



TEDDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Tedder Bears Are Better Bears"

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Welcome to Tedder Elementary School,

In order for us to reach our goal, we will need your assistance and cooperation to protect every minute of the Instructional Day. School hours are from 8:15 am – 2:15 pm. Breakfast will be served daily from 7:30 am – 8:00 am, as all students need to be in class promptly at 8:15 am to receive daily instruction. All students arriving after 8:15 am will be considered tardy and will be reported as mandated by Florida law to the district's Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP). Please help your child set good life-long habits by being punctual and on time to school each day.



SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATES

Access to Tedder Elementary School's Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Tedder Elementary School. These guidelines and policies are implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The new State of Florida House Bill 1473 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. The single-point of entry gate is located on the east side of the school parallel to NE 2nd Avenue. This gate requires monitoring 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 (754-322-8650) to gain entry to the campus. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly.** All parents and visitors entering the campus will need to disclose their purpose for entering the campus. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to these procedures.

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 all children safe.



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 6 "code red" lock down drills be conducted. In the event of an actual emergency, We will communicate with the school community using parent link. Please ensure that you can receive school communication, by updating any changes related to your contact information with the front office of the school.

MORNING ARRIVALS AND AFTERNOON DISMISSALS

Morning Procedures

We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe. Classes begin at 8:15 a.m. For those students who walk to school or ride with parents, we ask that they arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 a.m. **Adult supervision will begin at 7:30 a.m.** Do not block the lane of traffic. Please pull over as close to the curb as possible for your child to safely exit the vehicle. This area is a **drop-off** lane, please do not park and leave your vehicle unattended.

Afternoon Procedures

Students will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. If you are picking your child up, please do so on the east side of the school. Do not block the lane of traffic. Please pull over as close to the curb as possible for your child to safely enter the vehicle. This area is a pick-up lane, please do not park and leave your vehicle unattended.

Pedestrians are permitted to enter the campus via (3) areas: North Gate (east of the main driveway), Main entry gate, and Catwalk (I-95 overpass). Pedestrians are not permitted to enter the Bus Loading/unloading entrance gates/driveway to enter the campus as it is a violation of State Requirements of Educational Facilities (SREF) (5)(d) 9d. **(Vehicle and pedestrian traffic are prevented from crossing each other on the site -423.10.2.5, SREF (5)(d)8.d.)**



STUDENT ID BADGES

All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Tedder Elementary School will provide your child an ID badge and breakaway lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. All faculty and staff are also required to wear ID badges at all district schools and buildings. Students will be provided a replacement ID badge at no cost for the 3 replacements. After 3 replacements have been issued during a school year, the student will incur a financial obligation of \$5 dollars each. The financial obligation shall be handled in accordance with the district's policies, rules, and standard practice bulletins governing the collection of these funds.

Important Announcement

We are a mandatory uniform school with a unified dress code. All students are required to wear school uniforms.

- School Uniforms promote a positive learning environment.
- School Uniforms reduce distractions and judgments based on appearance.
- School Uniforms are affordable and save families money.

A detailed listing of approved uniform colors and clothing are available in the office.

NO INDIVIDUAL PENCIL SHARPENERS IN CLASSROOMS

The pencil shavings damage the tiles over time.

Individual pencil sharpeners will not be permitted; students will utilize the class pencil sharpener provided by the teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR STUDENTS

We have a high accountability for teaching and learning every minute of the instructional day! **Therefore celebrations are not permitted during the day.** We ask parents to celebrate birthdays at home. There are also

too concerns over dietary restrictions, allergies, and whether items are sanitary and meeting the state's Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value standards. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please do not send or bring cupcakes, balloons, or treats to school on your child's birthday.



EARLY DISMISSAL

All early student dismissals are permitted up to 30 minutes prior to the end of the scheduled school day which equates to 1:45pm as per SBBC Policy. Parents are to have their valid government issued photo ID for early sign-outs. Your child's doctor and dental appointments should be scheduled after school hours. If this is not possible, you must come to the administrative office before 1:30 p.m. to sign your child out. For your child's safety, he/she will not be released to anyone who has not obtained clearance from the administrative office and are listed as an authorized adult.

RAINY DAY

Florida showers are very frequent throughout the school year. When inclement weather (severe thunderstorm/lightening) is upon us and waiting outside under the covered sidewalk area is not possible, students will remain in the classrooms. You must park and come to the administrative office to sign out your child. The office will call the classroom teacher to dismiss your child. Students will be dismissed with light rain showers. Please provide your child with an umbrella, raincoat, or rain poncho.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Any adult who would like to volunteer and the school or assist in chaperoning a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared by the district. 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/getinvolved/application-note>



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, (ADAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.