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“Your Focus Determines Your Reality” –Mui Gon Jinn

Arrival, Dismissal, Gates & Parent and Visitor Access to Silver Palms Elementary Campus

Maintaining a safe and secure school campus and learning environment for our children and staff is the number one priority at Silver Palms. 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. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

1. The MAIN FRONT ENTRANCE to the school is our SINGLE POINT and the ONLY access for all visitors to our campus. All visitors will need proper, legal photo identification on them at all times on campus. The door at Single Point will be unlocked for conferences at 7:15 a.m. daily. Once visitors check in for conferences, the teacher must be notified prior to entry into the building. Parents must go directly to the teacher’s classroom. When entering the campus, please be prepared to share your purpose for entry on campus with staff members.
2. **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO BE DROPPED OFF PRIOR TO 7:30 unless they are having breakfast. THERE IS NO ADULT SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT HAVING BREAKFAST UNTIL 7:30.**
3. The south parking lot is for bus drop off. This gate will be unlocked at 7:15 a.m. daily and will be monitored by our Campus Monitor. This gate will be locked at 8:00 a.m. every morning.
4. Students who walk or bike to school will need to enter the campus at the walker gate by the bike rack on the south side of the campus by the bus loop. This gate will be opened at 7:30 a.m. and monitored until it is locked at 8:00 a.m. every morning. Parents walking their children to school must drop their children off at this gate. **Crossing through the CAR LINE will NOT be permitted.**
5. **WALKER dismissal has changed. Parents who park their car in the front parking lot and walk up to the school to pick up their child MUST indicate that their child is a WALKER not a car rider. Parents will not be permitted to walk up to students in the car rider area and collect their child. The front area of the school is ONLY for parents staying in their car and picking up their child in the CAR LOOP line.**
6. Parents wishing to eat lunch with their child during the school day may do so on Tuesdays or Thursdays ONLY with prior notification to the teacher. Entry into the school must follow proper protocol. Special seating will be available in the cafeteria for parents having lunch with their children.
7. Help us help build your child’s independence and responsibility by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, school supplies, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, items must be left at Single Point.

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. Parents, please review these procedures with your child prior to the first day of school. We will also review these and all procedures with students at the beginning of the year. Thank you for your assistance in implementing these new procedures and helping us keep everyone safe in the 2018-19 school year.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

8/14 – Meet-and-Greet	8/17 – Independence Day
Pre-K – K 8:30-9:00	9/3 – Labor Day No School
1 st – 2 nd 9:15-9:45	9/10 – Rosh Hashanah No School
3 rd – 5 th 10:00-10:30	9/17 – Interims Issued
8/15 – First Day of School	9/19 – Yom Kippur No School

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Parent Link– These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Silver Palms Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact Mrs. Padron at 754-323-7450. Also, be sure to download the Broward County Public School’s APP at <https://www.browardschools.com/MobileApp>
Be sure your contact information is up to date!

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