

# The Mockingbird Message

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## WELCOME FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Greetings Parents, Guardians and Community Members!

We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are now ready to begin another year of learning. As we prepare to welcome students back to class on August 14, please note that our school hours have changed for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Student Instructional Hours:**  
**H.S./VPK/Preschool** 7:50am – 1:50pm  
**Specialize Kg – Grade 5** 7:20am – 2:20pm

Florida law requires the extension of instructional time beyond the normal school day for students who attend the 300 lowest performing elementary schools (in the state) based on the results of the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) for English Language Arts.

Please note, students who will enter grades four or five for the 2019-20 school year and who scored a Level 5 on the English Language Arts assessment may “opt out” of the extended instructional learning time. Parents can contact me regarding this option.

Our theme for this year is: **“Destination: Success”**  
 Our focus will be to increase student’s background knowledge through a diversity of experiences, culturally responsive instruction and personalized learning. Of course, we will drive this focus through our Magnet theme of Technology with Global Communications.  
 It’s going to be a great year!

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to call our main office at 754-322-6950.

## Calendar of Events September 2019

- 9/2: No School
- 9/13: Interim Report
- 9/18: SAC / Open House 6 pm
- 9/30: No School



### SAFETY & SECURITY

- \* Breakfast hours 7:15 am – 7:50 am.  
 Students **should not** arrive prior to 7:15 am  
**No supervision will be available.**
- \* Students **should not** be dropped off in the parking lots or bus loops to walk across main drop off areas.
- \* **ALL** visitors **MUST** report to the front office for a visitor’s pass. Photo ID **MUST** be presented.
- \* Absolutely **NO VERBAL** call-ins for student information or change of dismissal procedures. Parents are encouraged to send a written note to teacher, come into office or send an email.

**Early dismissal cut-off time**  
**H.S./VPK/Preschool** 1:20 pm  
**Kg – Grade 5** 1:50 pm



## TITLE ONE PARENT LETTER OF DISSEMINATION

**School Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/markham> if you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact (Eyvonda Cooper-Moye) at (754-322-6950).

**District Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent engagement program. You can access this plan at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement.asp>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

**School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), school grades, state assessment reports:** The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact (Rita Pierre) at (754-322-6950).

**School Improvement Plan (SIP):** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level.

**District Parent Involvement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at <http://title1.browardschools.com>.

## WE ARE BUCKET FILLERS!

The idea of Bucket Fillers is based on the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today? (A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids)" by Carol McCloud. The premise of the book is this...

We all carry an invisible bucket that contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When our bucket is empty, we feel sad. A bucket filler is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time.

On the other hand, a bucket dipper says or does things to cause other people to feel bad. A bucket dipper empties their bucket when they say and do mean things.



## Employee Performance Assessments

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of C. Robert Markham Elementary instructional and/or administrative evaluations many contact our office at (754) 322- 6950 by April 10, 2020.

## Volunteer Application

If you are interested in volunteering at Markham Elementary or any other public school in Broward County, you will need to fill out the volunteer application online at [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). You will need to click on the Parents & Families tab in the upper left-hand side of the homepage and then click the Get Involved link on the left side of the page. All of the information you need to get started is located under Volunteer Services. Your application cannot be processed unless all the requested information is provided and you authorize Broward County Public Schools to conduct a criminal background check. If you have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Candace.mckaysimmons@browardschools.com.

## Back-to-School Forms

The district is continuing with the green initiative this year and all back-to-school forms are electronic. Once you complete your child/ren forms online, you will be asked to print and sign a confirmation page. It is imperative that you send that confirmation page with your child/ren. Once we get that confirmation page, we will be able to access the information electronically. Parents/guardians will have access to the online back-to-school forms at [www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts). Please make it a priority to log in and complete the forms as soon as possible. It is imperative that we have current and accurate contact information for all students in order to communicate with parents/guardians in the event of an emergency.



**APPLY ONLINE!  
FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH**

Free and reduced price lunches are available to students that meet economic eligibilities.



**MYSCHOOLAPPS.COM**

The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese at [MySchoolApps.com](http://MySchoolApps.com).

For more information on Meal Benefits, contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at

**754-321-0250**

**FREEANDREDUCEDMEALS@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM**

