



# THURGOOD MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

## SCHOOL'S BULLETIN

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### Welcome to

### TME

### Level-Up to an A! Game on!"



## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### August 15 Meet & Greet

9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

#### August 16<sup>th</sup> First Day of School

7:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

#### SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Office: (754) 322-7000

Fax: (754) 322-7040

School Website:

[www.browardschools.com/thurgoodmarshall](http://www.browardschools.com/thurgoodmarshall)

Follow us on Twitter: @thurgoodES

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/thurgoodmarshallelementary](http://www.facebook.com/thurgoodmarshallelementary)

#### SCHOOL HOURS

Students Hours 7:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Breakfast 7:15 a.m-7: 35 a.m

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

YMCA: 2:15 p.m-6:00 p.m

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Welcome Back and Happy New School Year! A new school year presents opportunities for various beginnings – new classes, new faces, and new learning opportunities. Whether you are new and enrolling for the first time, or currently enrolled, **Thurgood Marshall Elementary School is Ready for You!** We are eagerly looking forward to an amazing year with your child(ren). Our goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy, safe, and ready to learn. The Covid-19 Pandemic has created many challenges for everyone, especially our students. Ensuring your child (ren) excels in their academics is our top priority. With the passion, talent, and skill set of our hardworking teachers and staff, we are prepared and confident in our ability to ensure EVERY child excels academically. We hope that you are as excited and enthusiastic as we are about the 2022-2023 school year. Before our doors open for the new school year, we want to thank you for your commitment to our students and our school. We look forward to our continued journey into the magnificent world of LEARNING.

#### Parent Visitor Access at Thurgood Marshall Elementary

Maintaining a safe campus is our #1 priority at Thurgood Marshall Elementary. Guidelines and mandates are being implemented school and district-wide to secure our campuses. The district has mandated that once the school day begins, all perimeter access must be locked except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. Once our gate is open, it will be supervised by school personnel. Please be ready to show your ID and state the purpose of your visitation. If personnel is not assigned to the post, the gate will remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's front office to gain entry.

Please help us to keep our children and campus safe by adhering to the expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures to ensure your child's safety and we will reciprocate with the same!

The parking lot in the front of the school will be open for drop-off beginning at 7:15 a.m.

#### Visitor and Student identification

**All** visitors will be buzzed in prior to entering the building.

**All** visitors must sign in and out at the front office via the Raptor system.

An **ID** is required when visiting TME and to sign in and sign out students.

Staff, students, and visitors must always wear an ID Badge or Visitor Pass while on campus.

Thurgood Marshall Elementary will provide each student with ID badges and a lanyard.

Student badges will remain at school. If your child comes home with their ID Badge, please assist and make sure it is returned to your child's teacher the next day. Students in uniform are another great identifier. Please make sure that students wear TME school uniforms daily. I am confident that working together to achieve our ambitious academic goals, as well as ensure student safety and security we will make Thurgood Marshall Elementary one of the best schools in the district. Please know that I am always available to hear your ideas, solicit your input and collaborate on decisions impacting our scholars. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Thurgood Marshall Community!



# GET IN THE KNOW



### Stay Connected

**Parent Link**– These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Thurgood Marshall Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact the school at 754-322-7000. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

### 7:45 a.m. is late!

Entering the school's front gate at 7:45 a.m. is late! The instructional school day begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 7:45 a.m.

In the event of early dismissal and the perimeter gates are locked, please call the front office. As a tip, plan to arrive a few minutes early if you have a scheduled dentist or doctor's visit!

### 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 lockdown drills be conducted every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Thurgood Marshall Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using **ParentLink**. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date.

### Volunteer

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.  
<https://www.browardschools.com/page/32043>

### School Forms

Parents/Guardians can fill out your child's back-to-school forms online. The forms are easy to complete, and all data is protected and secure. Contact the school for more information.  
[www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts)

### School Safety

Broward County Public Schools has installed a District-wide customized security solution, named RAPTOR to protect students on school campuses and comply with the Jessica Lunsford Act. All visitors including parents must check into the front office prior to going to any classrooms or any area on campus. You should bring an **Official Photo ID** with you, like your driver's license, Florida's official state identification card, or a passport.

MySchoolapps.com is an easy and convenient way for parents and guardians to submit applications online. There is no fee for using the ApplyforLunch website to submit your application for benefits and the service is provided free of charge by your District. Click on the link below to access information about this program:  
[MySchoolapps.com](http://MySchoolapps.com)

Please don't forget to apply/renew your application for free and reduced breakfast and lunch today! Call the Food and Nutrition and Services Department at 754-321-0250 or email [freereducedmeals@browardschools.com](mailto:freereducedmeals@browardschools.com) for assistance.

Parents should go online to [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com) to fill out their applications.

### Dismissal Procedures

#### Walkers

If you want to "meet your child", you will need to tell your child that **they will be a walker**. They will be dismissed as a walker. If your child rides a bike to school, they are dismissed with the walkers.

#### Car Riders

**This area is reserved for those children who are car riders.** Please stress to your child that you will be **in the car** and to follow the directions of the staff. **DO NOT** tell your child to go out with the car riders and you will walk there to pick them up. Only Thurgood Marshall Elementary's staff will be permitted in this area. Please remain in your vehicle and staff will escort the students to you. Keep in mind, that during the first two weeks of school, dismissal takes significantly longer. Once routines are established, the car line time shortens tremendously. To ease your child's anxiety remind them that it may take a little bit of time for your car to get to the front of the line, but you will be there 😊

### Title I Information & Updates

SPAR <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm> can be found at the respective links.

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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.

### Arrival Procedures

School begins at 7:45 a.m. Students who arrive after 7:45 a.m. will be marked tardy. Students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. must have a late pass from the front office.

#### STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Pre-K-5 student supervision will begin at 7:15 a.m.
- **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE SUPERVISED BEFORE 7:15 A.M.**
- Main entrance gate will open at 7:15 a.m. MAIN PARKING LOT
- If your child is eating breakfast, drop off at 7:15 a.m.
- Please drive forward to allow enough space for students to exit vehicles safely.
- All students must report to the café prior to going to class.
- Our amazing staff will receive students and monitor them to their designated area.
- All students are eligible for a FREE breakfast.

For safety and security purposes, parents are not allowed in the café.

Safety is always our priority. To move traffic along, please pull all the way up in the carpool lane and use caution when pulling around other vehicles to avoid accidents.

### Dismissal Procedures

- Regular Dismissal: Pre-K—5th Grade dismiss at 2:15 p.m.
- Early Release: Pre-K—5th Grade dismiss at 12:15 p.m.
- Per School Board Policy, students will not be released 30 minutes prior to dismissal.
- Main entrance gates will open 30 minutes prior to dismissal times. PARENT PICK-UP/CAR PICK UP
- Any student picked up by car, must use the carpool lane in the front of the school.
- Students will be organized by their grade level. For faster service, place your child's name card in your window. Please make sure that you pull all the way up. For safety reasons, please use caution when pulling around.
- Follow all school and municipality signs such as school zone speed limits, right turn only and parking for examples.
- We understand that dismissal may take time, however with everyone's cooperation we will be able to load students in cars quickly and safely.

### Walkers

Students assigned as walkers will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. and exit through the front gates of the school. Parents will be able to pick up their child at the entrance of the walkers' gate. For safety and security, parents will not be allowed passed the walkers' gate.