

Sunshine Elementary

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of another fantastic school year! I hope that you had a safe and restful summer. I am extremely proud to share with you that Sunshine Elementary School is an "A" school! As we embark on the 2018 – 2019 school year, it is our goal to continue to forge long lasting relationships with our families and our community that we serve. With your support and assistance, the task of striving for academic and social excellence for all of our students will be achievable.

There are several ways that parents can assist the school in the educational process. The most beneficial assistance comes in the form of being present and active at school functions or assisting with school initiatives. Some of these events are School Advisory Meetings, Title One Parent Night events and attending scheduled conferences and student performances.

Parents can also assist our school by becoming a volunteer and/or becoming a member of our School Advisory Committee. These forums allow our parents an opportunity to be actively involved in the educational process.

We encourage everyone to stay involved in your child's education and help support our mission.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donna Aaron

Principal



Upcoming Events

August 15 – First Day of School

August 22 – Open House

August 27 – Fall Picture Day

September 3 - Labor Day

First Day of School

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 15th**. Parents of all grade levels, Kindergarten through 5th, 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 8:00 am. **Friday, August 17th is Independence Day** and students will walk independently to their designated location with school staff support.



safety and Security Updates

Parent and Visitor Access to Sunshine Elementary Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Sunshine Elementary School. 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, Sunshine 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 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** our primary drop-off gate will open. **The primary gate will close at 8:00 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 8:15**. If you need to access the campus, you will need to call the school at **754-323-7700**. 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 early release pickup and other school business.
- The gate to the front parking lot will be reopened and entry will be monitored beginning at **1:45 to 2:30** and will be monitored by Staff to allow for dismissal all parents arriving after **2:30** will need to call the school at 754-323-7700. **Reminder:** Our students are dismissed at **2:00**. **After 2:15, parents will need to come into the front office to sign out their child and will need to provide a photo ID.**
- 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, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the campus gates will be open from **7:30 to 8:15**. Please utilize this time 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.

Important Reminders

Uniform Policy

Sunshine Elementary School has a unified dresscode policy which consists of the following:

Navy Blue or Khaki bottoms and blue, white or yellow collared shirts. **Students will also be required to wear their I.D. badges daily.** To assist with this process, students will receive their badges daily upon arrival to school and return them at the end of each school day.

Safety Drills

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 conducted every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Sunshine Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parent link. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information current.



Rainy Days

Parents we appreciate your patience and consideration during inclement weather. It is suggested that you provide a small umbrella, raincoat, or poncho for your child to carry on a daily basis.

As a safety precaution, students will not be released during severe storms or when lightening is present. Parents will be allowed to pick up their students from their classroom. Please bring identification with you.

Don't be Tardy!

School starts at 8:00. If your child arrives after 8:00, they are considered tardy and need to sign in through the office. Please refer to the Student Handbook in the first day packets and online for further information regarding attendance and early dismissal procedures

Volunteers

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/volunteer>

Title One News

School Improvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at sunshine.browardschools.com.

School Parent Involvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access this plan at sunshine.browardschools.com.

District Parent Involvement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/files/LEA-Plan18-19.pdf>.

If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), school grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://doewebprd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>.

If you would like to review a hard copy of any of the plans listed above or translation is needed, please contact Denise Dorsett at [754-323-7700](tel:754-323-7700).

Principal Attestation Letter: Indicates the percentage of teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified. *These school letters are sent home with each student and a hard copy is available at the school for your review.*

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



Sunshine Elementary is always looking businesses to become Partners in Education. If your company is interested in partnering with our school please contact Ms. Dorsett at (754) 323-7700.

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