



Vision: Deerfield Beach Middle School is an inclusive International Baccalaureate school that meets the needs of each student.

Mission: We aim to develop balanced, global thinkers who respect diversity to create a better tomorrow.



Principal's Message



Good morning Jr. Buck Families,

Please be advised that several schedule changes were made this week. We added our new PE coach, Coach Quintero, and some additional classes to assist with maintaining class size and to alleviate overcrowding. Please have your child check Virtual Counselor or Pinnacle for his/her new schedule.

Parents/Guardians, if your Jr. Buck is attending classes on campus, please ensure your Jr. Buck always comes to school prepared, dresses appropriately, and with his/her laptop and charger.

Finally, your child is attending classes physically on campus, please do not send him/her to school if they are coughing excessively, having shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell and/or having muscle pains. Other symptoms include fever, runny nose, diarrhoea, feeling nauseous, vomiting, feeling tired, headache and poor appetite.

We want to ensure the safety of all our Jr. Bucks. We need your assistance in making this a great experience for our Jr. Bucks. Please visit our school website for important information and updates.

<https://www.browardschools.com/deerfieldbeachmiddle>

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IB Updates: Ms. Caputo, Magnet Coordinator

This month we provide an explanation of the 5 ATL (Approaches to Learning) Categories:



- **THINKING SKILLS:** The ability to creatively and critically analyze, apply, evaluate, synthesize, conceptualize, contextualize, reason, and solve problems
- **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** The ability to produce and interpret messages effectively.
- **SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS:** The ability to set goals, manage tasks, state of mind, self-motivation, resilience, and mindfulness.
- **SOCIAL SKILLS:** The ability to participate and collaborate with others while showing awareness and respect for other cultures, varying points of view, and individual differences.
- **RESEARCH SKILLS:** The ability to determine the extent of information needed, locate, access, organize, evaluate, use, and share information effectively, efficiently, and ethically.



DBMS Counseling Team Ms. Hanna, Guidance Director

The Deerfield Beach Middle School counseling team consists of three school counselors (from left to right) **Ms. Hanna**, school counseling director and 8th grade counselor, **Mrs. Restrepo**, 6th grade counselor, and **Mrs. Raphael**, 7th grade counselor. We work collaboratively to meet the academic, personal, social, and emotional needs of our students both in person and virtually. Please visit our canvas page at <https://browardschools.instructure.com/enroll/DTF8BM>. Your School Counseling Team is here to help in any way. Stay safe and well.



8th Grade Students and Families High School Magnet Presentations

Our 8th grade Junior Bucks will participate via Microsoft TEAMS with the High School Magnet presentations taking place on **December 2, 2020 from 8:50–9:50 a.m.**

Magnet High Schools who will present are as follows: **Atlantic**

Technical, Blanche Ely High, Coconut Creek High, Deerfield Beach High, Dillard High, Fort Lauderdale High, Northeast High, Pompano Beach High and Technical Academy. An overview of programs for the 2021-2022 school year, open house information and deadlines will be forthcoming.

SAC Updates: Mrs. Bennett

School Advisory Council (SAC) is in the process of election for membership to be a part of our 2020-2021 Board. The required members include the school Principal, BTU Steward, School Advisory Forum (SAF) Chair (Co-Chair) or designee, Community School Representative, ESE, ESOL, and Gifted parent representatives, and students (if applicable). If you are interested in becoming a part of our voting membership council, please contact our **SAC Chairperson Mrs. Bennett** or our **SAC Administrator Mrs. Matias at 754-322-3300**. Our next School Advisory Council (SAC) will be on **November 18, 2020 at 3:30 p.m** via **TEAMS**. Please visit our website for more information.



Title I News 2020-2021 Dr. Kearsse-Creech, Title I Liaison

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes parent activities to be implemented during the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access our plan at <http://deerfieldbeachmiddle.org/>. If you would like to review a hard copy of our plan or if translation is needed, please contact our Title 1 Liaison Dr. Kearsse-Creech at 754-322-3300.



Dates to Remember

November 3	Employee Planning Day (No School for Students)
November 11	Veterans Day (No School for Students)
November 12	Report Cards Issued
November 17	Interim Reports Issued
November 18	SAC/PTSA via Microsoft TEAMS at 3:30 p.m.
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Week (No School for Students)
December 2	8:50-9:50 a.m. Virtual High School Magnet Presentations for Grade 8

