The Panther Playbook

Pines Lakes Elementary
A School Wide Title I School



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ONLINE LEARNING NEWSLETTER

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, Mrs. Sasse.....

I hope all our families are safe and staying healthy in our current State of Emergency. On behalf of our staff, we welcome you and our students to our newest learning adventure- online learning! We hope this newsletter provides you with the information needed to ensure a smooth transition. Our teachers have dedicated themselves to creating engaging and exciting lessons through Canvas courses available online. Beginning Monday, March 30th, teachers will have online office hours from 9-12 in order to be available to our families and students. We look forward to staying connected during this new normal and hope that it won't be long before we see our Panthers return to PLE!

We hope you'll find the following tips, taken from multiple sources online, helpful to you as your child prepares for online learning:

- 1. Be positive
- 2. Get (and stay) organized
- 3. Establish a routine
- 4. Dedicate a quiet space for learning
- 5. Encourage them to stay connected to friends
- 6. Rely on resources
- 7. Use this opportunity to work alongside your child
- 8. Continue to communicate with their teacher
- 9. Be flexible
- 10. Make time for fun

Stay informed with the latest school news regarding the Coronavirus by visiting online:

https://news.browardschools.com/cor onavirus

We recognize that our elementary age students may have many questions, concerns and/or fears regarding the current crisis. Again, there are a multitude of resources on the internet for parents to choose to see which best meets their individual family's needs. One of my favorites is pbs.org, which is targeted specifically for our younger elementary-age students.

Florida Blue has licensed clinicians available to speak to anyone in Florida free of charge in both English and Spanish, including those who do not have insurance or have coverage with another health plan.

The emotional support line can be reached at 833-848-1762.

SCHOOL ISSUED LAPTOPS:

Thank you to the over 160 parents who came to campus on March 20th to sign out a loaner device for their child.

Please read through the Property Pass issued to you for expectations on laptop care and internet use.

Keep in mind that with a loaner device, it's important students do not place permanent marks such as stickers or writing on the devices.

Online Safety Practices

Since Digital Curriculum and Resources provided by SBBC will be frequently accessed by students during online learning, this is an opportune time to remind everyone of online safety practices. While these systems deliver a huge number of resources to our classrooms, their ability to serve students and teachers depends on the responsible and ethical use of every device and system. Use of the school district's technology and/or software for any unauthorized purpose is prohibited. This includes the unauthorized use of a computer/technology, including, but not limited to, accessing or breaking into restricted accounts or networks, creating, modifying or destroying files/records without permission, copying software, entering, distributing or printing unauthorized files/records, uploading to the Internet and/or sharing or distributing, offensive or inappropriate material, including video, and any other misuse or violation of the School Board of Broward County Technology-Acceptable Use Policy 5306, Section 6.

For more helpful tips navigating social media, see the link below:

http://socialmediaguidelines.pbworks.com/w/page/17050879/FrontPage



First day of online learning is Monday, March 30th

Each student in BCPS has a suite of grade level appropriate academic tools available to them around the clock, every day of the year.

Access to adopted textbooks, Canvas learning management system and dozens of other resources are available through this Clever portal.

Students can access their suite of resources via the <u>Single-Sign-On Clever LaunchPad</u>. Some of the resources may require the teacher to provide access before the student can initiate the activities.

LEARNING NEVER CLOSES! Click on the link below for helpful resources:

https://www.browardschools.com/learningnevercloses



Monday-Wednesday, March 30-April 1:

Last three days of Third Quarter

Thursday, April 2:

Deadline for teachers to submit grades

Friday April 3:

A day in Third Quarter dedicated to learning

Monday, April 6:

Start of Fourth Quarter

It is more important than ever for our parents to stay connected to school.

Your child's teacher needs to have an accurate email address for you.

A weekly Parent Link robo-call message is sent to our PLE parents. This is sent to the phone numbers and/or email address in our system. If you are not receiving these notices, please provide your updated cell phone, home phone and/or email address to your child's teacher.

PRE-K RESOURCES:

We are dedicated to keeping our young families connected with the latest online resources and information needed to support their children's learning. Visit the link below for some educational resources, including a list of free online resources and daily schedules:

https://www.browardschools.com/Page/52428

READY FOR ONLINE LEARNING

- Students will report to class by signing into http://sso.browardschools.com
- Report to your classroom by clicking on the Canvas tile on your dashboard.
- You will find directions, including when your teacher will be online, in your "Canvas Classroom"
- Elementary school students will find a separate
 Canvas course for their specials





Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) will continue to support students and their families through the coronavirus crisis by offering its grab-and-go meal service to 23 elementary schools, nine middle schools and 15 high schools throughout Broward County.

Pines Lakes has been selected as a meal service site.

For more information on this, visit:

https://news.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL50000611/Centricity/Domain/4/Food%20and%20Nutrition% 20Services%20March%2030-April%2015%20FINAL%20v4.pdf

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