



Broward County School Board Security Hotline: 754-321-0911
 Web Site Address: <http://deerfieldbeachelem.browardschools.com/>

Principal's Message

Happy Spring to our DBES Families and Community,

I hope this message finds all of you safe and your families relatively healthy. I know this has been a challenging time for many of our families. If you and your family have lost someone to the COVID-19 virus, the DBES family offers their deepest condolences. Please know that we are here for you and are willing to support you in a variety of ways. Here are a few ways we can support you:

- Head to our website for helpful videos on how to log in, get your child counted for attendance, message your teacher using Canvas, and how to access ThinkCentral (for Math).
- Head to the bottom of our website to hear some great stories for story time with Mr. G
- We're recording morning announcements and posting them on Canvas daily for our students.
- There is a district wide technical assistance line for any Canvas or PC computer issues. Please reach out to 754-321-0569, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This information can be found at our website at browardschools.com/deerfieldbeachelem.

I also want to thank our families for participating with our Stars for Shannon initiative to honor the legacy of our fallen colleague. With over 175 pictures and stars already, it was truly moving to see the outpouring of love.

Finally, I want to thank all our teachers and support staff, who have put in countless hours to build new Canvas courses. Once built, they continued their dedication by providing tons of support through video lessons, online Teams and Zoom meetings, and constant communication. They have gone over and beyond to ensure your children have a smooth transition into the virtual education experience.

We wish you the best during this challenging time and can't wait to see you as soon as possible!

Sincerely,
 Drew Gerlach
 Proud Principal of Deerfield Beach Elementary School

Calendar

- 4/27 National Prime Rib Day
- 4/28 Superhero Day
- 4/29 International Dance Day
- 4/30 Honesty Day
- 5/1 May Day
- 5/2 National Brother and Sister Day
- 5/4 Star Wars Day
- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo
- 5/6 National Nurses Day
- 5/25 Schools closed (Memorial Day)
- 6/2 Last day of schools for students
- 6/3 Employee Planning Day



Food Resources and Cash Assistance

Important Update Regarding Food Distribution Sites: Beginning Monday, April 27, Broward County Public Schools will begin a new schedule at all 51 District food distribution sites, which will reduce the number of weekly trips for families and provide greater efficiency to staff. The grab-and-go meal service will open from **10 a.m. – 1 p.m. twice a week – Mondays and Wednesdays** – providing families with multiple meals at a time. On Mondays, families will be able to pick up meals for the beginning of the week. On Wednesdays, they will receive meals for the remainder of the week.

Locations

- ❖ Deerfield Beach High School
- ❖ Norcrest Elementary
- ❖ Quiet Waters Elementary
- ❖ Blanche Ely High School

*Time for DINNER

BOYS & GIRLS Club- Deerfield Beach (members only)
 GRAB & GO meals offered from 4-6 pm, Monday – Saturday

*Cash Assistance:

Families in need of immediate cash assistance should call 211 and they will be able to assist them.

For more information about resources:

<https://www.unitedwaybroward.org/coronavirusresources>

Art News

518 Rainbow Hunt in the 954

Welcome to #518RainbowHuntInThe954 we are helping to spread hope, love and kindness around our community and especially to our amazing students while we are in isolation in Broward county Florida. We found this amazing project from 518 Rainbow Hunt- Spreading Rainbows Worldwide and wanted to bring smiles to everyone's faces during this difficult time. So if you would like to create a rainbow and place it in your window or outside of your house we would love to see it. #togetherwearebetter #rainbowsofhope #lovewinsartheals 🌈👉👈🤗❤️

❤️ This is a great way to connect with your family and friends, get outdoors and be socially distant during this CO-VID19 Outbreak

🌈 If you have created a rainbow post it in your window or outside your house take a photo and post it here. Avoid posting your house number for safety.

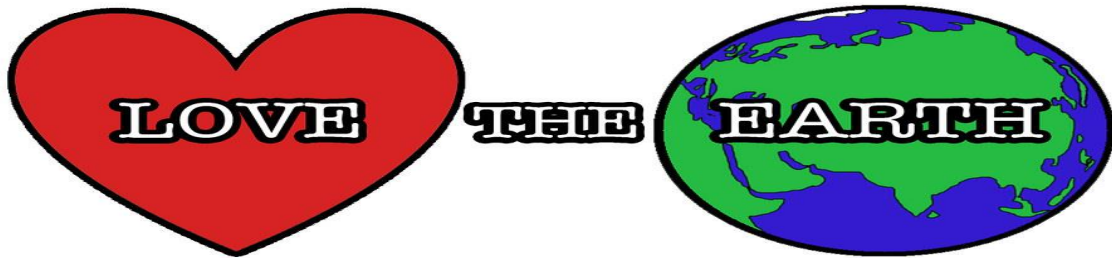
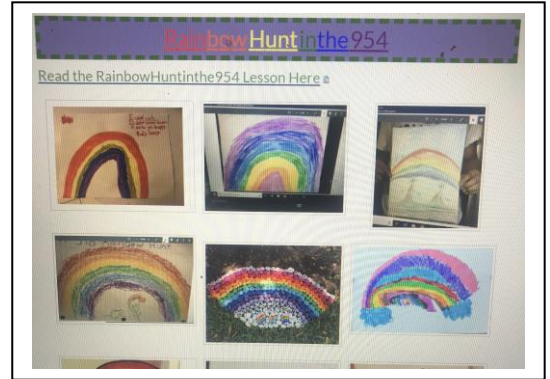
📷 any photos posted in and out of the group use the hashtags #518RainbowHunt as well as #518RainbowHuntInThe954

🌈 Share and invite friends so we have plenty of masterpieces to look at.

🌈 Remember to practice general Internet safety when posting. Do not share your exact address. If you're uncomfortable with your child's photos being "out there" simply save them and share them on your private page.

🌈 Even if you cannot get out and hunt for rainbows, scroll through this group and view all of the beautiful artwork done by all of our local families and bring some sunshine, rainbows, and smiles to your heart.

"The greater the storm, the brighter the rainbow."



Distance Learning Technical Support Line Now Available

As part of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) commitment to supporting families and employees engaging in distance learning, the District has established a dedicated technical support line to assist with computer-related issues and needs. The technical support line launched as of Monday, April 20, and is **open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Instead of contacting individual schools for assistance, BCPS parents, students and staff are encouraged to call the technical support line if they have questions or need help with any of the following:

- Operating the computer device
- Fixing a computer device
- Obtaining a computer device
- Using academic platforms or programs, such as Canvas, Teams, Office, etc.

BCPS Technical Support Line

Call 754-321-0569

Monday through Friday

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For curriculum support, families should continue to contact the main phone number of the school the student attends. Mental health support is also available through BCPS Student Services Department by calling **754-321-HELP (4357)**. For more information and updates, visit browardschools.com/coronavirus.