



# CPE CHRONICLE

Coral Park Elementary - *A Title I School*

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## Back to School Issue



On Saturday, **August 11<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:30 to 11:00**, class placements will be distributed in our cafeteria. The **"ticket"** to receiving your class placement will be a completed "How my child will go home" form that was mailed home to you last week. Providing this completed form to us will ensure that we have the correct dismissal information and will help us to create a safe and orderly dismissal routine beginning of the first day of school. There will be blank copies available, if needed.

**Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Student and Parent Welcome for **Pre-k, VPK, and A-Team only** from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

First day of school is **Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Parents of all grade levels, Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup>, will be permitted to escort their children to their classrooms, assist with bringing in their supplies, and meet their teacher. We will need all adults to leave the campus no later than 8:30 am. Use this opportunity to confirm how your child will go home. Your child will receive a color-coded tag for his/her backpack signifying the dismissal location (car, bus, walker, aftercare). Please keep in mind consistency is key to a safe dismissal. When routines are changed it often creates confusion. Therefore, please consider not having a different dismissal for the first few days of school.

### 2018-19 Evaluations

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Coral Park Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations many contact our office at (754) 322-5850 by April 12, 2019.

### Parent and Visitor Access to Coral Park Elementary Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Coral Park. 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, Coral Park 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 all other students **until 8:30 am. 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 754-322-5850.** 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 10:50 to 11:20.** This will allow for VPK pickup and other school business.
- The gate will be **locked and secured again from 11:20 to 1:30.** If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at 754-322-5850. 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 1:30 to 6:00 pm** and will be monitored by Community Afterschool Staff to allow for dismissal and pick up from the aftercare program.
- When entering the campus, please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the campus with staff members. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same!
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, laptops, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the campus gates will be open from 8:00 to 8:30 and again from 10:50 to 11:20. Please utilize these times should you need to come to the school to drop off items.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

### Understand the dismissal terminology and procedures

If you want to "meet your child", you will need to tell your child **they will be a walker.** They will be dismissed as a walker and you will need to let the teacher know which walker gate they need to be dismissed to—Riverside or Westview. This is where the crossing guards are located. If your child rides a bike to school, they are dismissed with the walkers.

Parents are **NOT permitted** to stand in the sidewalk areas **within** the campus in the front or back of their school and wait for their children. **This area is reserved for those children who are car riders.** There are two car rider pick up areas—one in the "front" of the school and one in the "back" of the school. Your child needs to know which of these areas you will be picking up from. Please stress to your child that you will be **in the car** and to follow the direction of the staff. **DO NOT** tell your child to go out with the car riders and you will walk there to pick them up. Only Coral Park staff will be permitted in this area. **It will cause confusion and anxiety with your child** if you tell them this because teachers and staff will direct the students whose parents said "they are going to meet" them to the walker areas. It is important that they understand that they will be a "car rider" and you will be **in your vehicle.** Keep in mind, that the first two weeks of school, dismissal takes significantly longer. Once routines are established, the carline time shortens tremendously. **Ease their anxiety** by reminding them that it may take a little bit of time for your car to get to the front of the line, but you will be there.

CAS Aftercare is our on-site aftercare provider. CAS Aftercare students are picked up by CAS staff in their grade level pod areas and escorted to the cafeteria at dismissal. Students who attend off campus private aftercare providers are dismissed with the bus students. Aftercare providers are required to pick up in the bus dismissal area. Be sure your child and teacher know the name of the aftercare provider.

### 8:00 is late!

Entering the school's front gate at 8:00 is late! The instructional school day begins promptly at 8:00 am. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00. Please refer to the Student Handbook in the first day packets and online for further information regarding attendance and early dismissal procedures.



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

### Complete all Back-to-School forms needed on line!

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Class Pick-up 9:30-11am

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Class Pick-up 3:30-5pm

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
K, Pre-K, A-Team  
Welcome 8-9am

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
First Day of School 8am

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Volunteer Orientation  
and PTA General  
Meeting 8:15am

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Open House Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 6-8pm



### Have a question, need an answer? Who's who at CPE:

Camille Pontillo,  
Principal

Tangela Williams-Daniel,  
Assistant Principal

Pierrette Theriault,  
School Counselor

Stephanie Ramage,  
ESE Specialist

Caryl Panzarella,  
Autism Coach

Suzanne Lombardo,  
Literacy Coach

Laura Worthington,  
Math Coach

Katarina Kopaszova,  
Office Manager

Marci Maietta, Registrar

Ruth Ocejo, Bookkeeper

Kim Morelli,  
Technology Specialist

Stacey Kelleher, Media Clerk

Loylin King,  
Head Facilities Service Person

### Emergency Preparedness

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 per year. This year the District has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Coral Park will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parent link and remind. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.

**In addition, be sure to sign up for our "remind" notifications by texting @Coralpar to 81010.**

### Unified Dress Code

Coral Park Elementary has a unified dress code. Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify those that belong on campus. For more information on approved colors and types of clothing, please refer to the information in your first day packet and on our website. If your child has out grown their unified dress 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.

### Open House

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Coral Park will host its Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting and Open House. Students in Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade's open house will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 and grades 3 to 5 will take place from 7:15 to 8:15.

### Student ID Badges

Beginning this school year, all students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Coral Park will provide your child with an ID badge and breakaway lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear ID badges, as well.

### Meet our Campus School Resource Officers (SRO's)

The City of Coral Springs in collaboration with Broward County Public Schools has provided Coral Park with School Resource Officers to assist with campus security as well as to build positive relationships with our students. Campus coverage is alternated between Officer Hannah Rincon and Officer Nick Iarriccio. You will see them out during arrival and dismissal and they attend many of our afterhours community events. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them and thank them for their service to our school community.

### Stay Connected

**Parent Link**– These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Coral Park Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact Ms. Maietta at 754-322-5850. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

**Remind Messages** – To join the Remind messages via text, text @coralpar to 81010

### Title I Information & Updates

The School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement is located at 701 NW 31 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311. For more information please contact Dr. Daniel at 754-322-5850 or visit [www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/) (or call 754-321-1425).

The District Parent Involvement Policy <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbpcpolicies/>,  
LEA plan <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp> and

SPAR <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm> can be found at the respective links.

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