



# Principal's Message



Hello DBES Families!

We are close to wrapping up our first quarter at DBES with only two more weeks left in the quarter. October is going to be a packed month with Literacy Night and a PTA fall festival on the docket! I also want to send a huge thank you to the DBES staff who participated in our very successful Technology night! We will also continue to offer our evening events in Spanish and Portuguese so please spread the word!!!

I wanted to provide you a few quick updates on important items happening around DBES:

- Please understand that Eller Street is not a drop off location for AM arrival. Please park at Pioneer Park if you would like to walk with your children. Otherwise, remain in your cars and drop off your children in the car line. Please understand, a student could be hit, you could cause a car accident, or potentially receive a ticket. Please understand the North gate is used strictly for walkers and bike riders. It is not for families that want to skip our car line. I assure you our car line is quick, efficient, and will have you in and out in about 5 minutes or less.
- Unlike the last two years, we will be using the Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP) to ensure our students are in our classes on time every day. Over the course of the last two years, we have lost over 3 million minutes of instruction. At DBES, we have great teachers ready to make an impact, but if your child isn't in school consistently... We can't make the impact we'd like.
- Academic Camps are kicking off this week on Thursday for third through fifth grade students. Flyers have gone home, and spots are filling up quickly. Please make sure to complete them and get your child an extra two hours of reading instruction!

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an amazing Fall season with you!

Sincerely,  
Drew Gerlach  
Proud Principal of Deerfield Beach Elementary School



### REFLEX Math Challenge

It's time again for Mr. LaPlante's Reflex Math Challenge. Students in grades 1-5 are able to participate in this math fact, fluency challenge. Students that meet their grade level goals at the end of each quarter will receive an award and those that meet the yearly goal will get to participate in a very fun activity. Information about the challenge was sent home last week.

#### Quarter 1 Goals

- Grade 1: 2,000 total facts solved
- Grade 2: 3,000 total facts solved
- Grade 3: 4,000 total facts solved
- Grade 4: 5,000 total facts solved
- Grade 5: 7,000 total facts solved



### Mr. Gerlach's Reading Challenge

Did you know that the more a child reads at home, the better they do in school? To encourage reading at home Mr. Gerlach challenges every child in this school to read at home for pleasure. Students are asked to read for at least 15 minutes in grades Pre-K -1 and at least 20 minutes in grades 2-5. Forms to record the books and minutes were already sent home. Extras can be found on our website. If you need books to read, check out Literacy Pro in the Scholastic app in Clever. Our library will be opening soon, so your child can also check out books to read from there. The minutes can be recording in Beanstack, which is found in Clever, or on the paper log.

Last year the challenge winners were able to participate in some very fun activities!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rothberger.

### DBES Calendar

- October 5th**  
School is Closed
- October 6th**  
BSO Public Safety Night
- October 19th**  
Family Literacy Night
- October 20th**  
Early Release Day
- October 21st**  
Employee Planning
- October 28th**  
Trunk-or-Treat

# A Word From Our Teachers



The Kindergarten Team is off to a great start! Our first field trip will now be on October 17th. We are so excited to experience the G.A.B.I.E. Bus on our very own campus! In our classrooms we are having fun learning about living versus non-living things, comparing numbers, and learning how to read. Parents, please continue to read EVERY night with your children! This is essential for them to become fluent readers. Also check your child's backpack daily for important reminders and information!

First grade is hard at work in our small groups and centers. This month our focus in literacy is on short vowel sounds as well as understanding characters in a text and main story elements. We are also reviewing nouns and verbs and practicing narrative writing. In math we are using our strategies to add and subtract to 20. In Social Studies we are enjoying our Scholastic News magazine where we are learning about current events, and in Science we are learning about plants and animals.

Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers, Your child has been learning to ask and answer questions before, during, and after reading books. We have been studying how plants and animals depend upon each other and their habitats to get their needs met. We completed topic 1 in math, and your child has learned a variety of strategies to add and subtract! Math vocabulary is so important in the new math series. Please help your child understand the following terms: sum, difference, equation, addends, balanced. Now, we begin topic 2, in which they are introduced to the foundations of multiplication. And as always, thank you! We appreciate you!

Second-Grade Teachers

In third grade, we have been continuing to study and memorize our multiplication facts as we are moving towards division and learning about fact families. Please make sure you are practicing with your child every night, Reflex math and flash cards are great for this. We have been learning about animal adaptations and how we can classify animals. We learned about the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. We've been learning about nonfiction text features and how great readers ask questions as they read. Continue to read every night and record your minutes on Beanstack for Mr. Gerlach's reading challenge. Also, don't forget to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher on our conference night, Wednesday October 12th.

Hello fourth grade families, we have climbed over the hump of the first quarter and the end is fast approaching. For the rest of the quarter, we will be focusing on identifying the main/central idea of fiction and non-fiction passages. We are also having fun learning all about various types of figurative language that make reading passages more interesting. We are encouraging all students to increase the amount of time they spend reading and always have a grade level chapter book at the ready! Now for math, we have digging deep and leaning our multiplication and division basic facts getting ready for when we begin working with larger numbers and solving word problems. We have also put on our scientist hats and are learning about how they use the scientific process to answer big and small questions about our world. As we continue to challenge our students to stretch their minds during the school day, we welcome your support in encouraging them to practice independently and gain valuable skills.

## Art News



International Day of Peace

## 5th Grade



We have started integrating reading skills with technology skills.

We are also learning all about text structure and features.



## PTA News



Scan this QR Code for our MemberHub link, where all purchases can be made!



Scan this QR code to sign up for Trunk-or-Treat!



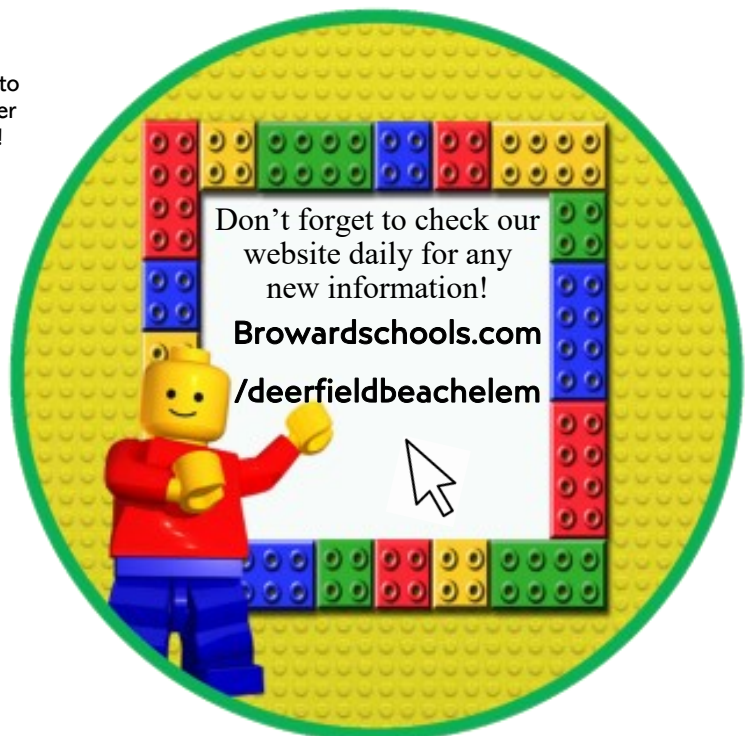
Scan this QR code to sign up to volunteer for the Book Fair!

2022-2023 shirts are available for purchase! \$12 per shirt  
New Hoodies are available!! \$30 for youth \$35 for adult

## A Message From Our Guidance Counselor

Red Ribbon Week is

October 24th—October 28th!



Don't forget to check our website daily for any new information!

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