



Lightning News



August 2018

Sharon Boyd, Principal

Title I School

Cristina Rodriguez, Assistant Principal

Parent and Visitor Access to Lake Forest Elementary

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year! Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Lake Forest Elementary. 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, unless there is school personnel to monitor gates at all times. If personnel are not available to monitor this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the school must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus. Due to budgetary constraints, Lake Forest Elementary 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 car loop parking lot that accesses the front of the school will be open for drop off beginning at 7:30 am until 8:00 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 8:00 am. It is therefore CRITICAL that you have your child on campus before the 8:00 bell rings. If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at 754-323-6350. Please be prepared to tell office personnel your name and the reason for your visit. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please be patient and plan accordingly.
- ⚡ The gate to the front parking lot will be reopened beginning at 1:45 to 2:15 pm and will be monitored by school personnel to allow for dismissal of our PreK and Head Start students. The gate will then be locked and will be reopened again at 2:45 to 3:15 and will be monitored by school personnel to allow dismissal of our K-5 students.
- ⚡ Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same! At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We recognize that these new safety procedures may be inconvenient, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we follow the district mandate, working together to keep all our students and staff safe.



Please visit our school website to view our parent handbook and learn more about our policies and procedures.

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, Lake Forest Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly using parent link. 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.

Mandatory Dress Code

Lake Forest Elementary has a mandatory dress code. Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify those that belong on campus. The dress code includes, white, black or any color blue collared shirt and black, khaki, or navy blue, pants, skirts, dress, or shorts. Blue Jeans and athletic wear are not acceptable.
First Violation: Parent Contact
Second Violation: Parent Contact, Uniform Bank
Third Violation: Follow Broward County Discipline Matrix

Student ID Badges

All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Lake Forest will provide your child will receive an ID badge and lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. If it comes home by accident, please return it with your child the next day. In addition, all staff are required to wear ID badges.

Important Date(s) To Remember



Meet and Greet
August 14, 2018 2pm

First Day of School
August 15, 2018

Independence Day
August 20, 2018 (No Parents on Campus)

Open House K-2
August 29, 2018 6:00 pm

Open House 3-5
September 5, 2018 6:00 pm



MEET OUR TEAM

Sharon Boyd, Principal
Cristina Rodriguez, Assistant Principal
Carla Elliott, Guidance Counselor
Kimberly Lloyd, ESE Specialist
Simone Sandoval, Autism Coach
Stephanie Turturro, Reading Coach
Lori Sparks- Lee, Math Coach
Ruth Griffith, Science Coach
Rebecca Knapp, Office Manager
Maria Garcia, IMT
Emmeline DeThomas, Registrar\
Elaine Alcaide, Office Clerk

CLASS SIZE AND STUDENT PLACEMENT

Due to the State Class Size Reduction law, students may need to be moved between teachers after the start of school to ensure compliance with the required student limits. These limits are 18 students for Pre-Kindergarten to grade 3 and 22 students for grades 4 to 5.



To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application at the website provided and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take a while.

www.getinvolvedineducation.com



Over the past 3 years Lake Forest has strived to help all students reach their full potential. As a Turnaround Arts School and a Climate Grant recipient, we are proud to announce...

- Gold Level Model School for positive behavior for 2 consecutive years decreasing referrals by 62%.
- Continuously increasing our overall school score for academics moving from an F to a C.
- Decreasing the overall percentage of chronic absenteeism from 39% to 11%.
- Successfully producing and performing a full-length Disney musical yearly.

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