Welcome Back & Hakuna Matata

On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the Meadowbrook School opened its doors and we were so happy to welcome 117 students and 6 new teachers. It is going to be an exciting year! To celebrate the year, our theme is Hakuna Matata.

"It means no worries
For the rest of your days
It's our problem-free philosophy
Hakuna Matata!"

Visit our Photo Gallery or Facebook page for more pictures.

Meadowbrook Family Slide Show

Our Meadowbrook families had a wonderful summer! We loved sharing our pictures of most of our students and faculty with each other in the family slide show. Enjoy!

Mindfulness at Meadowbrook

Matthew’s Mindful Moment

A special thank you to Louise and Michael Okin for continuing to support our mindfulness program at Meadowbrook in memory of their son Matthew ’92. This fall we will be joined by Shannon Funt of May You Be Mindful. Louise and Michael also donated Into the Magic Shop books to the Meadowbrook faculty, a wonderful book, that is a good resource for parents. The mindfulness chimes for each classroom were also donated in Matthew’s memory. We are so grateful for this opportunity to honor Matthew’s memory and teach our children to be mindful. To learn more about Mindfulness at Meadowbrook, click HERE.
What a Wonderful Gift!

In 1995, the Meadowbrook Ship and Castle were erected on the playground and have brought joy to our students for over 20 years. However, the ship finally sank. We are grateful to one of our current Meadowbrook families for a new tug boat and a dream fort that were installed on the playground this fall! It was an exciting morning when the old ship was hauled away and a new tug boat was put in its place. The castle was able to be saved because Mr. Mosteller has done such a great job on its maintenance. We welcome our alumni to come out and see the new stuff and visit the old. Please come home to Meadowbrook!

You can see more pictures on our Facebook page.

MAKE A GIFT!

YES, you can make a difference! Maybe a gift for new playground equipment is not in your budget, but your gift, regardless of the amount makes a difference to the Meadowbrook students and faculty. We need everyone to participate!
Time for a new logo to celebrate our 100 years. We asked our students to design a logo. Then we took their ideas and asked a graphic designer to put their ideas to work and now we need your help. Take a look at these designs. What do you think? Contact Megan Brogan with your opinion. We love to hear from you!

Want to be more involved? Here is what you can do to help us plan our Centennial Celebration:
1. Get involved - email Megan Brogan to join the committee.
2. Make a Gift - $100 for 100 years? It is easy to do and we are aiming for 100% participation from EVERYONE!
3. Spread the word! Meadowbrook has been a staple in the community for nearly 100 years. Help us to share the good news.

Support Meadowbrook with Your Tax Dollars!

"Supporting Meadowbrook through the Pennsylvania EITC program was so easy and it is something we feel is important to do."
- Chris Bernert, Director of Sales at Havis LLC and father of Allison '21

Want a Tax Credit?

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs allow companies and individuals to receive tax credits for donating your money to an organization like Meadowbrook instead of sending it to Harrisburg!

NEW for THIS YEAR individuals can make a gift which would provide them with a tax credit for the Pennsylvania taxes. Please contact Megan Brogan if you have any questions or would like to be part of an information session hosted at Meadowbrook.

If you would like to begin the process or learn more, start HERE.
Miss Marissa Rohner '04, Meadowbrook’s new Director of Admissions is gearing up for a fantastic season. On Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 am, we will host our first Open House of the season. We ask that you kindly RSVP HERE so that we can be prepared. After your tour, you are invited to stay for POM’s annual Fall Fest which begins at 12:00 pm.

A Warm Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome new faculty to the Meadowbrook School for the 2017-18 school year. When you see them, please make them feel welcome!

Miss Caitlin Armstrong has joined the Meadowbrook family as the new Teaching Assistant in Mrs. Cohen’s Kindergarten room. Another fine graduate of Arcadia University’s excellent school of education, Caitlin is a welcome addition and we anticipate she will blaze her own path at Meadowbrook after watching how well her big sister, Mrs. Mercer, has done.

Miss Laura Betz has joined the Meadowbrook family as Mrs. Link’s Teaching Assistant in our Early Childhood Education program. Miss Betz is a graduate of West Chester University where she received her Bachelors in liberal and professional studies and she minored in Elementary Education and Psychology. Miss Betz has also obtained a Certificate in Ballet from Brandywine Ballet and will continue to dance with them as professional dancer next season.

Mrs. Kristen Haugen has joined us as Director of Academic Advancement. We are excited for the addition of Mrs. Haugen as her 20+ teaching years of experience will enhance our academic programming and provide a fresh perspective on our curriculum.
Mr. Khyser Ober has joined us as the new Director of Athletics and Physical Education instructor. Mr. Ober is a longtime tennis instructor, sports-camp director and soccer coach who's thrilled to join the Meadowbrook faculty. A graduate of Penn State, he brings a fun, educational and high-energy approach to our gym and our outdoor facilities.

Mrs. Amanda Provost has joined the Meadowbrook family as our new 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Provost and her husband recently moved to Meadowbrook after spending 8 years in Florida as a teacher in the School District of Osceola County. A lover of animals and all things Star Wars and Disney, Mrs. Provost is a joyful addition to our staff.

Ms. Megan Asplundh is a certified reading specialist, elementary teacher and secondary English teacher. She has taught students from five to thirty-five years old in just about every kind of school. Most recently, Megan taught small reading groups at the Bryn Athyn Church School. She loves helping students to become more confident readers and writers. Ms. Asplundh is looking forward to getting to know the students of The Meadowbrook School during Mrs. Bowler's family leave.

And Best Wishes!

We are grateful to Coach Matt Paul, Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Mrs. Diana Caramanico and Sean and Jennifer Cashman for all they did at the Meadowbrook School. Our Meadowbrook family was enriched by your time spent here and we hope you come back and visit us often.

Alumni Notes

Members of the Class of 2016 recently gathered for a reunion! Even though it has only been a year since graduation, it was a great opportunity to catch up with friends. The Meadowbrook bonds are tight and those who were not able to make it were sorely missed! Thank you to Class Secretary, Tana Liu for organizing.
Victor Kasian '16 - as a 7th grader, Victor made the Honor Roll and was a member of the golf, basketball and tennis teams. As an 8th grader, Victor is currently playing golf on the school team and enjoys learning the Spanish language. He is planning to play basketball in the winter and tennis in the spring for SCH.

Jake Campbell '15 - enjoys coming home to Meadowbrook frequently and we are always glad to see him. Jake just started his Freshman year at Abington Friends School.

Brian Isztwan '12 - Congratulations to Brian who was the only National Merit Semi-finalist named from the William Penn Charter School!

Nick Franz '10 - after completing a gap year, Nick Franz has started at Drexel University. It was hard for Joe '13 to say good-bye!

Andrew Kasian '10 - is currently a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania and last year, as a Freshman, made the Dean’s List.

Members of the Class of 2008 gathered for an impromptu reunion downtown this summer. How did the grow up so fast? Thanks for the picture, Ryan Moyer! From top left clockwise KJ Vojir-Esposito, Ryan Moyer, Kathryn Saltzman, Jacob Snipes and Sara Trost.
Sara Trost '08 - enjoyed watching big sister Susanna graduate this past May and is looking forward to her own graduation from West Chester University in the spring.

Susanna Trost '07 graduated from the University of Delaware in May and began the next leg of her academic career at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jared Weitzman '04 and Dylan Moody '04 started and run a creative ad agency. Jared is the CEO and Emmy Winning Director (campaigns include: Mets and Yankees in 2016, brands such as Visa, Havas Roc Nation and MTV) and Dylan is the CFO of Ruse Studios in NYC. He has worked as an apparel designer, footwear designer and was part of the marketing team for Puma. He has worked beside Rihanna (FENTY) shoes, which recently won the “Shoe of the Year” award.

Mackenzie Kramer '05 is a second year medical student at PCOM (Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.) She is president of the Pediatric Club and has an internship in the oncology lab of Fox Chase Cancer Center.

In Memoriam

Please keep the following members of the Meadowbrook community and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Christopher Asplundh - father of Meredith Asplundh '82
John J. Welsh - father of Michael Welsh '85
Walter Griffith MacFarland III '37

What is new with our Faculty?

Our faculty have been busy over the summer! From professional development to trips abroad, we are constantly striving to grow and learn and pass it on to our students! Take a look at the amazing adventures!

Mrs. Kristen Haugen, Director of Academic Advancement had a busy summer. She attended the ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) conference and a conference on the Danielson Framework for teaching. In her spare time she and her family enjoyed Paris by houseboat and Niagara Falls by helicopter. We are glad you are here to share your adventures, Mrs. Haugen!
Summer is always a good time for our teachers. **Mrs. Brittany Mercer and Miss Caitlin Armstrong** enjoyed a week of family fun in Asheville, NC along with their parents, Mr. Mercer, and Ethan, their brother. The week was spent exploring the nature and history that surrounds the Asheville area. Highlights included The Biltmore Estate, Chimney Rock, Catawba Falls, and the Blue Ridge Parkway on the journey home.

Mrs. Mercer also enjoyed a class through the MCIU, Innovative Approaches to Literacy with Google. Along with Mrs. Mosteller and Mrs. Langlois, we hope to share the wealth of knowledge from this class with the students we teach.

**Mrs. Amanda Provost, 5th grade teacher,** shares that her biggest excitement came when she and her husband Nate moved from Lakeland, Florida to Meadowbrook with their beagle! Welcome home, Mrs. Provost. We think you will love it here!

**Mrs. Janice Mockaitis, Meadowbrook science teacher** since 1998 attended a course called *A Vision and Plan for Science Teaching and Learning.* This multi day course started during the last school year and ended with a final follow up session this past summer. Read more on our [BLOG >>](#)

**World Maker Faire**

**Mrs. Becky Blumenthal, Meadowbrook art teacher and director of maker space** attended the 8th annual World Maker Faire at the Hall of Science, in Queens New York September 22-24. This event was billed as the greatest show and tell on earth and that was an excellent description! The goal of the Maker Movement is to create more makers, or people who create as well as consume. Mrs. Blumenthal’s goal is to inspire our children to think creatively, push through obstacles and become life-long learners. Picasso said “All children are Artists.” Mrs. Blumenthal says, "All children can be makers. It takes only curiosity and exposure to take something apart and put it back together in a new way or for a new purpose." Read more on our [BLOG >>](#)

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Mrs. Carol Kirby continues the Meadowbrook
Community Service tradition with the annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Now, more than ever, you can help to save a life!

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