

THE PIRATE GRAM

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PEMBROKE PINES
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MS. BELL

PRINCIPAL PEMBROKE PINES ELEMENTARY (PPE)

We are well into our first month of school. Thank you for a smooth start to the school year. This is not our normal setting but I am proud of the way our Pirate family is dealing with the situation. Yes, we have experienced some challenges but we have and are overcoming them.

As we continue to progress through the school year, we are delving deeper into the curriculum and instruction that our teachers have spent a lot of time preparing for. Parents, thank you for your patience. This is also new for our staff and I am extremely proud of their efforts. They are meeting this challenge head on and "hitting it out of the ballpark."

We need all Pirate families to complete the Back to School Online forms. The link can be found on our website. If you have any updates in your contact information please call and let the office know. We do not want you to miss out on any vital information.

Thank you for your continued support and being our partners in education. We love our Pirate Family and are looking forward to the day when we can reconnect again in our building.

One Love

Ms. Bell



8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Students Hours

7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Office Hours

Our office has limited staff available to answer your calls. If you have called outside of the stated office hours or we are on another call, you may leave a voicemail message. Staff will respond to your call within 2 business days.



To apply for Free & Reduced Price Meals, complete a meal application online at www.myschoolapps.com. If you are unable to complete an application online, contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-321-0250 to receive a paper Multi-child Application for Meal Benefits.

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Parent Links: Informative calls and emails for Broward Schools and Pembroke Pines Elementary. If you are not receiving them, please contact Ms. Alicia Hernandez at 754-323-7000.

Social Media

Like us on Facebook:

[Facebook.com/PembrokePinesElementary](https://www.facebook.com/PembrokePinesElementary)



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Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)

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GUIDANCE CORNER

Annual School Counseling Plan:

It has been a pleasure meeting our new students and families online and soon to be in person. It is important that you read the letter that went home in the August Pirate Gram introducing me, your School Counselor, to ensure that you are familiar with my services. I am honored to serve our students, staff, parents and community.

Title I: You can find more information about our Title One program on our school's Canav's Page under the Title One Link

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Donate at 754-323-7000.



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The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation. We work to raise funds and provide activities to enrich our student's lives. When the PTA gets involved, all children benefit.

To become a PTA member: Please fill out the form which is located on the school's CANVAS page, website or in hard copy in the front office. PTA membership is only \$5.00 per family for the entire school year.

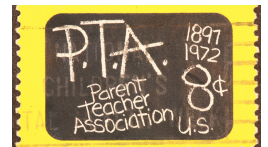
Payment are as followed:

Exact cash or check payable to Pembroke Pines Elementary PTA

Venmo- username: PembrokePinesElemPTA

Cash App - \$PembrokePinesElemPTA

The form must be filled out and brought to the school or email to janicewaite@gmail.com



School T-shirt or HOUSE T-shirt Orders: Forms are located on the school's CANVAS page , website and a hard copy in the front office.

T-shirts are only \$7.00 each.

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The form must be filled out and brought to the school or emailed to pembrokepineses@browardschools.com.

Someone will contact you when the items are ready for pick up.

Box Tops: During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever.

No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!



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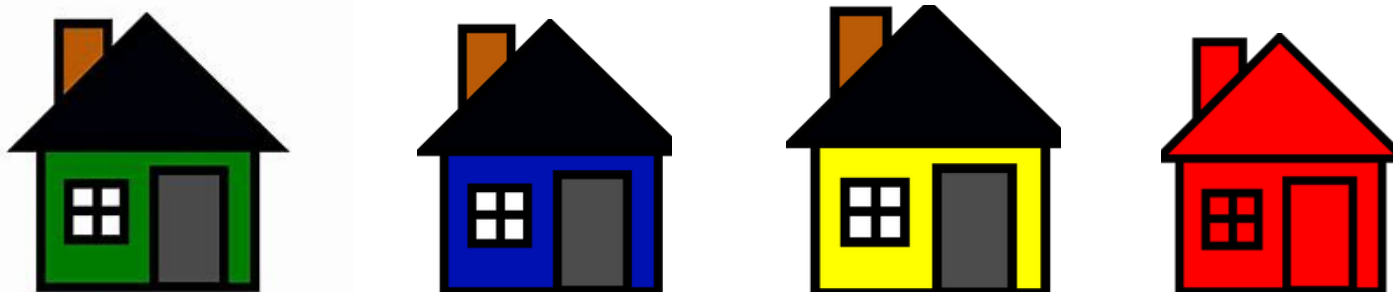
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SCHOOL Attendance

Regular attendance is important to ensure successful and positive growth. This school year in the virtual setting, students are expected to attend eLearning during the scheduled class time. Any absences are unexcused until the school receives a telephone call to excuse the absence. A reason for the absence must be provided.

Teachers should be flexible and take into account the individual student's circumstance for attendance. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher.



PPE has a school-wide "House System" that fosters community for all PPE students and staff members. These houses are named after gemstones. Each quarter we will reward the house with the most points, and at the end of the school year, the house with the most total points will be named "House Champion" and will get the coveted Pirate trophy. Ruby House is our current House Champion.

Students have been sorted into their houses. If you need to know the color of your child's house, please contact your child's teacher.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expressions, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

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I Ready Diagnostic Assessments

Starting next week, Wednesday September 9th, we will be administering the I ready diagnostic assessments in reading and math for all students in K-5. i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. The diagnostic assessment will help us determine what your child's needs are in reading and math and then help us to set a path to address those needs.

This video will help you understand more about the diagnostic assessment:

<https://i-readycentral.com/view-resource/?id=35541>

Here are some ways you can help your child prepare for the assessment:



Get organized

by finding a quiet space for your student to take the test and confirming your technology is working properly.



Motivate your child

by explaining how doing their best will help their teachers know how to teach them better.



Support, but DO NOT help

by encouraging your child to stay focused and try their best and NOT helping them with the answers.



Celebrate your child's effort

once you have confirmed they have completed the assessment.