

The Newscheater

2018-2019



SCHOOL HOURS
8:00A.M-2:00P.M

Principal's Message

Dear Wildcats,

Welcome back to the 2018-19 school year. I am looking forward to another fantastic year at Westchester with my Wildcats and their families. While we continue to focus on academic excellence and the social emotional growth, there has been an elevated level of attention on safety and security. I appreciate all of your support and understanding as we transition through these new procedures. Our school theme for next year is *You Be You*, inspired by the book "*You Be You*" by **Linda Kranz**. We know this school year will be FANTASTIC! As always, feel free to email or call me with any questions you may have. See you soon; I can't wait to hug all of my Wildcats!!!!

Mrs. Geraine
Proud Principal

Meet & Greet
Tuesday August 14th

Grades K & 1 – 9:00 -- 9:30 am.
Grades 2 & 3 – 10:00 -- 10:30 am.
Grades 4 & 5 – 11:00 -- 11:30 am.



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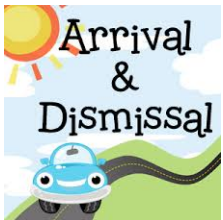
Phone: 754-322-8900

Website: www.browardschools.com/westchester

Safety Protocols

Safety and security are our top priority
Please make sure to adhere to safety procedures

- **Accessing the Campus-** All gates will be manned or locked at all times. If you require entrance to the campus during school hours please call the school (754) 322-8900 for assistance. If you require assistance after 3:00 P.M please call (754) 322-8927.
- **ALL VISITORS must report to the front office.** When checking in to the front office, **you must have official photo identification.**
- **ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS are required to wear their ID'S at all times when they are on campus.**



Westchester Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

Please be advised there is no supervision of students before 7:30. Parents MAY NOT drop off their child before this time.

- **Car-line-** Students are dropped off in the car line and supervised as they enter the building. Parents please pull all the way up and have your students exit from the passenger side of the vehicle only.
- **Student Drop-off-** All parents will drop-off their children along the sidewalks at the gate entrances. Students will proceed to the school doors on their own.
- **Bikers/Walkers-** Students **ONLY** walk up to the school along the designated sidewalks and enter through the front door or the back gate.
- **Bus Rider-** Students arrive to school on a bus and proceed to breakfast or their classroom.

Dismissal

**Students WILL NOT be released for early dismissal after 1:30 PM
(11:30 AM on Early Release Days)**

- ***Any student who walks off campus MUST be dismissed as a walker from the East Gate, South Gate, or the North Gate.***
- No one will be permitted to wait in front of the school's main entrance or anywhere along the sidewalk.
- Bus Riders will be dismissed from their classrooms to the bus area.
- After Care students will be dismissed from the classrooms to their counselors.
- A written request from the parent to the teacher is required to make changes to student's dismissal. Verbal request from students will not be granted.

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Dismissal Definitions

Car Riders:

- Leave the car line in a car.
- No child will be permitted to walk off the car line and cross traffic.
- Parents **will not be permitted** to stand on the sidewalk in front of the school and wait for dismissal.
- No one will be able to cross in front of the car line as it is unsafe and impedes the flow of traffic.

Walkers (3 dismissal locations):

- **East Gate** will walk off campus from the exit on Royal Palm Blv. and 123rd Ave.)
- **North Gate:** will walk off campus in the rear of the school.
- **South Gate:** will walk off campus using the gate on Royal Palm Blv. next to the Aquatic Center.

Independence Day

Independence Day begins Thursday
August 16th

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the 1st week of school, we will have additional staff members on campus to assist with escorting students to class.

As a reminder, no parent may access the front office for drop off. Any parent escorting their child must leave their child at the gate of the school and your child will enter the school on their own.



Fill out Form

On-line Forms

Back to school forms

All emergency forms will be completed ON-LINE at,
www.browardschools.com/bts.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Visit www.applyforlunch.com. If you need any assistance in completing the application, feel free to come to the school and we are happy to help you. Please remember that families that are not approved for free or reduced lunch benefits will be paying full price for lunch until approved.

If you need assistance filling out forms on-line, please stop by the front office. We are happy to help you.

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Severe Weather Dismissal Procedures

During the school year we may experience days of sudden thunderstorms at dismissal time. Students (especially those who are dismissed as walkers and bus riders) are encouraged to have a folding umbrella and poncho in their backpacks. In the event of torrential rain and lightning, student dismissal may change. To keep the telephone lines free for necessary school use, each parent should instruct their child as to the procedure they are to follow. Students will not be allowed to use the telephone for instructions. If it is necessary to change your child's rainy day dismissal please make sure the child and the teacher are aware of the changes.

Westchester's Unified Dress Code

Unified Dress Code- Westchester has a unified dress code for all students

Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify intruders on campus. For more information on approved colors and types of clothing, please refer to the Westchester website.

If your child has out grown their uniform clothes and you would like to donate them to our uniform closet, we would love to have them. Please bring washed and folded clothes bagged to the front office.

1. **Bottoms:** (mid thigh length or longer)
 - a. shorts, pants, skirts or skorts
 - b. Colors: khaki, tan, or navy blue
2. **Tops:**
 - a. long or short sleeves, **collared** polo style with or without the school logo and approved school spirit shirts
 - b. Colors: (solid) red, white, or navy blue
3. **Footwear:**
 - a. sneakers preferred
 - b. backless and open toed foot wear not allowed

Students should NOT wear:

- Tank tops
- Midriff tops
- Spaghetti straps
- Backless shirts
- Lycra or spandex
- Gym or drawstring shorts

Enforcing Westchester's unified dress code is vital to our school's safety as it allows us to easily identify possible intruders. Thank you for working with your child to ensure they adhere to our dress code policy.