

TRAILBLAZER

PEACE, LOVE, & PAWSITIVITY



Park Trails Elementary
1007 Trails End Road
Parkland, Florida 33076
754-322-7800

Principal: Charles McCanna
Intern Principal: Arlene Manville
Assistant Principal: Christina McNair
Assistant Principal: Daisy Menendez

Meet & Greet Schedule
August 14, 2018

8:30am. to 9:15 am. - 1st Grade
9:30 am. to 10:15am.- 2nd Grade
10:30 am. to 11:15am.- 3rd Grade
11:30am to 12:15pm.- 4th Grade
12:30pm. to 1:15pm.- 5th Grade
1:30pm. to 2:15pm.- K/Pre-K/ ESE

The school nurse will be in the clinic between 8:30am - 2:00pm to receive medications. Parents should bring labeled medication along with a doctors note in a plastic bag with the child's name and grade.

The PTA will be selling school shirts in the Cafeteria.

School Hours:
8:15am - 2:15 pm.

Supervision begins 30 minutes prior to 8:15 am.
Supervision ends 30 minutes after 2:15pm.

School Cafeteria:

FREE Breakfast for ALL Students
Breakfast served from 7:45am.- 8:05am

Lunch: \$2.00
Ice Cream \$.65

Pay for School Lunch On-line at:
www.myschoolbucks.com

Please Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Arrival Procedures:

- No students will be permitted to enter the building prior to 7:45am.
- Parents with cars should remain in their vehicles with their children until Park Trails staff is present.
- Students should enter the car on the passenger side of the car only.
- Parents needing to assist children in exiting the car, should park in a parking spot and then walk their child across the cross walk.
- Please do not stop at the door, we need for you to pull all the way up to the front of the line.
- Your child should be prepared to exit the vehicle when you come to a complete stop.

Dismissal Procedures:

Students will NOT be released for early dismissal after 1:45 pm.

- Dismissal begins at 2:15pm. Please pick up your child on time.
- Parents should have a Carpool tag hanging on their rear view mirror. Please all students first and last names on the tag.
- Parents that are parking and walking up to the carpool lane will need to pick up their child with the other walker on the west side of the front car pool lane.
- Please Load & Go - do not attempt to talk to staff while in the carpool lane. We are trying to minimize time in line for all of our parents.

Social-Emotional Learning

Our theme this year is "Peace, Love, & Pawsitivity". This theme goes along with the Social-Emotional Learning program that the district will be implementing in all schools beginning this year. This is how we will bring our theme alive at Park Trails this year...

Peace:

The Three R's of Peace are:

Respect for Self, Respect for Others, and Respect for Our Environment

Love:

The Three R's of Love are:

Relationships with Our Students
Relationships with Our Parents & Community
Relations with Each Other

PAWSitivity:

The PAWS of PAWSitivity:

Passion
Appreciation
Working Collaboratively
Supporting One Another

Our teachers will be embedding this theme into every aspect of the classroom this year.

Support for Families

Broward Schools has added support services for all students and families in the Stoneman Douglas Zone. Information relating to these services can be found on the school's website as well as the district's website.

Website:

www.browardschools.com/page/35685

Parents can contact our School Guidance Counselor, Ms. Sandra Thomas at 754-322-7800 or our new Specialized Counselor, Ms. Marylynn Henschel at marylynn.henschel@browardschools.com. Either can assist in identifying resources and support for your children and family.

Code Red Drills

Per State and District guidelines, all schools will conduct monthly Code Red Drills, the first of which will occur during the first two weeks of school. In order to minimize the negative emotional impact of these drills, we will announce the drills prior to conducting them at school. Parents will be notified via Parentlink prior to the drill and will be contacted again following the drill/ Tips for talking to you child have been posted on the school's website, specialized staff will be on campus during all drills to ensure we have personnel in place to support students. The staff and teachers will take all necessary steps to minimize the impact to the students.

Volunteering and Conferences

- All guests who are in the office prior to the first bell will need to wait in the front office until they can be escorted to their meeting.
- All guests who are in the office after school for a conference or meeting will also need to wait in the front office until they can be escorted to their meeting.
- Volunteer opportunities will not start until AFTER the first bell in the morning.
- All volunteers must be registered and approved through the district's volunteer website at www.browardschools.com/getinvolved before being allowed to volunteer on campus. This is an annual process, so if you have volunteered previously you must re-register at the start of every school year.
- All guests and volunteers will need to have identification with them and will need to sign into the STAR system before accessing the campus.
- There is a limit of 2 volunteers per teacher per week. Additional volunteer opportunities are available with the PTA for special events and activities.

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT VIOLENCE: Tips for Parents and Educators

Reaffirm Safety: Emphasize that schools are very safe. Let children speak about their feelings and validate all reactions to the event. Support the appropriate expression of their feelings and help to put them in perspective.

Make Time to Talk: Let children's questions guide the information provided. Be patient and look for clues that a child wants to talk. Young children may need concrete activities and older children may prefer writing or playing music.

Keep Explanations Developmentally Appropriate:

- Early Elementary:** Provide simple information, backed up by an assurance of safety.
- Upper Elementary and Early Middle:** Answer questions and assist in separating reality from fantasy.
- Upper Middle and High:** Emphasize the student's role in safety and how to access support.

Review Safety Procedures: Help children identify one adult at school and in the community that they can go to if they feel threatened or at risk. Review procedures and safeguards in school and home settings.

Observe Children's Emotional State: Some will not express themselves verbally but changes in behavior, appetite, or sleep patterns can indicate anxiety or stress. Seek help from a mental health professional for those with more intense reactions.

Maintain a Normal Routine: Keep a regular schedule to assure and promote physical and mental health. Encourage maintenance of school work and extracurricular activities but do not push children if they seem overwhelmed.

BCPS Family Counseling Program
754-321-1590

Youth Emergency Services
YES Team
754-677-3113
henderson@sh.org

Southeast Florida Trauma Recovery Network (TRN)
561-521-1100
southeastfloriatrn.org

Children's Bereavement Center
334-648-9422
childrensbereavement.org

Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc.
754-976-2290
tomorrowrainbow.org

2-1-1 Broward
Dial 2-1-1 or (754) 337-0211
"Get call for help"
Help available 24/7/365

National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
nasponline.org

Florida School Counselor Association
flsca.org

National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement
ncscc.org

School Counseling
A Career Advancement

Ralph Aiello, Director
School Counseling & BRACE
Student Supports Initiative Division
Phone (754) 321-1675
ralph.aiello@browardschools.com

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Safety Personnel...

We will have 2 Deputy SRO Officers on campus during the school day and a Campus Monitor during Aftercare. This means there will be safety personnel on campus whenever children are present. These positions will provide additional support for the continuous monitoring of the school campus. We will also have staff monitoring the gates during arrival and dismissal as well as at our single point of entry.

Safety Information

At Park Trails, we have made great progress in enhancing safety and security. Our goal is to continue to maintain high levels of security for our students. This year you will see some changes in several areas of security. For security purposes, we will not share all of the enhancements and procedures in place, however, those that impact your involvement with students and staff are highlighted below. Please make sure to read through this information carefully and please understand that some of these safety measures may inconvenience you but they have been put in place for the safety of all.

PROCEDURAL & PERIMETER:

- All gates will either be manned or locked during times when students are on campus.
- Additional cameras have been installed to monitor both perimeter and the interior of the building.
- A buzzer system has been installed in the front security office.
- Safety drills will be conducted monthly.

VOLUNTEERING & VISITORS:

- All volunteers and visitors will have to be processed through the STAR System.
- Visitors on campus during arrival & dismissal will be accompanied by a staff member.
- EVERYONE visiting our campus will wear a badge, picture ID, or visitor's pass that has been issued by the school or district.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL:

- Upon arrival all students and staff are required to wear a badge for the entire day.
- Parents & Guests are not permitted on campus to eat with students. Instead, we will host quarterly community Breakfast or Lunch for parents and family members.
- We ask that unless you have school business, you do not park and walk your child into the building after our Independence Day.
- Parents will not be able to pick up students for early dismissal after 1:45pm.
- Name tags should be hung on the car's mirror to expedite the progress of the carpool line.
- We understand there are emergencies, but it is important to pick your child up on time.

INDEPENDENCE DAY:

- Independence Day is Monday, August 20, 2018. Parents will not be able to walk their children to class after the 20th. We will have additional staff on campus to escort students to class.
- Parents will be expected to show ID and pick up a visitor's pass before entering campus.

Safety & Security Updates

Completed Updates	In Progress or Planned for Near Future	Long Term Projects of Park Trails Safety
Updated Keys for Staff	Stop the Bleed Kits Installed in all Classrooms	Installation of Bullet resistant film on all 2 nd story windows
Additional Security Position in Aftercare	Stop the Bleed Training for all Staff	Additional card access doors
Additional SRO	Installation of Bullet Resistant Film on all first-floor windows and exterior doors	Additional safety enhancements based on the Safe Harbor school safety assessment
All students & Staff Wear Badges	Installation of additional Surveillance cameras	
Staff Parking Passes to Limit Access to Staff Parking	Installation of additional perimeter cameras	
Self-Locking Door Mechanisms for Front Office Doors	Installation of Blast horns for the exterior and Speakers for interior hallways	
Additional Walkie Talkies	Buzzer system between buildings	
Buzzer System in Front Security Office	Update surveillance camera monitoring system	
Manned or Locked Gates		
Establish Safe Zones for students throughout the building for lockdowns		