

PANTHER PAWPRINTS

AUGUST 2021 EDITION

Principal's Message



**“Excellence Through
Caring”**

Thomas J. Schroeder
Principal

Vicki B. Flournoy
Assistant Principal

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent, successful, life-long learners by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Florida State Standards.

**6300 NW 18th Street
Margate, Florida 33063
Phone Number:
754-322-6900**

**PROUD TO BE A TITLE ONE
SCHOOL**

Dear Margate Families,

Welcome back Panthers! We are so excited to begin this school year - for students and staff alike, Your Future is Bright at Margate! We know that it continues to be a challenging time for us all as we navigate through a world-wide pandemic. It continues to be our priority to follow all health and safety protocols implemented by the Broward County School Board. Please regularly review these protocols which are published on our website: margateelem.browardschools.com

Also, please review our opening Panther Pawprints newsletter which will be posted on Monday, August 16th. This year, only our PreK, Kindergarten and students in the ASD Program will be able to walk their children on the first day of school.



While many challenges abound, we are thrilled to welcome all of our students back to campus. We had a highly successful New School Year Celebration; it was wonderful to see all of our panther families walking the halls. Through this pandemic, we have been able to preserve through unprecedented circumstances. In keeping with our digital advances, all of our Back to School Forms, including the Student Code of Conduct, the Contact Card, the Title One Parent Compact, and others, are to be completed electronically. If you have any difficulty with this, please feel free to let us know in the welcome center so that we can assist you. The directions for completing the forms are included with this letter.

You are invited to attend our Parent Information Evenings which will be held on the following dates to answer any questions regarding our school reopening: Monday, August 16, 2021 @6:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 19, 2021 @6:30 p.m. These will take place on our school's Zoom account. The meeting ID is 9041760188 and you can receive the passcode from the office.

Our entire district is committed to creating a safe and secure learning environment. Please understand that this means our campus is less accessible than previous school years. There are many important safety updates/reminders contained in our August Panther Pawprints. We know that this may be inconvenient at times and that new protocols may delay arrival and dismissal. Please be patient; our intent is to continue to improve upon your children's safety. A smile and reassuring affirmation to your child will help ease any anxiety regarding these enhanced protocols. Additionally, please support our efforts by discussing the importance of our emergency drills. All students will engage in a monthly lockdown drill. The purpose is to properly train our students and staff on what to do in an emergency. These monthly drills will complement our mandatory fire drills.

School Website: <https://margateelem.browardschools.com>

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



Calendar of Events

August 16, 2021: Parent Information Evening on Zoom @6:30 p.m.

August 18, 2021: First Day of School

August 19, 2021: Parent Information Evening on Zoom @6:30 p.m.

August 27, 2021: August Birthday Party @1:15 p.m. in Cafe

September 2, 2021: Parent Information Evening on Zoom @6:30 p.m.

September 6 & 7, 2021: No School

September 14, 2021: SAC Meeting in Library @2:20 p.m.



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- All individuals are required to wear a mask indoors on campus.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- All parents must have a Dismissal Sign to pick-up their child in either by foot. A picture of the sign on your mobile device is acceptable as well.
- All parents must have a Dismissal Sign to pickup their child by car.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be in uniforms. Our uniform policy is listed in this newsletter and our website.
- Consistency with dismissal is critical. Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:00 p.m.

Please ensure that your children are in uniform; we are a unified dress school and uniforms help distinguish each child as a part of our Margate family. At Margate Elementary, our panthers R.O.A.R. - an acronym which stands for Respect Others, Own My Behavior, Act Responsibly, and be Ready to Learn. Regarding homework, I-Ready continues to be our technology support program; all students are encouraged to utilize this program daily, if possible. Also, every student should read for at least 30 minutes every day. Research shows that the more time spent reading, the higher a student's achievement. Overall, the importance of reading to and with your children every day, is paramount. Additionally, please review the Margate blue folder and your child's agenda each night.

Parents and families are invited to join our PTA. Membership is only \$6 and directly benefits our children. Stay informed and up-to-date by checking out our website and Facebook page. Once again, it's a great pleasure to welcome you to this school year. We are both here to help and answer any questions. We are proud and privileged to be your administrative team and are grateful to work at the best school in the world.

This year, for all of us, the Future is Bright at Margate Elementary!

With Love and Gratitude,
Thomas Schroeder and Vicki Flournoy
Your Proud Principal and Co-Principal



SAC Meeting Dates for 21-22

September 14, 2021 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 October 5, 2021 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 November 2, 2021 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 December 7, 2021 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 January 4, 2022 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 February 1, 2022 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 March 1, 2022 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 April 5, 2022 @2:20 p.m. in the Library
 May 3, 2022 @2:20 p.m. in the Library

If you would like to join our SAC committee, please contact our SAC Chairperson, Mrs. Shannon Mills at 754-322-6900 or through email at shannon.mills@browardschools.com

Click on <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool> for Important Back to School Information

2021/22 Back-to-School Toolkit



Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) welcomes students back to class on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

To help families prepare for the 2021/22 school year, check out the BCPS Back to School toolkit, which includes links to important information and District resources to support our families.

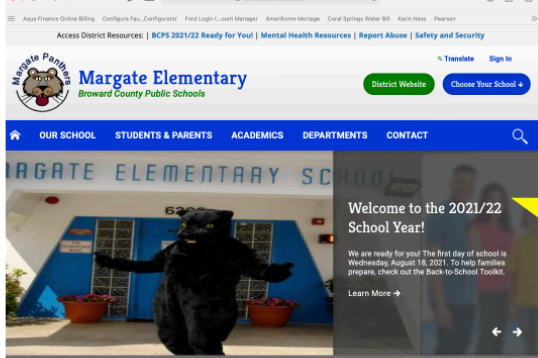
Back-to School Wizard - Online Forms



Parents/guardians can fill out back-to-school forms online via the District's Wizard. The annual forms will be available as of August 9, 2021, so families can get a jumpstart on the new year preparations. The forms are easy to complete, and all data is protected and secure. Remember to update your contact information to receive the most up-to-date messages from your child's school and the District.

[Back-to-School Wizard - Online Forms](#)

Always Checkout Our Website for Important Updates and Details
<https://www.browardschools.com/margateelem>



Volunteer



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. <https://apps.raportech.com/Apply/NDgyMDplblVUw==>



In all grades, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth, student birthdays will be observed on designated dates. At that time, each child's birthday will be recognized with a monthly birthday celebration hosted by our P.T.A. There will be refreshments provided by the P.T.A. with a wonderful celebration held in their honor. No individual birthday treats will be accepted for any students.

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Recent legislation requires that all schools observe a moment of silence at the beginning of the school day. As a class, we will participate in the moment of silence during first period. The moment of silence will last one minute during which time students may not interfere with other students' participation. Teachers may not make suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the moment of silence with their child and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time.

The legislation states "in today's hectic society too few persons are able to experience a moment of quiet reflection before plunging headlong into the activities of daily life. The Legislature finds that our youth will be well served if students are afforded a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day."

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 754-322-6900, if you have any questions about the moment of silence.

All parents/guardians must fill out the required back to school forms along with our Code of Conduct. You can access the forms at <https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/> data is protected and secure. For Back to Schools Forms and more, visit the Back to School online toolkit at <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool>

BACK TO SCHOOL
ONLINE FORMS



It's time to **POWER UP!**
Broward County Public Schools
Food and Nutrition Services

APPLY ONLINE!
FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH
Free and reduced price lunches are available to students that meet economic eligibilities.

MYSCHOOLAPPS.COM

The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese at MySchoolApps.com.
For more information on Meal Benefits, contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at
754-321-0250
FREEANDREDUCEDMEALS@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of race, color, disability, gender, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, age, religion, sex or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the District, Equal Educational Opportunity/AACR-Discrimination Department at (754) 321-2200 or (754) 321-2118. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) may call Equal Opportunities/Accommodations Department at (754) 321-2150 or TDD/Relay Florida (772) 754-7518. Internet: www.browardschools.com



The first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. each morning. For students waiting to enter the campus, supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. For students who eat breakfast at school, the gates open at 7:15 a.m.

Remember, all students are invited to eat breakfast at no charge. At 7:30 a.m., students who eat breakfast on campus are released to their arrival areas. All students wait either in their interior hallways, in our gym, or the cafeteria (depending on grade level). Staff supervision in these areas begins at 7:30 a.m. It is vital that all students arrive to school on-time. Teachers plan important morning activities which immediately immerse students in learning.

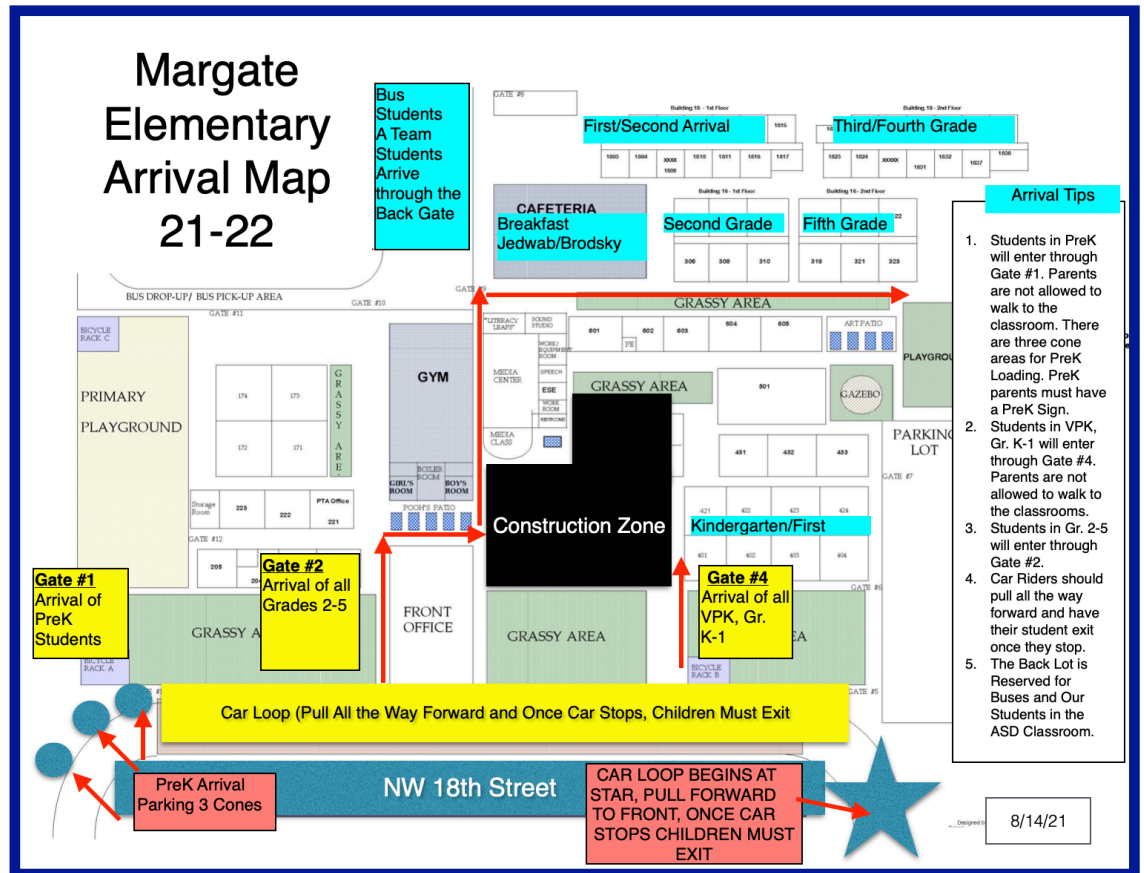
Please refer to the maps for specific arrival locations. It is important that the following guidelines are followed.

There is no parking or leaving cars unattended in the Car Rider Loop. PreK Parents have three cone spots in the front of the car loop. PreK Parents must have their PK Sign to access cones. Violations will be enforced by our School Resource Officer.

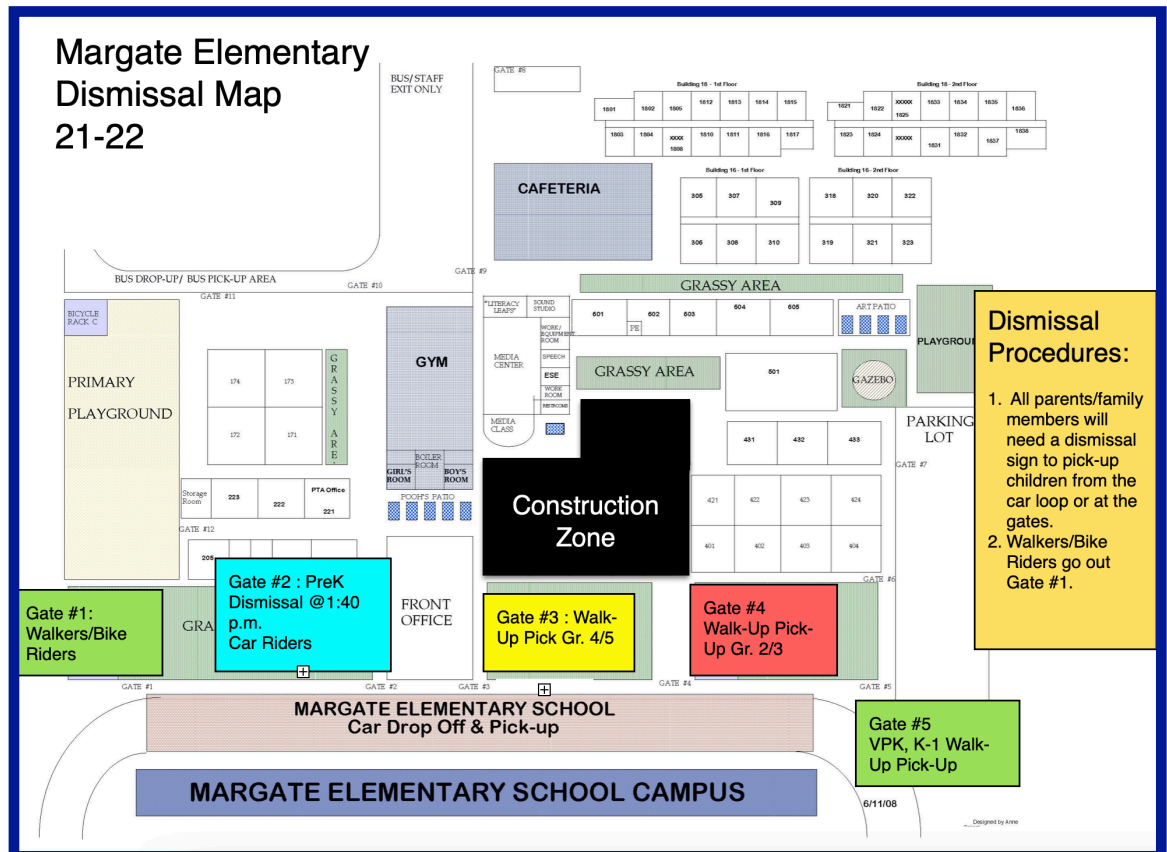
For the safety of our students, we ask that parents in the arrival car lane abide by some simple safety rules:

1. No cell phones when dropping off your child.
2. Children are to exit the car from the right side (sidewalk).
3. Please stay in one lane, the outside lane is for those cars that are parking.
4. Pull all the way up.

The safety of your children is our top priority.



All Parents must have Dismissal Sign to Pick Up their child at dismissal.



Margate Elementary

JOIN US FOR OUR
**PARENT INFORMATIONAL
 WELCOME BACK
 MEETINGS**

Monday, August 16th at 6:30 PM
 Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, September 2nd at 6:30

Join us on our
 School Zoom

ID: 904 176 0188

Password: Same as last year
 (hint- School mascot's name)
 or send an email to
shannon.mills@browardschools.com

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
 *Back to School
 *Safety and Security
 *Questions and Answers

www.browardschools.com/margateelem

We Hope to See You There!

Flyer sent home 8/13/21

Established 1915
BROWARD
 County Public Schools
READY for YOU!

MASK POLICY

UPDATE

On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, held a Special School Board Meeting to approve the District's School Reopening Plan: Phase 3, which included addressing Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 21-175 and the subsequent Emergency Rule – Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings issued through Florida Department of Health and Florida Department of Education. As a result of today's School Board vote, face coverings will continue to be mandatory, based on [School Board Policy 2170](#), for students, staff and visitors at all District schools and facilities. Requests to opt out of this requirement will be considered due to medical need, Individual Education Plans (IEP) or Section 504 accommodations as currently allowed in the policy. The first day of school for Broward County Public Schools students is Wednesday, August 18, with 100% face to face learning on all campuses. District staff remain in communication with health experts to ensure the safety of our students, staff and school communities.



A Special Note from Officer Tony

The traffic pattern for the front parking lot prohibits left turns from NW 18th Street into the school. A sign is posted on N.W. 18th Street, which prohibits left turns into the front parking lot. Therefore, all traffic must enter the front parking lot from the east side of the school. In addition, the farthest parking lot east is a "Park and Walk" lot. Please do not make U-turns in that lot as there is an increase of children and parents walking in that area. Please review the traffic pattern map for further information.



Entrance Route

Exit Route



Margate Elementary School is a Unified Dress School. All students are expected to adhere to the unified dress policy. Shirts may be burgundy, hunter green, navy blue, light blue, pink, or white and must have a collar. Shorts, slacks, or skirts may be navy, black, or khaki. Information regarding uniform styles is available in the school office.

Social Media Use Guidelines

Do you Think B4U Post?

What you do online can help or hurt yourself and others.

Did you know students who break the Code of Student Conduct's online behavior requirements can be suspended or even expelled?

While online:

DON'T:

- Use rude, hurtful, or racially offensive language.
- Post language, materials, or images containing vulgarity, nudity, or drugs.
- Engage in personal attacks, insults, threats, harassment, or bullying.
- Post private information.
- Be academically dishonest or cheat by violating copyright laws or using someone else's material without permission.

DO:

- Connect in positive ways with others. Reaching out to people you trust is one of the best ways to reduce anxiety, depression, loneliness, and boredom during social distancing. Call, IM, text, or FaceTime to connect with friends and family.
- Protect yourself by protecting your accounts. Don't share your passwords with anyone and password protect your phone so no one can impersonate you. Use privacy settings to control who can view your content and interact with you.
- Ignore online abuse by not reacting, instead block abusers and then report them. Take and save screenshots, print out messages as evidence, and tell a trusted adult immediately to get help.
- Be an activist for respect.
 - Think B4U Post and watch for offensive or hurtful behavior.
 - Share kind words to isolated, mistreated, or cyberbullied classmates.
 - Express disapproval of mean acts and words.
 - Celebrate positive acts.
 - Know your rights and responsibilities and that YOU have the power to change your world, and the world of those around you for the better.



For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar.

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Hurricane Make-Up Days: 10/19/21, 1/10/22, 2/14/22, 3/17/22, 4/14/22, 6/9/22