

Sunshine Elementary

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of another fantastic school year! I hope that you had a safe and restful summer. As we embark on the 2021 – 2022 school year, it is our goal to continue to forge long lasting relationships with our families and our community that we serve.

In order for our children to succeed, we must ensure 1) a safe, positive learning environment, 2) high expectations for the quality of teaching and learning, and 3) ongoing partnerships among all stakeholders with a common goal of seeing positive change within our school community. With your support and assistance, the task of striving for academic and social excellence for all of our students will be achievable.

There are several ways that parents can assist the school in the educational process. The most beneficial assistance comes in the form of being present and active at school functions or assisting with school initiatives. Some of these events are School Advisory Meetings, Title One Parent Night events and attending scheduled conferences and student performances.

Parents can also assist our school by becoming a volunteer and/or becoming a member of our School Advisory Committee. These forums allow our parents an opportunity to be actively involved in the educational process.

Looking forward to the 2021- 2022 school year as we embark upon Destination Learning... Ready, Set, Go!

Sincerely,

Ms. Donna Aaron
Principal

Please Follow Us on Twitter:

@SunshineElem

Website:

www.browardschools.com/sunshine

Reminders

If your child is ill, please keep them home and contact the attendance line.

Please have your child at school between 7:30a.m. – 7:50a.m. if they are going to have breakfast.

Please ensure that your child is prepared with their masks and ID's on daily prior to dropping them off in the morning to increase the flow of traffic.

Please ensure that your Car Tag is visible to assist us with dismissal. This helps with dismissing students quicker in the afternoons.

Please return all first day packet forms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1 – Open House @ 6:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. (Masks are Required)

ASD, Kindergarten, 2nd & 4th Grades

Rotation 1 – 6:30p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

Rotation 2 – 7:10p.m. – 7:40 p.m.

September 2 – Open House @ 6:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. (Masks are Required)

1st , 3rd and 5th Grades

Rotation 1 – 6:30p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

Rotation 2 – 7:10p.m. – 7:40 p.m.

September 6 – No School

Rosh Hashanah

September 7 – No School

September 8 - Fall Picture Day

September 15 – October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – **SAC Meeting @ 2:30p.m. in the Media Center**

Yom Kippur Starts at Sundown

September 16 – No School

Yom Kippur Ends

September 20 - **Interim Reports Issued**

September 21 – Choose Peace Across Broward – Wear White shirts



safety and Security Updates

Parent and Visitor Access to Sunshine Elementary Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Sunshine Elementary School. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. This gate must be monitored at all times by school personnel. If personnel are not available to dedicate to this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus. Due to budgetary constraints, Sunshine Elementary does not have any extra staff to dedicate to solely monitoring the front entrance gate, therefore, we will need to close and lock the gate. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

- The parking lot that accesses the front of the school and our primary drop-off gate will open beginning at **7:30 a.m.** for students. **DO NOT drop off your child prior to these times. There is no supervision!!!**
- The gate to the front parking lot of the school will be **locked and secured throughout the day.** If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at **754-323-7700.** We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly.
- The gate to the front parking lot will be reopened and entry will be monitored beginning at **1:45 to 2:30** and will be monitored by Staff to allow for dismissal of all parents arriving after **2:30** will need to call the school at 754-323-7700. **Reminder:** Our students are dismissed at **2:00. After 2:15, parents will need to come into the front (wearing a mask) to sign out their child and will need to provide a photo ID.**
- When entering the campus, please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the campus with staff members. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same!
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, please know that there may be a wait to enter the office as we work to ensure that we adhere to CDC Guidelines.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

Important Reminders

Uniform Policy

Sunshine Elementary School has a unified dress code policy which consists of the following:

Navy Blue or Khaki bottoms and blue, white or yellow collared shirts. **Students will also be required to wear their I.D. badges daily.** To assist with this process, students will receive their badges daily upon arrival to school and return them at the end of each school day.

Safety Drills

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. This year the District has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be conducted every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Sunshine Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parent link. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information current.



Rainy Days

Parents we appreciate your patience and consideration during inclement weather. It is suggested that you provide a small umbrella, raincoat, or poncho for your child to carry on a daily basis.

As a safety precaution, students will not be released during severe storms or when lightening is present. Parents will be allowed to pick up their students from their classroom. Please bring identification with you.

Don't be Tardy!

School starts at 8:00. If your child arrives after 8:00, they are considered tardy and need to sign in through the office. Please refer to the Student Handbook in the first day packets and online for further information regarding attendance and early dismissal procedures

Volunteers

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several days. <http://browardschools.com/volunteer>



Please get involved in the following organizations:

School Advisory Council(SAC)

1st Meeting will be held on – September 15, 2021 @ 2:30p.m.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

September 15, 2021 after SAC Meeting

School Volunteer/ Partners in Education

If you would like to assist the school with activities or if you own a business that would be willing to partner with the school, please contact Ms. Dorsett@ (754) 323-7700.

Title One News

1. School Improvement Plan: School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at www.browardschools.com/sunshine. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Denise Dorsett at 754-323-7700.
2. School Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at www.browardschools.com/sunshine. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Denise Dorsett at 754-323-7700
3. District Parent and Family Engagement Plan: District staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20Parent%20and%20Family%20Engagement%20Plan%20PFEP.pdf>. 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.
4. Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)/Statewide Assessment Data and LEA/School Report Card, school grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents/guardians and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Denise Dorsett at 754-323-7700.

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Sunshine Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations many contact our office at (754) 322-5850 by April 12, 2021.

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