



A Message from our Principal:

Mindy Morgan

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. This year is sure to be full of exciting and engaging online activities. As you are aware, we will begin the school year learning online. Our staff has been training and preparing for our virtual classrooms. They are dedicated educators working to achieve a common goal. We are looking forward to collaborating with our students virtually.

On August 14th we held our Virtual Meet and Greet/Open House meetings. During the Meet and Greet, you reviewed the schedule for online learning and where to find assignments and meetings that will begin on August 19th.

Our school website is being updated daily. It is a great way to keep informed on events and information on school happenings. Visit countryisles.net and make yourself familiar with the site. At this time, you can go on our website and click on the link to fill out the beginning of the year forms. This includes the School Code of Conduct book for the 2020-21 school year.

Throughout the virtual experience, we look forward to engaging and working with our families. We know and understand that this is a challenging time for all. Together we will be successful, and our students will continue to excel as we navigate our new learning environment.

Counseling Corner

A Message from our School Counselor:

Kelly Grant

Social Emotional Learning

Welcome back! I hope you are all excited to begin this adventure. Teachers, parents, and students are all being asked to utilize their strengths in new ways during this difficult time. For this reason, it is imperative that we work together to support the social and emotional development of our children. One way our teachers will be working toward this goal is by incorporating a Morning Meeting into the daily classroom routine. A Morning Meeting provides engaging activities that help the students feel more connected to their classmates, while also allowing them to learn more about themselves as an individual.

Parents can also support the social and emotional development of their child by teaching them about mindfulness. The website [rethinked](http://rethinked.com) has some great resources for parents. We have included more information on how Broward County parents can access these free resources.

Rethinked Account Info

How Do I Register for My Free Account?

To register for your free account:

1. Go to <https://www.rethinked.com/Home/TeamMemberRegistration?trainingProgramKey=444cb03d21124db58c9e50f37be75249>
2. Complete the form and click REGISTER. (Note: Be patient. This process may take a few minutes.)
3. Write down your username and password.
4. Enjoy the program!

ESOL

The ESOL department has compiled a large list of resources to help support our English Language Learners. To browse the resources, parents should join the Canvas page at

<https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/86700>

PTA Corner

We will have our first PTA meeting virtually via TEAMS on Thursday September 10th at 6:00 pm. Meeting Link: [PTA Meeting via TEAMS](#)

Topics to be discussed: Elections, Budget approval, what to expect for the 1st quarter, and Q&A with Ms. Morgan

News from the Cafeteria:

Grab-and-Go meals are available for students at all Elementary, Middle and High Schools starting on Wednesday, August 19th, then every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 AM – 1 PM and 3 PM – 5 PM. Students or their parents will be able to pick up multiple meals at a time by walking or driving to the car or bus loop. It is strongly recommended that students or their parents pick up student meals at their home school for ease of service. If student cannot come then bring student ID, birth certificate, report card, or some other identification.

Broward County Public Schools offers Universal Free Breakfast for all students. Meal prices will be based on each student's meal eligibility status. Apply for Free and Reduced priced meals at myschoolapps.com. Families are encouraged to pay online for student meals through myschoolbucks.com. Price per meal for BCPS elementary students are as follows:

Breakfast: Free

Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Lunch \$2.00



Reading Corner



A Message from our Literacy Coach:

Barbara McDermott

As we begin the new school year, we continue to support our students in creating a path to become lifelong readers. As in everything your child learns in life, reading proficiency improves with regular practice and guidance.

Here are a few tips for supporting your child's reading at home.

Grades K – 2 Tips for Reading at Home

How to figure out an unknown word? Strategies for decoding words:

- Look at the pictures
- Get your mouth reading for the sounds in the first part of the word
- Look for chunks in the word
- Reread the sentence and ask yourself:
 - ◆ Did it look right?
 - ◆ Did it sound right?
 - ◆ Did it make sense?

Choose a time every day that your child can sit and enjoy reading. Encourage them to read to a younger sibling, a pet, or even their stuffed animal! Let your child see that you enjoy reading, too!

Grades 3-5 Tips for Reading at Home

How do I encourage my reader to think while they read?

- Provide post-it notes to make connections and take notes while they read.
- If it is fiction, ask about the characters, setting, and plot.
- If they are reading non-fiction, ask for any new information they have learned.

Choose a time every day that your reader can sit and enjoy their books. Encourage them to read to a younger sibling. Let your child see you that you enjoy reading, too!

Happy Reading!



Upcoming Events

August 19th- First Day of School

August 25th 2pm and 6pm - CIE Specific Technology Q&A- Links below (with Spanish translation)

August 26th 2pm and 6pm- CIE Specific Technology Q&A- Links below (with Spanish translation)

September 7th Day off- Labor Day

September 10th 6pm- PTA Meeting

September 11th- 1st quarter Interim Reports

September 28th- Day off- Yom Kippur

CIE Specific Technology Q&A Teams Link:

August 25th and 26th at 2pm Link: [2pm Link for Q & A](#)

August 25th and 26th at 6pm Link: [6pm Link for Q & A](#)