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August 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER



- Aug. 10th -14th** Laptop distribution for Kindergarten & new students. Please call for an appointment.
- Aug. 12th -** Student personal items pick up at school. Final day before disposal of items. Please contact the school for an appointment.
- Aug. 14th -** Meet & Greet- Classroom teachers will contact parents and students to welcome you to school.
- Aug. 14th-** Open House- PreK – Grade 2 from 6p.m. -7p.m. Grade 3-5 from 7p.m. – 8p.m.
- Aug. 19th-** First Day of School. Classes begin at 8:00a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.

First Day of School.

E-learning begins on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 8 a.m. The day will consist of five (5) hours of online for your child. During this time your child will have a scheduled lunch and a “special area” class such as PE, Art, Music, Science and Math. School will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Suggested School Supply List

Kindergarten - 2nd Students:	3rd -5th Students:
24- Pencils	24- Pencils
1 box- 24 crayons	1 box- 10 Color Markers
1 box- 10 Color Markers	2 Packs- Wide Rule Notebook Paper
1 Pair- Scissors	4- Spiral Wide Rule Notebooks
2- Marble Wide Rule Notebooks	1 Pair- Scissors
2- Glue Sticks	2 Packs- 3x5 Index Cards 3
	4-Highlighters
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Breakfast & Lunch Distribution

Tropical Will be serving breakfast and lunch starting Wednesday, August 19th and then every Tuesday and Thursday regularly. Parents may drive up, walk, or ride their bikes through the South car loop to pick up breakfast from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and lunch from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Parent Information

Wednesday, August 19, is the first day of school. As we prepare to begin the new school year through eLearning, we know you have questions. To provide answers, we invite you to join the Parent Community Involvement Task Force and District staff and administrators for our **Parent University: Getting Ready for School and eLearning** live webinar sessions.

The four events, which take place between August 12-17, are divided by student groups. They will include step-by-step guidance to help parents assist their child(ren) through the school day and information on what to expect once classes begin. District personnel will be available after each presentation to answer questions.

Parent University: Getting Ready for School and eLearning webinars

Choose to attend the grade-level session that applies to your child(ren) through the links below:

Elementary School – Wednesday, August 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/2XDQMOK>

Middle and High School – Thursday, August 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3fzrucE>

Exceptional Student Education and English-Language Learners -

Information for Exceptional Student Education and English-Language Learners will be included in the grade-level sessions; however, *more information specific to these student groups will be provided on the following dates:*

Exceptional Student Education – Friday, August 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3a2oDWi>

English-Language Learners – Monday, August 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3kmTzFs>

All four webinars will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole, Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese through closed captioning. If you are unable to attend a live Parent University webinar, links to the recorded sessions will be available on our District website, browardschools.com, and our school's website, <https://www.browardschools.com/Tropical>

Back to School Forms

Parents and students, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38091>

Check out our Website

Please visit our school website at <https://www.browardschools.com/Tropical> for the most up to date information about our school and e-learning.

Contact Information

If you or someone you know has not been receiving a text message, e-mail and/or phone call from the school, please contact the school office at 754-323-7750 to update your information as this is our main form of communication to parents. You should be receiving all three types of communications.

PTA

First and foremost, we want to welcome everyone back to school. We know this is not how anyone would've expected the school year to look like at the beginning of this year, but with that being said, we know we will get through this together. We want to thank everyone who has stayed positive during these unknown times. A big thank you to the teachers and staff who have tried to navigate the unknown and have spent many hours prepping for this year. Thank you to the children who are doing their best to adapt to all of these changes around them. We miss each and every single one of you and can't wait to see all of your faces again soon.

Information regarding PTA membership will be coming out soon. We encourage everyone to join. We will need some fresh perspectives this year as we need to come up with some alternative fundraisers that meet our current requirements of social distancing. We also have open positions that we need filled for the upcoming year. Hospitality, Yearbook and Membership are some of the positions needed for this year. If you are interested or have questions about a position, please email Jami Bossé at jamiadele@aol.com.

Yearbooks are here!! Pick up times occurred this week. If you were unable to pick yours up, please contact the front office and they will let you know a time that you can come in and get it! Thank you to the yearbook staff and of course Mrs. Jindrcek for all of their hard work to make this yearbook amazing!

Our first meeting will occur via Zoom on Tuesday, September 8th. We will let everyone know the time of the meeting once we are able to see what the school day schedule looks like. Please check the PTA website at tropicalpta.com for more updates.

We have scheduled our first fundraiser for this year. We will be having a family night at Vivace. It will take place on Tuesday, September 8th from 4:00 – 9:00pm. Vivace is located at 9763 West Broward Blvd in Plantation. This will include dine-in and take out orders. 15% of proceeds will go back to our school. Please use this as an excuse to not cook that night and don't forget to mention that you are with Tropical Elementary.

Thank you,
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Welcome Tropical Families!

As we plan for a beginning of the 2020-21 school year like no other have seen in the past, our focus will be to ensure that: every child, every day is finding a way to feel **connected**, every child, every day is being **challenged** by new learnings and experiences, and every child and parent, every day knows they have a Tropical Elementary School staff member to support them whenever needed.

Spring of 2020 has challenged staff and students to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways and required us to support each other like never before.

What I have learned through this process is how much more I appreciate our teachers and staff. I also have a greater appreciation for the little things in life - giving a high five, a hug or being able to laugh out loud with many people around. What I MOST appreciate about the Tropical Elementary School Family is how under circumstances we have never experienced, we are still a learning and caring community.

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal at Tropical Elementary to not only find our new normal but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact our learning environment. Our school opening may not be "normal," but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive.

Our school theme this year is "There's No Place Like Home." While our students and staff may not be at their Tropical Elementary School "Home", we are still together in many other ways. In the meantime, remember, There's No Place Like Home!

All of us at Tropical Elementary School are eager and excited to begin what promises to be a challenging year and one that will bring us together to continue doing great things! I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Tropical Elementary meet their goals and have a successful school year!

Educationally yours,

Robert N. Schneider
Principal