the Library. I do have some meetings scheduled with families and if you would like to schedule a time with me, my email is cqahan@waukesha.k12.wi.us.

We Thinkers resources (Kindergarten)

I continue to teach SEL lessons in the Kindergarten classrooms using the We Thinkers curriculum. I am including links for parent letters that explain the lessons and ideas for parents can be found in the letters. We will start unit 5 this week. We use this vocabulary with students throughout the grade levels here at Meadowbrook. We will begin the next volume when the first is completed.

[Unit 5 Whole Body Listening](#)- starting this week
[Unit 1 Hidden Rules](#)

Parents United is an organization that offers presentations to parents and school staff and Waukesha School District employees/staff are able to attend. Below is a link to the presentations offered for the 2021-2022 School year. You will need to register for any of the presentations that you would like to attend on the link below. Please let me know if you have any questions. You may attend these events virtually also.

[Parents United Presentation Description](#)
[Registration for Presentations](#)

Here is what is coming up. The offering on March 9th may be of interest. I have the book *Lost at School* and it has very good strategies for problem solving. Registration

for that one will open up when we get closer to the date. There is a more specific presentation for parents at 12:30.

The Three Deadly Accommodations

Presenter: Cindi Pichler, Senior Assistive Technology Specialist, IndependenceFirst
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:00 - 11:30 am

Did you know that there are accommodations that are routinely offered in elementary, middle and high school that are not offered on the job? These same accommodations may not be available, or may be offered in a different format, in college and technical schools. Will your student be ready for the differences? What options are available if a student is using one of these "deadly" accommodations? This workshop will discuss accommodations and expectations of the world beyond high school, and offer ideas for preparing students for higher education and employment.

Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS)

Presenter: Kimberly R. Hopkins, LICSW, Director of Outreach and Communications at *Lives in the Balance*

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Session for Educators

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Session for Parents

CPS is the empirically supported model Dr. Ross Greene describes in his influential books, *The Explosive Child*, *Lost at School*, and the recently released books, *Lost and Found* and *Raising Human Beings*. The CPS model provides a compassionate understanding of kids' behavioral challenges and a non-adversarial, effective approach for reducing challenging behavior, improving communication, and repairing relationships. This model has been implemented in schools, inpatient units, residential facilities, treatment programs, and juvenile detention facilities. You will leave with an understanding of the underpinnings of Dr. Greene's Approach, along with practical assessment and intervention tools that can be brought back to and used in diverse settings.

A Walk Through Guide to Guardianship and Decision-Making Options AND Special Needs Financial Planning

Presenters: Victoria L. Davis Davila, J.D. and Kathleen Oberneder ChSNC®, Financial Advisor
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 6:00 - 8:30pm

In this session, participants will learn about a spectrum of decision-making options available for people with disabilities. We will discuss informal supports, supported decision-making agreements, powers of attorney, and guardianship, and cover both personal/health care and financial/estate decisions. We will discuss 529 ABLE Savings Accounts and Special Needs Trusts (SNTs), and learn how these planning tools interact with one another.