



# ROCKY REVIEW

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**"EVERYONE HAS THE POWER TO ACHIEVE"**

### Administration

In behalf of the Riverside staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for a year of learning and fun!

Please join us in welcoming our teachers new to Riverside to our school community.

- Deidre Bernhardt - Grade 1
- Jessica Castillo - Grade 1
- Sindy Berrios- Grade 3
- Sandra Rudanovich-ESE Support

Please take the time to review updated Riverside policies and procedures explained throughout this newsletter and the student handbook located on our school website. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. We thank you for your continued support and are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Mrs. Weiss Schnur & Mrs. Rosen

### School Hours

School hours are 8:00am-2:00pm. Learning begins each day promptly at 8:00am. Please arrive to school with enough time to be in your seats by 8:00am.

The gates and office doors will be locked each day when school begins. Universal free breakfast is open to all students daily at 7:30am.

**Reminder** – Per Fla. State Section 1003.31 (2): Please do not drop off students prior to 7:30am., as there is no supervision. We offer Before School Care if you need to drop off prior to 7:30am.

### Attendance

**Florida Statute 1003.21** states that all children between the ages of 6 to 16 are required to attend school regularly during the entire school year. **Statute 1003.24** states that parents are responsible for the school attendance of their children. Parents, if your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance hotline (754) 322-8250 to report the absence.

### Independence Day

On the first day of school, parents will be allowed to walk their children to class. **Beginning Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, students will report to class independently or with assistance from staff members and/or safety patrols to ensure safety of all students.**

### Student Birthdays

Birthdays can be celebrated in the classrooms. Parents are welcome to send in cookies or cupcakes for the teacher to distribute during the day.

### Upcoming Events

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| Aug. 14 | Meet and Greet Grades 1-5 @8:00am<br>Kindergarten Orientation @8:30am |
| Aug. 15 | First Day of School   |
| Aug 16  | Independence Day  |
| Aug. 29 | Volunteer Orientation @8:15am<br>Open House K & 1 @6:00pm             |
| Sept. 5 | Open House Grades 2 & 3 @6:00pm<br>Open House Grade 4 & 5 @ 7:00pm    |

### Breakfast & Lunch Visitor Access

Students have 30 minutes for lunch each day. This is a great opportunity for children to socialize with their peers. In order to monitor student safety in the cafeteria, we are no longer allowing parents to have breakfast and lunch with their children at school.

### Stay Connected

Parent Link- These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Riverside Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact the front office at 754-322-8250 to be sure your contact information is up to date.

If you would like to receive text message reminders and information, please sign up using the App-Remind 101. Text the message @RSE18-19 to 81010.

Facebook- Be sure to "Like" Riverside Elem Coral Springs on Facebook.

Twitter- Please follow Mrs. Weiss-Schnur on Twitter @RSEPrincipal and our school @RSERocky

### Back to School Forms

We encourage all of our Riverside families to complete all Back-to School Forms on line!

<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>

**Please return the signed confirmation page to your child's teacher.**

## Arrival/Dismissal

### Arrival Procedures:

- Car lots 1 and 4 are open for student drop off. All students will enter the school through the gates in Lot 1 or Lot 4. Gates will be monitored as students arrive and will be locked each day at 8:00am.
- We start each day with “Begin with a Book.” As students arrive, they will go to the art room or cafeteria for breakfast and/ or “Begin with a Book”.
- Lot 3 is for BUSES only.
- Students SHOULD NOT be dropped off anywhere other than lots 1 and 4.
- Bike riders should park their bike in the rack in Lot 4.

### Dismissal Procedures:

- Students are dismissed at 2:00 pm.
- ALL students will have a tag on their backpack indicating their dismissal procedure.
- Parents picking up in the car line should use lots 1 or 4 for pick up.
- All cars must display car hangers with their children’s last name. Any cars that do not have hangers will be required to park and come in the front office to sign out their child.
- PLEASE, for the safety of the students do not use your cell phone in the car line.
- Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed and exit through Lots 1 and 4. Walkers and bike riders will not be permitted to leave campus if there is lightning in the area. Please have an alternative plan in place for these situations.
- Children riding buses will be escorted to their bus. Please be patient the first few days of school in waiting for late buses.

If your family requires additional car hangers, please contact the front office.



## Unified Dress Code

Riverside Elementary has a unified dress code. Students’ adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify those that belong on campus.

The policy requires students to wear red, white or black collared shirts or Riverside T- Shirts each day. Students can wear black or khaki slacks, shorts, skirts or skorts. Non-logo shirts can be purchased at local stores or for your convenience our logo shirts can be purchased through the Riverside PTO website, [www.riversidepto.com](http://www.riversidepto.com).



## Volunteers

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared volunteer. Please complete the online application via the link provided. Please make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several weeks. <http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/application-note>

ALL volunteer badges will be filed and held in the front office. Volunteers will be required to sign in and out their badge each visit. As a reminder, volunteer badges must be worn at all times while volunteering on campus. Badges must be turned in to the front desk upon completion of volunteering each time.

### **Additional Safety & Security Updates**

We are fortunate to have Officer Kim Payne as our full time School Resource Officer. Officer Payne is a 20-year veteran of the Coral Springs Police Department and has been working as Riverside Elementary’s SRO since 2015.

All visitors must show ID in order to enter the campus via our front office single point of entry. Our front office single point of entry door will be locked and secured each day when school begins. All visitors should ring the bell for entry. Please plan for students to arrive on time.

Our Riverside Before and After School Care program will also use the front office for arrival and dismissal. As always, ALL school gates and classroom doors will continue to be locked at 8:00 am. We will continue to update you throughout the year as needed.

### **Emergency Preparedness Drills**

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child’s instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times a year. This year the District has mandated that “code red” lock down drills will occur each month. We will inform parents via parent link/remind after the drill has been completed.

### **Student I.D. Badges**

Continuing this school year, all students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Riverside will provide your child an I.D. and breakaway lanyard. The I.D. badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear I.D. badges.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District’s Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321- 2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.