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Dear Parents, Students, Partners, and Community Members:

We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are now ready to begin another productive school year. As we prepare to welcome students back to class on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, please note that our school hours have changed. For the 2019-20 school year, our new opening and closing times are:

7:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

The new schedule extends the regular school day at Morrow Elementary by thirty minutes (Grades K – 5 and Pre-K ESE), during which students will receive an additional 30 minutes of intensive reading instruction and/or enrichment.

I am very excited to inform you that our school grade improved to a “C” as measured by the State of Florida. Morrow continues to show growth in student achievement. During the 2018-2019 school year, student proficiency and learning gains increased by forty-eight points, **as measured by the FSA in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and FCAT 2.0 Science.**

Our improvement in student learning could not happen without an entire community of faculty, staff, students, parents, and partners coming together. Your commitment and dedication provide the foundation for learning at Morrow. We will continue to “Move Forward” in our quest to **improve students’ critical thinking and allowing them to achieve at their BEST (Beyond Expected Student Targets).**

Our theme for the year is: NAVIGATING the PATHS to Improve Student Achievement! We will Elevate our Goals and Expect More from ALL Stakeholders. Our school will also be focusing on **Kindness and Respect, as we empower our students to express their thoughts and emotions in a positive way.**

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Jamie Ferguson, Assistant Principal and other new staff members to the Morrow Family. They are eager to meet you and your children to continue our quest for knowledge and a brighter future.

I am pleased to announce that next school year students will have the opportunity to:

- Have an additional hour of intensive reading instruction and/or enrichment activities
- Engage in Project Based Learning Opportunities in math, reading, and science
- Participate in Digital Technology Education and Personalized Learning
- Promote Literacy in our community by partnering with the Children’s Literacy Initiative (CLI)
- Utilize our newly renovated media center to enhance Literacy Experiences for stakeholders
- Participate in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Daily via Classroom Meetings
- Participate in Physical Education (PE) Activities Daily with a PE Teacher



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Our school also provides our students with:

- 21st Century Community Learning Centers Afterschool and Summer Program
- Individual Laptops for all students in Grades Two to Five
- Community and business partnerships that provide real-world learning
- Arts & Crafts, Debate, Mentoring Activities, STEP, Dance, Cooking, and Spanish Clubs

In addition, our school will provide:

- Before/after school programs including Computer Coding and Robotics
- Increased opportunities for Pre-school Students and Students with Disabilities
- Community and Family Engagement Experiences to foster a community of literacy
- Increased Literacy Professional Development through CLI

I encourage your active support and participation, as we seek to provide a positive learning environment for all our students. It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with such a wonderful staff, community of parents, and more importantly, a "Marvelous" group of students! Please join me in welcoming our new staff, students and their families.

Communication between home and school is very important to the success of the school. I encourage each of you to remain active in your child's education. Always keep the lines of communication open with the school and reinforce the skills and procedures introduced by the classroom teachers daily. I welcome your participation in the school improvement process through the School Advisory Council (SAC), our PTA, and the School Advisory Forum (SAF) monthly meetings. We will continue with our newsletters, bulletins, and Parent link messages (voice and text). In addition, I encourage you to check the school's website (<http://morrow.browardschools.com>) regularly for our many school activities and events. Please follow us on Twitter@MorrowElem.

Once again, the staff of Morrow Elementary joins me in welcoming you to our school for the 2019–2020 school year. We are very excited that you are a part of our Morrow Family! We invite you to join us, as we continue to work collaboratively to increase student achievement by motivating our students to read and write daily. **Please note that our new school hours for students in Grades K – 5 and Pre-K ESE will be from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

The District's Back to School online resource is available at browardschools.com/backtoschool. It helps families quickly and easily access the information they need to prepare for the new school year. This includes "What's New" in 2019/20, the school year calendar, school opening/closing times, before and after school childcare, breakfast and lunch menus, transportation services, and much more.

It is truly an honor to serve the community of Morrow Elementary. I look forward to our continued growth in student achievement and another year leading this amazing school community. As always, feel free to email or call me with comments, suggestions, or questions you may have.

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Morrow Elementary instructional and/or administrative evaluations may contact our office at 754-322-7150 by April 10, 2020.

Proud to Serve You!!!

Laurel E. Crowle, Principal



Please review the attached safety procedures.

ALL STUDENTS are always required to wear their student ID DAILY when they are in school. Lanyards and ID Badges will be provided to students. In the event students forget or misplace their identification badges, a temporary badge will be provided. When the fifth request for a temporary badge is received, the student must purchase a new permanent identification badge at a cost of \$5.00.

Morrow has a unified dress code for all students and students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us to maintain a safe and secure campus. The expectation is that all students will adhere to the uniform policy. For more information on approved colors and types of clothing, please refer to your child's agenda, the attached uniform flyer, or the Morrow website. The uniform policy will be strictly enforced and students not adhering to the school's unified dress code will receive progressive consequences.

During the first week of school **you will be able to walk your child directly to class on Wednesday, August 14th, from 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m., ONLY. Any student arriving after 8:00 a.m. on August 14, 2019, will be escorted to class by a Morrow Elementary staff member. Beginning Thursday, August 15th, students should be dropped off utilizing the regular drop off procedure, as outlined on the pages below.** If your child does not attend school on August 14th, a staff member will walk them to class on their first day of school. Parents will not be permitted to walk their child to class after August 14, 2019.

Our Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th, Grades PK - 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend to learn about Title 1 activities at Morrow. You will also have an opportunity to hear specific grade level information and expectations from your child's teacher.

We will be continuing our practice of using Parentlink alerts to keep in constant contact with our parents. Special events, field trips, and other reminders and announcements will be sent to you via flyers, student agendas, phone, and through the Broward Schools App. All emergency forms will be completed ON-LINE at www.browardschools.com/bts. If you need assistance filling out forms on-line, please stop by the front office. We are happy to help you.

Please make sure that all free and reduced lunch applications are submitted online as soon as possible. The website is www.applyforlunch.com. If you need any assistance in completing the application, feel free to come to the school and we will be happy to help you. Please remember that families who are not approved for free or reduced lunch benefits will be paying full price for lunch until approved. It is very important that parents check their child's account balance regularly, as we want to ensure that all students receive a full lunch every day.

Parent and Visitor Access to Morrow Elementary Campus

The safety of your children and staff is our top priority at Morrow Elementary. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that **once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked except for one entrance to allow for parent and visitor access to the school.**

When entering the campus and building, please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the building with staff members. *Parents who have scheduled conferences or appointments with a staff member or administration may do so by going directly to the front office. Your driver's license or other government issued ID is required when you enter. All visitors must always be scanned through the security system in the front office.* Please review and adhere to the following arrival and dismissal procedures. We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient, and we kindly ask for your patience and positive attitude, as we work together to implement procedures to help keep our students, staff, and families safe.



MORROW ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

To maintain a safe environment for our students and staff during arrival, please follow these guidelines:

1. Do not leave your car unattended in the car line.
2. Please refrain from using your phone while in the car line.
3. Please drive slowly and always follow directions of our staff members.
4. Remain seated in your car and allow your child to exit the vehicle, staff members will be available to assist your child to their destination.
5. **Do NOT enter the Bus Loop, this entrance is for school buses and staff members only**
6. You may park on the outside and allow your child to walk up the walkway on the east side of the cafeteria or you may utilize the car line.
7. Morrow has universal free breakfast for all students. Breakfast is served daily from 7:10 a.m. - 7:40 a.m. in the cafeteria. Students must arrive in the cafeteria no later than 7:30 a.m. to be served a hot breakfast. Children will **NOT** be allowed on campus prior to 7:10 a.m. If children are eating breakfast at home, they should not arrive at school until after 7:20 a.m.
8. Parents will **NOT** be allowed to walk their children down the sidewalk by the Bus Loop to the cafeteria, staff members will assist your children.
9. **Students who arrive to school after 7:45 a.m. must be escorted to the front office and signed in by a parent. The parent will need to wait for a staff member to escort the child to class.**

MORROW DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

As you pick up your child, please follow these guidelines:

1. Enter the car line in the front of the school on the West Side of the building.
2. **Do NOT enter the Bus Loop, this entrance is for school buses and staff members only.**
3. Do not leave your car unattended in the car line.
4. Please refrain from using your phone while in the car line.
5. Please put the sign with your child's name on it in your car so it is visible.
6. Please drive slowly and always follow directions of our staff members.
7. Remain seated in your car and your child's name will be called by a staff member. Your child will then exit the building and be directed to your car.
8. If you are walking to pick up your child, you may stand and wait for them outside the front of the school by the bike rack. **The large tree will provide some shade for you.** A staff member will escort the children out to you.
9. If you arrive after 2:25 p.m., car line staff will be off duty. You will need to find a parking place and pick up your child in the main office.
10. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building, unless it is through the main entrance door where they will be greeted by an office staff member.



Early Dismissal and Rainy-Day Dismissal



Rainy Day Dismissal

Our top priority at Morrow Elementary is the safety of students and staff. We recognize that you lead very busy lives and that any delay at dismissal may be of concern to you. Please talk to your child about what to do if it is raining at dismissal and indicate these specific instructions on the emergency dismissal form.

Making phone calls should not be a part of the instructions since lines are usually busy with incoming calls. Students will be held in the building during lightning until weather conditions permit a normal dismissal. There will be signs to indicate the sections of the waiting area for each grade level. If it is raining without lightning, students will be dismissed at the regular times. Please be patient, as we are trying to ensure that all students are dismissed in a safe manner. Thank you for your participation in making sure that all of Morrow's students are safe during these times.

Early Dismissal

Early release of students causes disruption to the academic performance of all students and may create safety and security problems. Should the need arise for a student to be dismissed early the parent, legal guardian, or authorized adult must sign the student out in the school office. Students will not be permitted to leave school grounds unless accompanied by his/her parent, legal guardian, or other authorized adult who has written approval from the parent on the official school emergency form. Please ensure that emergency contact information is always current. Government issued picture identification is mandatory. Please be reminded that early sign-outs will count when determining a student's "pattern of non-attendance". Students will not be released for early dismissal after 1:30 p.m.



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Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.