Calling Young Alumni!

Meadowbrook alumni in junior high and high school, we want you! Join us on Friday, April 28th at 6:30 PM for pizza in the Dining Commons with some of your favorite teachers. We are interested in learning about your experiences after Meadowbrook! Please let us know you are coming by RSVPing. We need to know how much pizza to order!

RSVP HERE

Development Update

Calling All Alumni!

The *Meadowbrook Annual Fund* is the largest source of fundraising for the school after the annual auction and the unrestricted dollars raised provide immediate relief for the general operating budget. We need your support. Please [make a gift today](#).

Only 11 alumni have made a gift to the Annual Fund. It is time to participate! Our goal this year is to have 100 alumni make a gift. It does not have to be a big gift. For our young alumni, give a gift in the year you graduated. Do you have $20.02? How about $19.19 in honor of our founding year? $20 or $20,000, we need your support!

Did you know? We are planning for the Meadowbrook School's Centennial Celebration! Beginning in September 2019 through June 2020, we will be hosting events to commemorate our wonderful existence. Here is what we need YOU to do:

Get involved - email Megan Brogan to join the committee. Our first meeting will be held May, 11 2017 in the Dining Commons.

If you are interested in heading up a reunion for your class, contact Megan. She will be happy to send you class lists and help plan your event;

Make a Gift - $100 for 100 years? It is easy to do and we are aiming for 100% participation from EVERYONE!
If you graduated in 1967, this is your 50th Reunion year. **John Harbison** is trying to get his classmates together. Please contact him directly. Maybe this is the year you could give a gift of $1,967 in honor of your reunion!

**Mardi Gras at Meadowbrook**

On Tuesday, February 28th, 2017, Meadowbrook celebrated Mardi Gras again. Students in fourth through sixth grade made delicious authentic French dishes such as Soupe Pistou, Quiche Lorraine, pain au chocolat, as well as many delicious desserts including the traditional Mardi Gras King’s cakes. Students in pre-school through third grades paraded their hand-crafted masks in an afternoon assembly for the whole school to admire. It was a very special treat to have Madame Packel come back to Meadowbrook and visit during this wonderful event that she initiated many many years ago.

**Thank you to our PA EITC & OSTC Donors**

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Want to Support Meadowbrook with your Tax Dollars?

Businesses that donate to eligible EITC & OSTC organizations can receive tax credits that can equal 75% – 100% of their contribution.

- **Recently the PA State Representatives** have passed legislation to provide tax credits in the total amount of $250 million for EITC and OSTC combined, up from $175 million. EITC would now provide $175 million in tax credits, up from $125 million. EITC’s $175 million in total tax credits would include $105 million for kindergarten through 12th grade scholarship organizations, $17.5 million for pre-K scholarship organizations and $52.5 million for educational improvement organizations which provide educational enhancement activities at public schools.
OSTC would now provide $75 million in tax credits, up from $50 million.

- Meadowbrook qualifies for both programs — businesses can apply to participate in both programs.
- One year gifts get 75% credit; two year gifts get 90% credit.
- It is very competitive to apply and receive credits, First Come First Served — Application opening is 12:01 am July 1.
- Any undistributed credits will funnel back to either program that has applicants (so, if not enough OSTC applicants, $ will go to wait list EITC applicants...or vice versa), in short — all credits will be distributed, likely before January 1.
- Some business partnerships (selected, must qualify) can transfer all or a portion of their approved tax credits to their shareholders, partners or even claim them on their personal tax returns.
- PA has expanded the definitions of what kind of businesses can participate and what types of business taxes apply to be credited.

The Meadowbrook School would like to ask you today to consider your company’s contribution to Meadowbrook and submit your application to the state as soon as possible. Email Megan Brogan if you have any question.

If you would like to begin the process or learn more, start HERE.

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**Join us for the Spring Musical**

Miss Lindsey Wooler and the students in the first, second and third grades will perform *Of Mice and Mozart* on Thursday, April 20th. It will be a guaranteed show stopper! Shows will be at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM in Shuttleworth Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend!
Calling all Runners and Walkers!

The Annual Meadowbrook Community Run for Education will be held here at the Meadowbrook School on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available! This is a perfect chance for you to advertise your business and show your support for our school.

Be a Family Sponsor and get your name on the t-shirt and two adult runners and 2 child runners for only $125.

All information can be found on our [website](http://www.themeadowbrookschool.org). We need your support of this POM event! Thanks very much to POM President and chair of this major POM fundraiser, Adrienne Fletcher. If you have any
Alumni Spotlight

Kathryn Saltzman '08 wrote a beautiful piece featured in the Spring Update which has been mailed to all alumni, parents and friends of Meadowbrook about the impact of a Meadowbrook education. Please visit our website to read more.

Alumni Notes

Daniel Spink '90 - and his wife, Holly enjoyed a honeymoon in Thailand and survived their visit with the tigers. Dan and brothers Brian and JC are all living the life in Hollywood.

Gus Sacks '00 - and his wife, Lindsey welcomed a baby boy in January. Mason James Fortunato Sacks (pictured left) made his debut in Los Angeles where Gus and Lindsey have moved so that Gus can explore his talents as a cinematographer.

Marisa Sacks '00 - will graduated from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, CA this May.

Sarah Pollock '03 - is a PhD student at the University of Virginia doing research in microbiology. It was a pleasure to see her parents, Gale and Jeff Pollock at the annual Science Expo. Gale and Jeff expressed their gratitude to Meadowbrook saying Sarah’s path all started here at Meadowbrook!

Jesse Dougherty ‘06 - graduated last spring from Syracuse University. After spending a year in Los Angeles working at the LA Times, he has moved back to the east coast and is living in Washington, DC. You can find Jesse's byline in the Sports Section of the Washington Post.

Susanna Trost '07 - is finishing her Senior year at the University of Delaware. Susanna has been studying biology and is preparing to begin a Masters program in Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology in the Fall. She has to choose between Drexel, George Washington, Emory and Yale. Good luck, Susanna! With those choices we know you will end up in the place that is the best for you.

Sara Trost '08 - is currently a Junior at West Chester University where she is studying early elementary education. It was a pleasure to have Sara helping us out in the preschool in January.

Meadowbrook Singers continue performing even after they graduate! (picture left)
On February 4th at Germantown Friends School's annual A Cappella Fest, Meadowbrook alumni Krystian Sampson '13 and Sarah Gabrielle Lynch '12 of the SCH Laurelei, Kiran McCulloch...
Meadowbrook is so proud of our alumni and students and wish them all the very best!

Anu McCulloch '14 - competed at the USA Climbing Division 7 Championships on Sunday, January 8. She crushed it and moved on to the National Championships in Salt Lake City in February.

Alice Dougherty '16 - and her dance group won Platinum for their jazz routine at their regional dance competition this past Saturday.

Abby Kretschman '17 - took 7th place in the Interscholastic Equestrian Association Zone 2 show in Buffalo, NY over the weekend. She was the youngest competitor in her group.

Devon Felsenstein '18 - competed in gymnastics on Saturday, March 4 at the Montco Invitational Meet. He competed at Level 6, Division 1 of a USAG sanctioned meet. He won the following medals: 1st Place Vault, 1st Place High Bar, 2nd Place Still Rings and 2nd Place All-Around.

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In Memoriam
Please keep the following members of the Meadowbrook community and their families in your thoughts and prayers.
Ellis Kirby - husband of Carol Kirby
Irma Weissner - mother of Carol Kirby
Robert Marco - father of Janice Mockaitis
Doris Lufkin - mother of Lois Peiffer
Steve Hewitt - grandfather of James Hewitt '16 and Will Hewitt '19

What is going on at Meadowbrook?

The faculty of the Meadowbrook School are constantly working to improve what we offer for our students. As part of our mission, we are committed to academic excellence and we are grateful to the faculty who have taken advantage of some wonderful workshops this winter and spring.

Lindsey Wooler, our music teacher attended the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 11 In Service Conference. Lindsey was able to attend workshops on encouraging leadership and reliance in music classes, early childhood music, developing part work in the classroom, and writing standard-based music assessments. It was a great day to connect with other music educators in the area and learn from their experiences!

In addition, Katie Link and several faculty attended the ADVIS TECHamp & Unconference: The Future of Learning on February 17, 2017. At this conference, Katie went to a Mathematics session on meeting the needs of the 21st century learner where she heard about current trends and ideas in the Math field. Katie also attended a session on media and storytelling where she learned about the various features and benefits of student e-portfolios.

Cathy Langlois, our third grade teacher had a very busy semester. She attended Fountas and Pinnell’s Guided Reading and Responsive Teaching for grades 3-6. This course gave an overview of the components of guided reading and how to incorporate this type of reading into the classroom. Guided reading supports and expands readers abilities at their specific level of reading. She also attended a course that explained effective ways to teach math concepts using manipulatives and visual props. Finally, Cathy attended a course on the SmartBoard - Moving From a Teaching Tool to a Learning Tool. This course taught the basic techniques on how to use a smart board and also introduced current technology that is available to make learning successful.

Professional development is just one way our teachers are able to enhance our students' academics and learning experience. If you would like to support our faculty professional development with a gift, please contact Megan Brogan.

More Good News from our Faculty!

Congratulations to Diana Caramanico (Mrs. C) who will be honored as a legend of Ivy League Basketball.

"The most dominant women’s basketball player in Penn history, Diana Caramanico’s 2,415 career points still stand as Ivy League and Big 5 records, and she remains the only men’s or women’s basketball player in Penn’s illustrious history to score more than 2,000 career points. The four-time first-team All-Ivy selection was the first player in Penn history to earn Ivy League Rookie of the Year, Philadelphia Big 5 Rookie of the Year and ECAC Rookie of the Year".
Be sure to visit our Photo Gallery

We have had a fantastic winter at Meadowbrook.

- POM’s BINGO night was a huge hit for current families and alumni;
- The annual Winter Arts Festival was a wonderful celebration of all our Meadowbrook students and the hard work they put in with Mary Sawyer, our talented art teacher;
- Mrs. Mosteller’s 2nd graders the traditional Post Office;
- Mrs. Fletcher and her 5th graders enjoyed the always entertaining Colonial Action Week;
- Mr. Gaines and his fabulous 6th graders hosted the Gods Atop Mt. Olympus and the ever popular Sparta-Athens Debate;
- Mrs. Mockaitis hosted another fantastic Science Expo.

As you can see, we have been very busy this year! Maintaining traditions and making new memories, the Meadowbrook School is thriving because of its committed alumni and families! Be sure to join us on campus this spring to show your support!

Upcoming Events

4/22/17 - Give Back to Their Future, the annual Spring Auction
4/28/17 - Grandparents & Special Friends Day
4/28/17 - Young Alumni Survey in the Dining Commons.
5/20/17 - POM Meadowbrook Community Run
5/26/17 - Field Day
6/9/17 - 6th Grade Graduation

Look for more information about Summer Camps in our website. All children are welcome to join us!

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