

# NORTH FORK MANATEES

## Back to School Issue



*Greetings Parents and Guardians,*

*As we prepare for the 2018 -2019-school year, there are many updates and changes you need to be aware of. Broward County School District has begun to implement safety and security mandates that will ensure all students and staff are safe. While these security measures may be seen as an inconvenience or time consuming, please understand and recognize that safety, security and educating the children are our FIRST priority at North Fork Elementary.*

*There is a lot of information contained in the newsletter. Please read the information and share with your family members who may assist you in supporting your child(ren). If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me ASAP at (754)322-7350.*

*The Luckiest Principal in the world!*

*Rendolyn Amaker*

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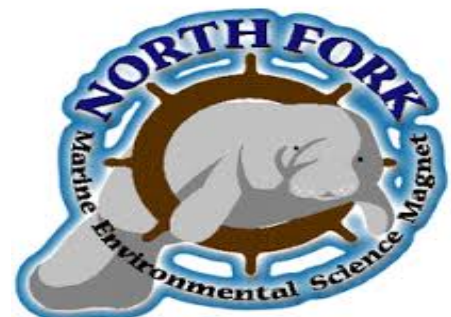
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## Meet and Greet

The date and time for Meet and Greet is listed below. This is a time for parents and guardians to come and find your child's class and "greet" the teacher. You can also drop off school supplies. This is NOT Open House or time to hold a conference. However, you may sign up for a conference.

Open House is scheduled for

August 22 - Pk- 2<sup>nd</sup>. August 29 - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Meet & Greet - August 14<sup>th</sup>

Headstart & VPK - 9:00 - 10:00am

Kindergarten, First and Second Grades - 10:00 - 11:00am

Third, Fourth and Fifth - 1:00 - 2:00pm



Attendance (754) 322-7350 (See attendance memo)

Principal - Ms. R. Amaker, (754) 322-7357

Assistant Principal - Mrs. S. Myers - ((754) 322-7359

Office Manager - Mrs. L. Leverett, (754) 322-7357

Guidance - Mrs. E. Biddings (754) 322-7367

ESE Specialist - Ms. R. Phillips (754) 322- 7365

Math Specialist - Ms. V. Josephs

Reading Specialist

K - 2 - Ms. S. Wallace

3- 5 - Mrs. S. Smith

**Conferences - (754) 322 - 7351**

**POWER-UP**  
WITH *school*  
**Breakfast**  
It's Free

There is **FREE Breakfast** for all of North Fork's students. Breakfast begins at 7:15am. Students will only be allowed on campus at 7:15. **There is no adult supervision on campus prior to that time. Please do NOT leave your child unsupervised on the outside of the fence prior to the gate being opened.**



## Perimeter Gates and Campus Access

Effective Wednesday, **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, new guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that **once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. This gate must be monitored at all times by school personnel. If personnel are not available to dedicate to this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus.**

Due to budgetary constraints, North Fork Elementary does not have any extra staff to dedicate to solely monitoring the front entrance gate, therefore, we will need to close and lock the gate. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

- The parking lot that accesses the front of the school will be open for drop off beginning at **7:15** for students going to breakfast and at 7:30 for Headstart/VPK. Please **DO NOT** drop off your child prior to these times. There is no supervision!!!
- The gate to the front parking lot of the school will be locked and secured at **8:30 am**. If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at **754-322-7350**. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly.
- The gate to the front parking lot will be open and entry will be monitored again from **1:50 to 2:15**. This will allow for Headstart/VPK pickup and other school business.
- The gate will be locked and secured again at **2:15**. If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at 754-322-7350. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly.
- The gate to the front parking lot will be reopened and entry will be monitored beginning at **2:40** to 6:00 pm and will be monitored by the YMCA Staff.

## Campus Assess Continued . . .



There will be a new system upon entering the school. The blue double doors will be locked. Upon entering the campus, please use the **Single-Point of Entry**. There is an electronic buzzer. Please have your identification.



District personnel, staff and students will need to wear ID Badges while on campus. Volunteers and visitors will need to sign in and receive visitor's badges. All visitors must be processed through the Security Tracking and Response (STAR) system. Please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the campus, with staff members. You will be escorted to the designated area. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude and patience during these procedures and will reciprocate with respect.



### Arrival & Dismissal

There is no supervision on campus prior to 7:15am. The perimeter gates will be closed until that time. At 7:15, the gates will be open and students will have access. Please do not park in the fire lane. Students may exit the cars and enter directly into the cafeteria.

If you need to attend a conference or speak to a staff member, please park in a designated parking space.



### Car Riders Dismissal

All car riders will be housed in the cafeteria. Students will be called and will exit the cafeteria to the loading area.

Please follow the directions below:

1. Please remain in your car
2. Have your student dismissal tag displayed
3. Please pull forward - Do Not Stop or Block the lane.
4. Drive Slowly and follow direction of School Personnel

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### Walkers

Students will be escorted to their dismissal areas. You **will not** be able to meet the students on campus.

East Walkers - will be walked to the crossing guard.

West Walkers - will be escorted to the basketball gates.

The walking gates will be locked promptly at 3:00pm.

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### Bike Riders

Students will be escorted to their dismissal areas. You **will not** be able to meet the students on campus.

East Bike Riders- will be walked to the crossing guard.

West Bike Riders - will be escorted to the basketball gates.

The walking gates will be locked promptly at 3:00pm

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### Van Riders

Students will be escorted to their dismissal areas. Parents should have prearranged van transportation. A student will not be placed on a van without written **notification**.



**ALL CHANGES IN DISMISSAL MUST BE IN WRITING!!!**

We will **NOT** take any changes in dismissal over the telephone at any time for any reason. You **MAY** submit a change in dismissal by completing a change in dismissal form. Please send the form to the front office or your child’s teacher. No changes in dismissal will be accepted after 1pm.



With the changes for safety and security, students will need to arrive to school on time. Do Not drop students off outside of the gate.

Breakfast – 7:15

Gates	Open	Closed
Am	7:15am	8:30
PK dismissal	1:45	2:15
Dismissal	2:40	

**School Uniforms**

**Dress Code:**



North Fork is a uniform school. Students must be in school uniforms everyday. The PTA will be selling Spirit shirts that may be worn on Friday. Students must have their shirts tucked in. A belt must be worn and shoe laces must be tied.

1<sup>st</sup> offense – School Related consequence.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense - Detention