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From the Principal



Dear Meadowlane Elementary Families,

Happy New Year to Everyone!

I hope that you had an enjoyable winter break and that you are well rested, recharged, and ready to come back to school. I ask that students and parents begin the New Year with a renewed commitment to learning. I know MES teachers are ready to get back to teaching and learning and continue what has already been a very successful year!

With an exciting new year upon us, I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to emphasize how important it is that we continue to maintain a quality partnership between the home and school. I look forward to working with all of you to provide our students with an education that will prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Just a reminder that as the weather gets colder, the children need to be dressed appropriately to come to school. Physical education classes will have many outdoor winter activities that would require weather appropriate apparel. Some classrooms will still be utilizing outside for "brain breaks" activities and projects.

Remember, students should not be dropped off before 7:20 AM. The reason for this is there is no supervision provided when children are dropped off early.

January is a month of reflections and new beginnings. Celebrate learning, reflect on the growth and begin to imagine how far we can go when we set our expectations high and plan a path to reach them.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Azetha McDonald

Principal

Upcoming Events!

Behavior Assembly 4th-5th
Jan. 5th 2:00 PM

Behavior Assembly K-2
Jan. 8th-2:00 PM

Star Testing Window
Opens
Jan. 10th-24th

Report Cards Issued
Jan. 11th

Principal Tea for all A's 2nd
Nine Weeks
Jan. 12th 1:00 PM

Martin Luther King Holiday
No School- Jan. 15th

Second Nine Weeks
Honor Assembly
Jan. 17th
K-1 1:00 PM
2-3 1:30 PM
4-5 2:00 PM

School-Wide Spelling Bee
Jan. 18th 1:00 PM

Jan. 19th
DIBELS Celebration
2:00 PM Grades K-3
ACCESS Testing Begins

100th Day of School
Jan. 23rd

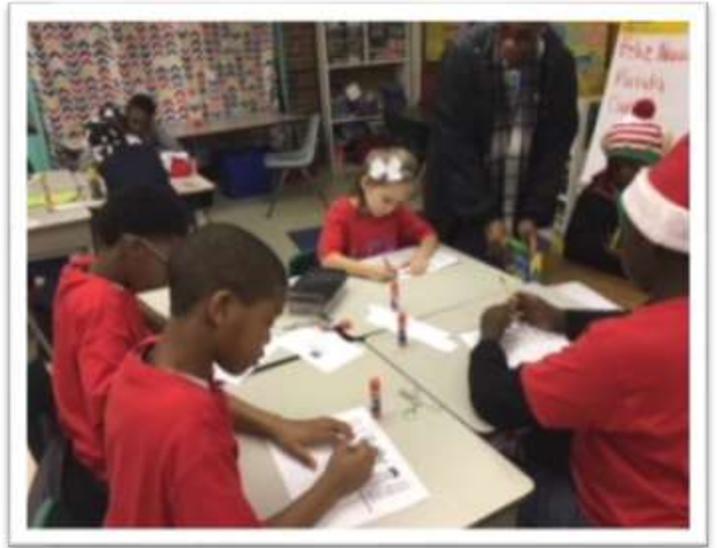
Pastries for Parents
(donuts) Community
Involvement
Event/Second Annual Title
I Meeting
TBA



MES Choir Is Growing (WOW We Have Talent)



Students Engaged –Family Literacy Night



Family Literacy Night Was A Big Success!

Thanks to All of Our Parents and Students for coming out and participating in Literacy Around the World!

Families Engaged –Family Literacy Night



Thanks to All of Our Partners in Education

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
South Griffin Lodge #697**



Partners in Education

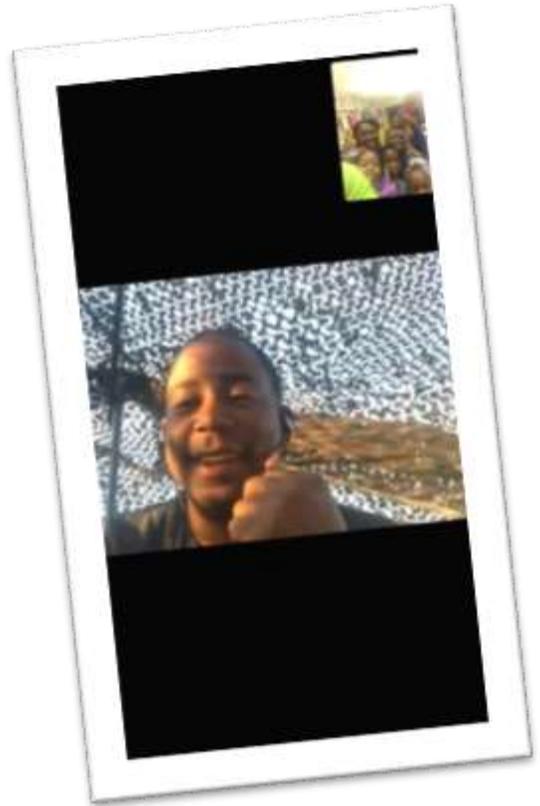
**MES Boys Mentoring Group
(Sponsored by Griffin South Lodge #697)**



Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church



**Third Grade Students Face Timed
Mr. Townsend in Kuwait**



**Students Enjoyed Talking To Mr.
Townsend. Mr. Townsend will be back in
February.**

**Students Had A Great Time At The
Winter Dance**



Memo for Parents and Guardians

We Need Your Help To Ensure Our Students Will Make The Necessary Growth For This School Year!! Will You Help?

Parents please continue reading with your child at home! Students were supposed to be reading at home and returning their reading logs weekly to their classroom teacher. The reading logs was supposed to be returned with parents initials. That has not been happening. We need to push our students to read daily in order for them to become proficient on state standardized assessments or Star Reading Assessment and Global Scholar. As of this month, our student proficiency is not where it needs to be. 50% to 70 % of students should be proficient. Students have made gains, but there are more gains that need to be made before the end of this school year.

Encourage students to read every day for 20 or 30 minutes. Encourage them to take AR test as well as pass those AR test in order to earn AR points.

Stress the importance of education and school. Let them know that all adults on campus want them to succeed and be successful in school.

Stress the importance of staying in the classroom, making good choices in the classroom, respecting their teacher, and not getting sent to the office for discipline referrals. Students cannot learn sitting in the office.

We are at the crossroads now, students should be well on the way to mastering what is taught in the classroom.

MES is a school of pride, integrity as well as character. MES will not settle for less, we want the best for our students just as any other school in this district or surrounding areas. We expect the best from all of our students and will not make excuses as to why a child cannot learn. All children can and will learn while they are on MES campus.

Some great distinguished people have come through Meadowlane Elementary. Just to name a few: *Mayor Eddie Lowe, Jeremiah Castell, and Toby Dixon*. When your child gets older, we will look back and say, your child or children were distinguished scholars that went to MES.

The time is now to focus on your child's education. You will never be able to get these precious moments or years back. When your child moves on to the middle school and they are not working on or above grade level, they will be behind and it becomes much greater to close the achievement gap. Please help us this school year, meet the one year worth of growth in both reading and math. Our goal is for all students to grow at least one year. However, we do not want just one year, we want more! It is up to all of us to help our students and play a role in their education. Please help us, help your child be successful.

Let's work together for the greater good of our children. MES scholars are our future. What do you want for your child or children in the future?

.....And that's a Memo

Principal McDonald

HAPPY NEW YEAR MES FAMILIES



WILDCAT PRIDE!