

Morrow Elementary 2024-2025

Beginning of Year Newsletter



We are extremely excited to welcome all our Morrow Patriot scholars and families to our community of learning for the 24-25 school year. We are proud to announce that Morrow Elementary continued the upward trend in student achievement as measured by the 2024 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) PM3. I want to thank all staff members for all the challenging work in helping to improve student achievement. Our theme this year is:

***Morrow Patriots Accelerating to Excellence, Realizing Their Genius
and
Building “A” Strong Foundation for Academic Success.***

At Morrow Elementary, we continue the PATHS (**P**ositive **A**ttitude, **T**reat others with Respect, **H**onorable, and **S**tay Safe) to Success. We are proud to serve you and look forward to a year of positive relationships in our learning community. Our dedicated team is united to empower ALL learners to become academically proficient, providing them with tools for College and Career Readiness. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning community where every student will have access to grade-appropriate assignments, explicit standards-based instruction, authentic engagement, and teachers with high expectations for each learner. We believe that every student and family are authentic partners and should have real opportunities to shape the experiences students have in school, receive accurate and accessible information about students' progress, and have a legitimate role in the decision-making process. We will continue to foster strong partnerships between our families and the community as this is essential to the success of our scholars. All families are encouraged to take an active role in their child(ren)'s education by participating in our school activities, attending parent/teacher conferences, and staying informed about the academic progress through regular communication with teachers.

Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date information available to our Morrow stakeholders. Please review the essential information on the next page regarding our procedures and upcoming events. In addition, you may explore the website for updated information.

<https://www.browardschools.com/morrow>

Beginning of Year Information

School Unified Dress Code: For the 2024-2025 school year, the students are expected to wear clothing based on the unified dress code: Shirts - (Polo Style) Colors - Blue, Red, or White. Bottoms - (Pants, Shorts, Skorts, or Skirts) Colors - Navy or Khaki.

“Meet & Greet” – Friday, August 9th • 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

First Day of School – Monday, August 12, 2024

1. We are pleased to inform you that **Morrow Elementary** will be operating Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in the 2024-2025 School Year. The provision is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, with 40% or higher of students receiving SNAP, TANF, and Extension of Benefits. Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of **Morrow Elementary** are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch at **no cost** to your household. No further action is required of you. Breakfast is served daily from 7:20 a.m. - 7:40 a.m. in the cafeteria for kindergarten through grade 5 students. Children will NOT be allowed on campus before 7:20 a.m. If children are eating breakfast at home, they should not arrive at school until after 7:30 a.m.
2. **School begins promptly at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 1:50 p.m. for students in Grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5. Students who arrive to school after 7:50 a.m. must be escorted to the front of school and signed in by a parent. The parent will need to wait for a staff member to escort the child to class.**
3. **We will escort Pre-K students directly to their classrooms in the mornings. Staff will be at the north gate beginning at 7:40 to escort Pre-K students to class. We are asking parents to arrive between 7:40 and 7:50 a.m. If you arrive early, please move all the way to the north to allow other vehicles to enter and leave the campus. Pre-K Students will eat breakfast with their teachers between 7:50 a.m. and 8:10 a.m. in the cafeteria.**

Suggested Student Supply List – The suggested supply list is posted on the school’s website:

<https://www.browardschools.com/morrow>. You may also stop by the office for a copy of the suggested supply list. In addition, please purchase a personal set of Headphones for your child (Please no rolling backpacks).

FOCUS PARENT PORTAL - The District will implement a new Student Information System (SIS), Focus School Software, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Focus will replace Pinnacle and Virtual Counselor. It centralizes all applications used by parents into one districtwide system, incorporating attendance, grade book, scheduling, report cards, transportation, and communication. To sufficiently inform parents and guardians, the Parent and Community Involvement Task Force and District staff hosted a Parent University: Get Focus(ed)! on April 8, 2024, to provide an introduction and overview of the system. The recorded webinar may be found at <https://www.browardschools.com/parentuniversity>. For detailed information, Focus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and translated directions for parents and guardians to register for the Focus Parent Portal, visit <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>.

SAC/SAF Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Title 1 Open House: Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please contact the school at **754-322-7150** if you have questions or need additional information. Please plan to attend our “Meet and Greet” on August 9th between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to meet your child’s teacher, see the classroom, and drop off any supplies you may have for your child, as parents will not be allowed in the classrooms on the first day of school. We also ask for your patience during the first days of school as our new families get familiar with the routines and procedures.

Our goal is to provide our Morrow Patriots with the tools to build a strong foundation for academic success. We are honored to be part of your child (ren)’s academic journey and look forward to collaborating with you to make this a successful and memorable year.

Dr. Crowle, Principal