

North Fork News

Administrative Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to an amazing school year! We are excited to begin a new chapter here at North Fork. Our goal this year is to increase student achievement and become more powerful than we could possibly imagine. As a parent, you can help us do this by accepting our invitation to become an active member of the School Advisory Council (SAC) or the School Advisory Forum (SAF). It takes a village to raise a child so we truly value your input and want to hear your concerns or suggestions so that we can make improvements to better our school. Teachers will participate in professional learning that is geared toward improving their instructional practices so that students receive a high-quality education each day they walk through our doors. This year we have multiple coaches that will also provide support and invest in your child's academic development.

North Fork has the opportunity to continue to provide exciting extracurricular clubs through our 21st Century program. Students can participate in basketball, gardening, dance, cheerleading, debate, safety patrol, and art. If you have any questions or find yourself in need of assistance, our door is always open for you. Come in or give us a call and we will be delighted to speak with you. Let's make this our best school year yet!

-Administration

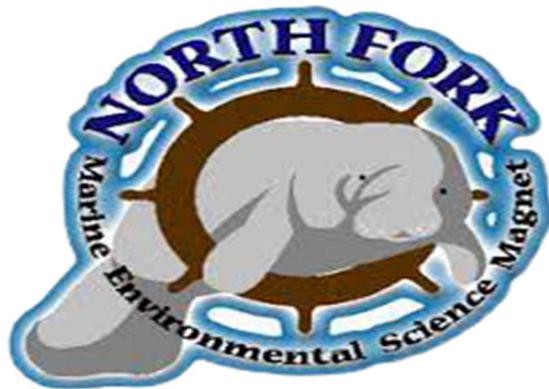
Open House

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Use this time to come and meet your child's teachers, administrators, and staff members.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

TIME: 5:30 PM



Become a Volunteer	
<p>Apply online today! https://www.browardschools.com/page/32043 Do not worry! Your personal information is protected.</p>	
Working Together	Important Dates
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get to know your child's teacher(s), and the earlier the better. It will help teachers know everything they can about your child.  2. Share important information that can make it easier for teachers to understand your child. Sometimes things that happen at home can impact how children learn.  3. Become familiar with our schoolwide expectations. Ask about homework and other special assignments.  4. Join the parent-teacher organization. Be sure to volunteer for at least one thing during the year. That way, you will be making things better for your child and for all children in the school.  	<div style="margin-bottom: 20px;"> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">August</div> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">16</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-left: 20px; font-weight: bold;">First Day of School</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">←</div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 20px;"> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;">Labor Day No School</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">→</div> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">September</div> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">5</div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 20px;"> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">September</div> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">14</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-left: 20px; font-weight: bold;">Open House</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">←</div> </div> <div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold;">No School</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">→</div> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">September</div> <div style="border: 2px solid white; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">26</div> </div>

Fortify

The safety and security of our students, staff and schools remain the highest priority for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). The Division of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the anonymous tip reporting resource FortifyFL. The FortifyFL app, from the State of Florida, allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL, anyone can provide a description of a potential threat, share pictures and videos. Submitting a tip is quick and easy using the mobile app or website. [FortifyFL](#) is a free mobile phone application that is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Please remember the purpose of this tool is to report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, criminal activity, or the threat of these activities, to the appropriate authorities. Submissions go directly to school administrative staff, District officials, as well as local law enforcement agencies and will be investigated appropriately. When submitting a tip, please remember to include as much detail as possible, such as social media handles, images, dates, times, or other relevant information that will assist investigators. **Note that this method of reporting is NOT a replacement for calling 9-1-1, when there is a crime in progress or an emergency.** BCPS encourages everyone to be vigilant in reporting all suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities, regardless of your preferred method of communication. Providing contact information is optional.

FORTIFYFL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP
By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

- Anonymous or Non-Anonymous**
You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.
- Convenient**
Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.
- Include Photos and Video**
You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES
FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

- Your School Officials**
The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
- Local Law Enforcement**
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.
- State-Level Officials**
State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

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 expression, 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. 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.

Important Procedures		
Drop Off and Pick Up	Late Drop Off	Dress Code
The car loop, walker's gate, and the bus area are all located on the east side of the school. The gates open at 7:50 in the morning and at 2:50 in the afternoon.	Students are marked tardy after 8:20. We understand that things happen. If you have arrived late please exit your vehicle and walk into the single point office to sign in.	Please don't forget that we are a uniform school. All students must be in uniform daily. Parents will be notified if their child is out of compliance with the dress code.
Attendance	Early Sign Out	Safety
Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year. Remember, please notify the front office of your child's absence within 48 hours of their absence. Doctors notes can be brought to the front office by the parent or the child.	According to School Board Policy, students are not permitted to be picked up 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day; the last 30 minutes are very critical. Teachers are conducting final review of lessons, passing out important handouts, and giving homework assignments. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.	Safety is a major priority at North Fork Elementary. We have established policies to make sure that our students, staff, parents, and visitors are safe. All visitors, including parents, must report to the single point office and be prepared to show I.D. before entering the school for any reason. Our campus must be secured at all times. The gate must be locked or manned. Please call the front office at (754) 322-7370 and inform them that you are at the gate. Please be patient with us as we make our way out to the gate as quickly as possible. Any change in a student's usual dismissal procedure must be reported in writing prior to the change taking place. You can email the request to the email address below.
Conferences	Communication	
Teachers are required to have at least two conferences per year. You can request a conference at any time. Having these conversations help teachers, parents, and students come to a better understanding of how they can all work toward providing the most effective supports for the child.	Please notify the front office if your phone number changes. We will frequently send Parentlink notifications with announcements and updates. Flyers will also be sent home with your child so that you can save the dates for our schoolwide events.	
Early Release Dates		
Pre-k: 8:20 - 12:00	K-5: 8:20 - 12:50	
October 20 January 12 February 14 March 16 April 20 June 8		
<p style="text-align: right;">nfnorthfork@browardschools.com</p> <p>Students and staff members practice safety drills frequently!</p>		

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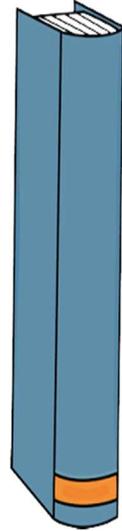
Literacy Corner

Greetings North Fork Family,

Welcome to another exciting year! This year in reading we will continue the hard work that was started last school year. Students will be immersed in different types of text, Fiction, Nonfiction, and even poetry.

As your child progresses through the school year be sure to reinforce the skills that we have instilled in your child such as reviewing sight words, reading with your child daily, and asking questions about what they have read. With your support I know we all will have a successful school year. I look forward to working with each of you!

-MRS. MCKINNEY



Math Corner

Dear parent(s),

My name is Mr. Williams, and I am the new Math Instructional Coach at North Fork Elementary school. I want to welcome you and your child back to school after a relaxing summer. It will be a great school year with all of us working together. This year we will be incorporating a new math series called EnVision. EnVision provides differentiated learning to meet all learning styles. We are also incorporating new standards (B.E.S.T) for grades k-5. I am excited for all our students this year.

A quick introduction to me! I have been teaching for 17 years. I've taught grades 2-5 at Dillard Elementary School for all 17 years. I love what I do, and I look forward to interacting with all the students at North Fork Elementary School.

Thank you in advance for your continued involvement and support.

-MR. WILLIAMS

