

NORTH FORK NEWS



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"Be Amazing Everyday!"

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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear North Fork Elementary Family,

It is with great excitement and honor that I begin the 2019-2020 school year as your principal. I have had the pleasure of serving the students, parents, staff members, business partners and community members of Broward County Public Schools for over sixteen years and anticipate that this year will be one of the best!

This school year, you will continue to see a targeted focus on academic instruction, the expansion in the collaborative efforts of the school community, the development of the school culture through my support of existing initiatives and programs, and a welcoming focus on safety and security. Our teachers will expand their instructional practices by engaging in professional development sessions and professional learning communities that target their specific needs as well as the needs of our students. We will continue to provide effective standards-based instruction, specialized instruction and differentiated instruction for students to meet their individual needs.

To promote the student culture, students will have the opportunity to participate in various extracurricular activities, including 21st Century Grant opportunities. I have high expectations for our students and will work diligently to ensure that every student can reach their fullest potential. I am elated about the academic and extracurricular opportunities that are being offered and encourage you to support our students through it all. My goal is for every scholar at North Fork Elementary to gain the knowledge, experience, and life skills necessary for success and I will work with students, parents, community partners and business partners to achieve this goal.

I also encourage parents and community members to share their ideas, feedback and concerns as we look to support the development of a parent organization that would promote the improvement of our school and our community. I look forward to helping our parents build their organization while working together to support the students of North Fork. Please accept my invitation to become an active member of the North Fork Elementary family by joining the School Advisory Council (SAC), the School Advisory Forum (SAF), or the mission to establish a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). I wholeheartedly support all stakeholders and I welcome and value your input. My door is always open so please feel free to stop by at any time.

Our school grade goal for the 2019-2020 school year is a B and there is no doubt in my mind that we can earn it. I look forward to an exceptional school year that will prove to be nothing less than amazing!

Respectfully,

Lavina Robinson

Proud Principal

School Hours

PreK: 8:20am-2:20pm

K-5: 8:20 am- 2:50pm

Breakfast Hours: 7:45-8:15am

Supervision will not be provided before 7:45am.

Do not drop off or send students prior to 7:45am.

Open Gate Hours:

7:45-8:30am

PreK Dismissal: 2:20-2:30pm

K-5 Dismissal: 2:50pm

Gates will be open at the times indicated above.

Gates will be locked & monitored at all other times.

Important Dates

8/13.....Meet & Greet

Headstart/VPK: 9am

Kg-5th: 1-3pm

8/14.....First Day of School

8/20.....Independence Day!

9/2.....No School

9/4.....Annual Title 1 Meeting

9/4.....Open House - 6pm

9/13.....Interim Report

9/30.....No School

10/9.....No School

10/17...Early Release

10/8.....Teacher Planning



Educating Today's Students to
Succeed in Tomorrow's World

A NOTE FROM YOUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Greetings North Fork Family,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **2019-2020** school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Lavina Robinson, our new principal, to the North Fork Family. We plan to accomplish great things this year under her leadership.

Please see below for safety and security updates. These include the locked campus gates and ID's for ALL policy (employees, students, parents, visitors etc). With your cooperation and support, we will continue to make North Fork a safe learning environment.

On the first day of school please check your child's bookbag for the First Day Packet. Please read, complete and return relevant forms by the next school day. Academic and behavior expectations will be reviewed during the first week of school.

First Day packets contains the following documents:

Emergency Contact Car

Classroom Admittance Form

School-Parent Compact 2019-2020

Preliminary Family Needs Assessment

After School Program (ASP) Information

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) (formerly Parent Involvement Plan)

The District/LEA PFEP and the 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan can be found in the front office or on our school website at: <https://www.browardschools.com/northfork>.

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) provides parents and the community with important information about each public school such as demographic, safety and academic data. The SPAR is available in the front office or online at: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/> (click on School Report Card, select Broward & North Fork Elementary).

Your commitment and dedication to the education of our students is commendable.

It is my honor to serve as your assistant principal and I'm looking forward to another AMAZING school year!

Respectfully,
Sophia Myers

Safety and Security Information

Emergency Drills:

Emergency Drills will take place on a monthly basis. Within the first two weeks Fire, Tornado and Critical Incidence drills will occur.

Campus Security Personnel:

North Fork Elementary is staffed with an Armed School Officer, Security Specialist and two Campus Monitors every day during student hours. They provide school security and safety services for the campus and protect the life and well-being of scholars, staff, and visitors. The officer will use appropriate level of force to stop, disrupt or eliminate physical threats to students, staff, and visitors on campus.

Doors

All doors, including front office and classroom doors, will be locked at all times. The single point of entry to the campus is located in the front of the school. All visitors **MUST** enter the campus through the single point of entry by first presenting a valid Federal, State or Broward County School Board issued photo ID. **No ID = No Entrance.**

Perimeter Gates

School perimeter gates will be unlocked only for arrival and dismissal. Unlocked gates will be monitored by a member of North Fork's Security Team. The security team is trained in procedures of how to respond to intruders accessing the campus.

Car Loop (arrival/dismissal)

The car drop-off/pick-up loop is located on the south side of the campus (through the main entrance gate). When utilizing the parent car loop (on the south side of campus), all parents/caregivers are expected to remain in their vehicles. School staff will assist in getting children to cars. Parents are asked not to use the loop on the north side of the campus as it is reserved for school bus drop-off and pick-up. The main gate will be unlocked (and monitored) during the following times:

PreK-5 Arrival: 7:45-8:30am

PreK Dismissal: 2:20-2:30pm

K-5 Dismissal: 2:50pm

At the end of arrival and dismissal, all gates will be secured. Access to the campus will only be permitted through the single point of entry after presenting valid photo identification. Per School Board Policy, **No ID = No Entrance.**

Signing In

All visitors must enter through the front office and be processed through the Security Tracking and Response (STAR) System. All visitors **MUST** present a valid Federal, State, or Broward County School Board issued photo identification. Per School Board Policy, **No ID = NO Entrance!** Visitor's information will be electronically logged.

Parent, Scholar & Staff ID Badges

Individuals visiting our campus must wear a district-issued or school/site-based badge while on campus. ID badges **MUST** be visibly worn at all times. Any visitor that is not wearing a badge will be escorted off the campus by North Fork's Security Team. Additionally, identification badges will be produced for all of North Fork's students and staff members and must be worn at all times. The Crisis Text Line will be printed on the back of student and staff identification badges. This tip line can be used by texting FL to 741741.

Security Cameras:

North Fork's security monitoring system has been upgraded per district protocol to meet new digital standards. All security cameras are monitored in real-time from several computers. Upgrades to the security system will continue throughout the 2019-2020 school year that will further enhance our abilities to identify and mitigate threats to the security of our campus and safety of all scholars, staff, and visitors.

Meet & Greet and Open House

You will have an opportunity to meet your child's 2019-2020 teacher(s) on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. PreK (Headstart & VPK) = 9:00am - 10:00am, K-5th = 1:00pm-3:00p.m. Additionally, Open House and our annual Title One Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with daily access procedures, all perimeter gates will remain locked for both events. Access to the campus will be through the school's single point of entry. All visitors (including parents) MUST bring a valid photo ID. No ID = No Entrance.

Study Tips for Home



PreK & Kg:

Count with your child, practice saying and writing the alphabet (letter names and sounds), counting numbers, recognizing shapes and sight words (Dolch words can be found at: <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch/#lists>)

1st Grade:

READING: read to your child & have your child read to you daily. Ask comprehension questions. Practice sight words (Dolch Words can be found at: <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch/#lists>).

MATH: practice addition and subtraction with numbers through 100. Practice addition and subtraction fluency.

2nd Grade:

READING: read to your child & have your child read to you daily. Ask comprehension questions. Practice sight words (Dolch Words can be found at: <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch/#lists>).

MATH: practice addition and subtraction with numbers through 1,000. Practice addition and subtraction fluency. Practice recognizing & naming fractions. Practice timetable (multiplication facts 0-12).

3rd Grade:

READING: read to your child & have your child read to you daily. Ask comprehension questions. Practice sight words (Dolch Words can be found at: <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch/#lists>).

MATH: practice addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers. Practice addition and subtraction fluency. Practice recognizing & naming fractions. Practice timetable (multiplication facts 0-12).

4th & 5th Grade:

READING: read to your child & have your child read to you daily. Ask comprehension questions. Practice sight words (Dolch Words can be found at: <https://sightwords.com/sight-words/dolch/#lists>).

MATH: practice addition, subtraction, multiplication & division of multi-digit numbers. Practice addition and subtraction fluency. Practice recognizing, naming fractions & interpreting fractions. Practice timetable (multiplication facts 0-12).



Literacy Corner

Welcome back Parents and Students! I am excited for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. This first quarter we will be working hard to build the foundations needed in order for your child to be a successful reader. Your child will be engaged in various standard based learning opportunities. Your child should be given the opportunity to read at home with an adult or an older sibling on a daily basis. After reading don't forget to check for understanding. Ask your child questions about the text before reading, during reading, and after reading.

Mrs. McKinney
Literacy Coach

Cafeteria News

ALL parents must complete a new application for free/reduced lunch for each child regardless of last years eligibility by going online Broward County Public Schools' website click on (My School Apps) before Sept. 26. Parents can also contact FNS Meals Benefits Office at 754 321-0250.

Parents can make online payments thru (Myschoolbucks.com) FYI: there is a transaction fee of \$1.95 per transaction. Every student is expected to pay for their meal at the time of service.

The FNS continue to offer FREE BREAKFAST to every child at every school (between 7:45am – 8:15am).

Student Lunch: \$2.00 - Ice cream on Wednesdays is 65 cents - Adult Breakfast: \$1.80 - Adult Lunch Price: \$2.75

Mrs. Payne

Cafeteria Manager

SAC Meeting Dates

Meetings will begin at 3:30pm on:

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Wednesday March 18, 2020

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Attendance Hotline: 754-322-7352 (to report absences)

Uniform: We are a uniform school. All students must wear appropriate uniform daily (our colors are: navy, light blue, white or white top with navy or khaki bottom).

School Expectations

Early Pick-Up: Students can be signed out early before 1:50pm for Prek, and before 2:20pm for K-5th. Student will not be signed out after these times (see school board policy posted in the front office). Parents/guardians must present a valid ID at the Single Point Entry before being permitted to sign their child/children out early.

Change in Dismissal: if there is a change in dismissal for your child/children, please complete and return the Change In Dismissal form by the effective morning of the dismissal change.

Contact Information: Please keep your child/children's emergency contact information current, updates can be made in the front office.

