

MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AUGUST 2022

Panther Pawprints

Excellence Through Caring



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

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**PROUD TO BE A TITLE ONE
SCHOOL**

**BACK TO SCHOOL
ONLINE FORMS**



Dear Margate Families,

Welcome back Panthers! Congratulations, we are an "A" School. We are so excited to begin this school year - for students and staff alike, Learning Takes You Places at Margate! This year, parents of our students will be able to walk their children on the first day of school.

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. You can click on our website to access the Back to School Forms portal. 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.

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. 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. Once again, it's a great pleasure to welcome you to this school year. We are both here to help and answer any questions. This year, for all of us, Learning will certainly take us to new places!

With Love and Gratitude,
Thomas Schroeder and Vicki Flournoy



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>

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Calendar of Events

August 16, 2022: First Day of School, Parents Can Walk Their Child to Class

August 18, 2022: New Parent Reception in the Cafeteria @6:30 p.m.

August 25, 2022: Big Daddy's Pizza Night

August 26, 2022: August Birthday Party

September 5, 2022: No School, Labor Day

Week of September 5, 2022: Patriotic Spirit Week

September 9, 2022: Patriotic Day

September 13, 2022: Interim Reports Issued

September 23, 2022: PTA Family Night

September 26, 2022: No School

September 27, 2022: Fall Picture Day

September 30, 2022: September Birthday Party



Help us develop, monitor and solicit feedback on our school's goal by joining SAC. Our SAC Chairperson is Shannon Mills, our math coach.

You can email shannon.Mills@browardschools.com to

join our committee.

Our first SAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend. Please email Mrs. Mills or contact the welcome center for further information.



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.

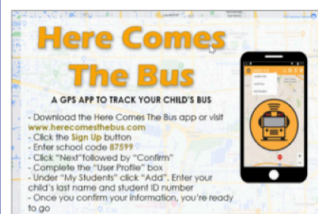


**URGENT:
Register to Ride
the School Bus
for the 22-23
School Year**

All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year must register for a bus assignment. Use the webpage below to register. If registering after July 15th, student transportation will be given by the 3rd week of school.

Please go to: <https://www.browardschools.com/Register2Ride>

Bus information should be available this week through Virtual Counselor. You will need your child's 06 number. The password is your child's birthdate as follows:
PMM/DD/YYYY
(You must include the slashes in the password)



You can now track your child's bus by downloading the Here Comes the Bus app.

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 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.

SAFETY FIRST



ARRIVAL: GOOD MORNING



GATE 1
No Morning Entry

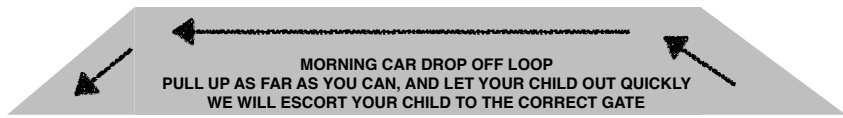
GATE 2
Specialized & Intensive PreK Parent Drop Off

FRONT OFFICE WELCOME CENTER

GATE 3
All 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders Enter Campus

GATE 4
No Morning Entry

GATE 5
VPK, Kinder, and 1st Grade Enter Campus



18TH STREET

DISMISSAL: GOOD AFTERNOON



GATE 1
WALKERS & BIKE RIDERS Leave From Here

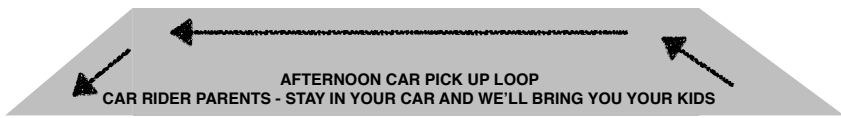
GATE 2
CAR RIDERS Leave from Here. PARENTS STAY IN YOUR CAR

FRONT OFFICE WELCOME CENTER

GATE 3
4th and 5th Grade Walk Up Pick Up Parents Wait Here

GATE 4
2nd and 3rd Grade Walk Up Pick Up Parents Wait Here

GATE 5
VPK, Kinder, and 1st Grade Walk Up Pick Up Parents Wait Here



18TH STREET

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



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.

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.

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.raptortech.com/Apply/NDgyMDplbilVUw==>

SAFETY FIRST

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING. DO SOMETHING.

INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS

INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY

REMAIN ANONYMOUS

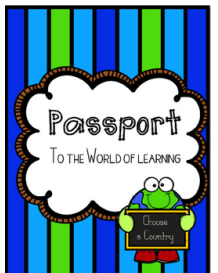
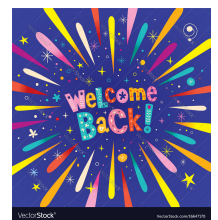
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The first resource is the SaferWatch app. This app, supported by the Broward Sheriff's Office, allows individuals in Broward County the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/> for more information about the SaferWatch app.



The second resource for reporting safety and security concerns is the FortifyFL app. FortifyFL allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>.





IMPORTANT DATES



Year at a glance... Mark your calendars

- ★ New School Year Celebration -Friday, 8/12/22 @ 4:30 p.m
- ★ New Parent Reception -Thursday, 8/18/22 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 9/6/22 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ PTA Family Night - Friday, 9/23/22 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 10/4/22 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ Fall Festival - Friday, 10/28/22 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ SAC/PTA Family Night - 11/10/22 @ 6:00 p.m.
- ★ PTA Holidays Around the World - Friday, 12/16/22 @ 6:30
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 12/6/23 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 1/10/23 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ PTA Family Night - Thursday, 1/19/23 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ SAC/PTA Family Night, Friday, 2/24/23 @ 6:00 p.m.
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ PTA Family Night/Spring Fling - Thursday, 3/16/23 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ PTA Family Night/Spaghetti Bingo - 4/14/23 @ 6:30 p.m.
- ★ SAC Meeting - Tuesday, 5/2/23 @ 2:15 p.m.
- ★ Final PTA/SAC Meeting - 6/1/23 @ 6:00 p.m.