

# HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

# **AUGUST 2019**

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ONE TEAM...ONE GOAL"

Merideth Weiss-Schnur, Principal Jennifer Glancy, Asst. Principal

#### Administration

On behalf of the Heron Heights staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for a year of learning and fun!

We look forward to working closely with you as we provide a challenging educational program for our students. Collaboration with your child's school is key to ensuring a successful school career.

Please take the time to review Heron Heights policies and procedures explained throughout this newsletter as well as the student handbook which will be posted on our school website. We thank you for your continued support and are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Mrs. Weiss Schnur & Mrs. Glancy

### **Independence Day**

On the first day of school, parents will be allowed to walk their children to class. Beginning Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, students will report to class independently or with assistance from a staff member to ensure safety of all students.

Aug. 13	Upcoming Events  Meet and Greet 8:15-8:45am Kindergarten & K/1 Multiage 9:00-9:30am Grade 1 & 2/3 Multiage 9:45-10:15am Grades 2 & 3 10:30-11:00am Grades 4 & 5
Aug. 14	First Day of School
Aug. 15	Independence Day
Aug. 16	PTO Boo Hoo Breakfast & Volunteer Orientation 8:15am
Aug. 21	Open House (Grades 1, 3, 5)
Aug. 28	PTO Mtg. 9:00am Open House (K, 2, 4, Multiage)

#### **Back to School Forms**

We encourage all of our Heron Heights families to complete all Back-to School Forms online!

 $\underline{https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-online forms}$ 

Please return the signed confirmation page to your child's teacher.

#### **School Hours**

School hours are 8:00am-2:00pm. Learning begins each day promptly at 8:00am. Please arrive to school with enough time to be in your seats by 8:00am. Universal FREE breakfast is open to all students daily at 7:30am.

New this year, the office doors will be locked each day when school begins. Please ring the doorbell upon arrival and you will be able to communicate through the camera system.

<u>Reminder</u> – Per Fla. State Section 1003.31 (2): Please do not drop off students prior to 7:30am., as there is no supervision. We offer Before School Care if you need to drop off prior to 7:30am.

#### Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance hotline (754) 322-9152 to report the absence.

New this year, you can also email the absence to 3961\_attendance@browardschools.com

#### **Late Items**

Please make sure your child has everything they need when they come to school each day.

In order to reduce classroom interruptions, traffic on campus as well as encourage greater responsibility from our students, late items will only be accepted until 8:30am.

Late items include but are not limited to: homework, snacks, ice cream money, field trip forms, jackets, and water bottles.

## **Stay Connected**

Parent Link- These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Heron Heights Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact the front office at 754-322-9150 to be sure your contact information is up to date.

Facebook- Be sure to Add "Heron Heights Elem Parkland" as a "friend" on Facebook.

Twitter- Please follow Mrs. Weiss-Schnur on Twitter @PrincipalHHE

#### Arrival/Dismissal

#### **Arrival Procedures:**

- The car line opens for student drop off at 7:30am. Gates will be monitored as students arrive and will be locked each day at 8:30am.
- The lot on Nob Hill is for BUSES only.
- Students SHOULD NOT be dropped off anywhere other than in the car line.
- Bike riders should park their bike rack.

#### Dismissal Procedures:

- Students are dismissed at 2:00 pm.
- ALL students will have a tag on their backpack indicating their dismissal procedure.
- All cars must display car hangers with their children's last name. Any cars that do not have hangers will be required show ID to the front office to sign their child out.
- PLEASE, for the safety of the students do not use your cell phone in the car line.
- New this year, we will have parent walk up tags for families who walk to school to pick up their child.
   Parent walk up tags are available in the front office.
- Walkers and bike riders will not be permitted to leave campus if there is lightening in the area. Please have an alternative plan in place for these situations.
- Children riding buses will be escorted to their bus. Please be patient the first few days of school in waiting for late buses.

If your family requires additional car hangers or parent walkup tags, please contact the front office.



## FORTIFYFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Bullying, perceived threats, suspicious activity - the SaferWatch App gives you the power to record or report non-emergency incidents as they happen in the hallways, classrooms or courtyards of your school. Students, parents, teachers and anyone in Broward County now have the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly on a secure network.

#### **Open House Schedule**

#### August 21, 2019

6:15pm Grade 1

7:15pm Grade 3

8:15pm Grade 5

#### August 28, 2019

6:15pm Kindergarten & K/1 Multiage 7:15pm Grade 2 & 2/3 Multiage 8:15pm Grade 4

#### Volunteers

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be a cleared volunteer. Please complete the online application via the link provided. Please make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several weeks. https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043

Please make sure to bring your badge with you each time you come to volunteer. As a reminder, volunteer badges must be worn at all times while volunteering on campus.

#### **Campus Security Staff**

HHE is fortunate to have Deputy Marchese and Deputy Christie as our full time School Resource Officers again this school year. We are also happy to welcome back Adrian Vassel as our campus monitor. Due to the referendum funds we were able to add second campus monitor to Heron Heights. We would also like to welcome Sarah Anderson, campus monitor to HHE.

#### Gates

The gates will continue be locked during the school day. The gate will be opened every thirty minutes, on the hour and half hour. Please plan accordingly. If you arrive and the gate is closed, please call the office @ 754-322-9150. A staff member will come and open it. We appreciate your patience.

#### **Emergency Preparedness 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 a year. This year the District has mandated that "code red" lock down drills will occur monthly. We will inform parents via parent link after the drill has been completed.

#### Student I.D. Badges

Continuing this school year, all students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. HHE will provide your child an I.D. and breakaway lanyard, sponsored by the PTO. The I.D. badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear I.D. badges.

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. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.