



## *April 2022 Newsletter*

Hello Meadowbrook Families,

In the next couple weeks we will complete Forward testing for all third, fourth, and fifth grade students and will be working on make-up testing for those who were absent or did not complete testing. In the first three weeks of May, all students will be taking their final round of MAP testing. Classroom teachers will be informing you of testing dates and times. Please be sure to let classroom teachers know ahead of time if you know your child will be out. Continue to make sure they are well rested and have eaten breakfast the days they are tested for Forward and for MAP testing.

Carrie Gahan  
School Psychologist

### **SEL**

For the Month of April, our Kindergarten classes will be learning about Flexible Thinking and Size of the Problem. Kindergarten classes are learning about the importance of being a flexible thinker. We will discuss being able to be a flexible thinker so that we are able to get along with others, solve problems, and learn new ways to think about things. When we talk about the Size of the Problem, we discuss understanding that we can solve or accept small problems and be flexible. Below are the parent letters that explain those concepts and have some activities that you may enjoy at home.

[Flexible Thinking Parent Letter](#)  
[Size of the Problem Parent Letter](#)

### **Parent United Offerings**

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. All of the day presentations are completed for this school year, but there is one evening program offered this May.

**Building an IEP for Your Child**

Presenters: Cheri Sylla, Family Engagement Coordinator, CESA #1 & Jaimee Cannon, Family Engagement Liaison, CESA #1 & Parents United Community Liaison

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 6:00 - 8:30pm

How do you build an IEP that meets the unique needs of the child? This session provides information about the IEP process, as well as strategies and tools to help parents provide input into developing their child's IEP as a member of the IEP team. Working together as a team is

hard and presenters will share key strategies with regard to communication, collaboration, and problem-solving. There's something for everyone no matter where you are at!

**Gifted and Talented**

I have been sending out emails to families regarding Gifted and Talented opportunities for students that have been identified as Gifted and Talented. It does look like there will be one more opportunity for the Planetarium presentations. Look for the email if you are interested.