



August 8, 2022

Dear Coconut Creek Elementary Families,

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with our Cougar Cubs and their families. We are especially proud of our improved letter grade! We are now a B, and we applaud all the efforts of our students, staff and parents! As we enter this school year, please be introduced to or reminded of our school's protocols as outlined below. The safety and security of our children is paramount here at Coconut Creek Elementary. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about these procedures, feel free to reach out to Ms. Fairclough or Dr. Miron by calling the front office at 754-322-5800.

- **ALL STUDENTS are required to wear their student ID DAILY and at all times when they are in school.** We will be providing students with lanyards. Until photo identification badges are received from our vendor, teachers will supply a printed badge for your child. This will also serve as students' lunch cards.
- **Unified Dress Code- CCE has a unified dress code for all students.**
  - **Students are expected to be in uniform daily.**
  - Students' adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify intruders on campus. For more information on approved colors and types of clothing, please see the Uniform Policy below, your child's agenda, front office display, or the CCE website.

#### [Uniform Policy](#)

- We have gently used uniforms in our front office if needed.
  - If your child has outgrown their uniform clothes and you would like to donate them to our uniform closet, we would love to have them. Please bring washed and folded clothes to the front office.
  - PTA Store- There are spirit wear bundles, shirts, hoodies, lanyards, memberships and more that can be pre-ordered and delivered to your child's classroom at <https://ccespta.memberhub.com/store>
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- **Health Care**-Please see below link informing parents of healthcare services being offered at school. In addition, parental consent forms for health services will be provided for parents who withhold consent or decline any specific services.

#### [Health Form](#)



- **School Supplies**-Please see our school website at <https://www.browardschools.com/Domain/27> for more information.
- **SAVE THE DATE! Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Book-Bag Giveaway Drive-Through Event**
  - Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00pm, in Front of School Carline
  - 50 backpacks with supplies will be given to the first 50 CCES students
- **Water Bottles**-Please send a reusable water bottle to school with your child. Filling stations are available around campus. Water Fountains will also be available. Glass water bottles are not permitted.
- **NEW! Free Breakfast & Lunch**- We have been named a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school and free breakfast and lunch will be available for all students. The provision is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs with 40% or more students receiving SNAP, TANF or Extension of Benefits.
- A la carte items I.e., ice cream and milk can still be purchased by going to the child's account at: <http://www.myschoolbucks.com>.
- **Coconut Creek -Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**
  - Please be advised that we provide Before Care from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There is a charge for this. Aftercare is provided from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. So as to not conflict with regular dismissal, children in Aftercare may not be picked up prior to 3:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information on Before/Aftercare.

[Before & After Care Info.](#)



- **Arrival- Students may arrive in the following ways:**
  - **Please be advised there is no supervision of students before 8:00a.m.**
  - **At 8:00 a.m.-Car-lines-** Students may be dropped off in the front car line (grades 1-5) or Kindergarten & ASD on the North side of campus.
  - **Biker/Walker-** Students will enter through the front Pedestrian Gate, use the designated sidewalk and access the bike rack if needed.
  - **Bus Rider-** Students arrive to school on a bus and proceed to breakfast or their classroom.

**NEW! All parents of bus riders must register their children to ride the bus via Register to Ride (R2R). Please find information and registration links below. Additionally, there is a new GPS App called "Here Comes the Bus" that allows parents to track the bus. See below for specifics for downloading the app.**

[Register to Ride](#)

[Register to Ride Flyer](#)

The flyer is set against a background of a map. The title "Here Comes The Bus" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, it says "A GPS APP TO TRACK YOUR CHILD'S BUS". To the right is a smartphone showing the app's interface, which includes a map and a bus icon. On the left, a list of instructions is provided:

- Download the Here Comes The Bus app or visit [www.herecomesthebus.com](http://www.herecomesthebus.com)
- Click the **Sign Up** button
- Enter school code **87599**
- Click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
- Complete the "User Profile" box
- Under "My Students" click "Add". Enter your child's last name and student ID number
- Once you confirm your information, you're ready to go

Please see the link below for transportation updates:



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

- ***Dismissal- Please be advised the front parking lot and Kindergarten side will not open until 2:20 p.m.***
  - ***Any student who walks MUST be dismissed as a walker from the front of the school.***
  - Bus Riders will be escorted from their classrooms to the bus area.
  - Coconut Creek Aftercare students will be dismissed from the classrooms to their counselors.
- **Dismissal Definitions:**
  - **Car Riders:**
  - Please stay in your car.
  - **Note: Parents of children listed as Car Riders will not be permitted to park on the swale and stand on the sidewalk in front of the school and wait for dismissal.**
- **Walkers/Bike Riders (front of school):**
- Students will be brought to the front Pedestrian Gates. North Walkers will follow the sidewalk and it will lead to the Crossing Guard on 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Coconut Creek Blvd. South Walkers will be initially crossed in front of Bus Exit by Officer Grieve, and then will proceed to the Crossing Guard.
- **Walkers will be dismissed from the front Pedestrian Gates. If you would like your child to be dismissed from the Pedestrian Gate(s), your child must be listed as a Walker.**
- o **Late Arrival and Early Dismissal**
  - Students who arrive at school after 8:30 a.m. will require the parent to park and sign the child in.
  - Early dismissal of students must occur by **2:00 p.m.** Per school board policy, all early dismissals must occur 30 minutes prior to our regular dismissal time.
- **All perimeter gates will be locked once the school day has started at 8:30 a.m., until 2:20 p.m. Throughout the day, if you need to enter the building, you will need to call the front office at 754-322-5800 and have a photo ID ready to present.**

\*Please see below letter from the Coconut Creek Police Department about Carline pick-up etiquette and expectations.

[Coconut Creek Police Department Arrival & Dismissal Expectations](#)





○ **Severe Weather Dismissal Procedures**

- During the school year, we may experience days of sudden thunderstorms at dismissal time. Students (other than car riders) are encouraged to have a poncho in their backpacks. In case of torrential rain and lightning, student dismissal may change. If your child is a walker or bike rider, please instruct them as to the procedure they are to follow, i.e., if they will become a Car Rider. A Parentlink will be sent to alert you of the Rainy Day/Lightning Alert. If it is necessary to change your child's dismissal on rainy days, please specify the procedures your child/children should follow in case of a rainy-day dismissal and **inform their teachers.**

○ **SAVE THE DATE! Open House**

We are excited to welcome our parents back to an in-person Back-To-School Night (Open House) on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and come see your child's classroom and meet their teachers!

Open House will be held this upcoming **Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **K -2<sup>nd</sup>-4:00-5:00pm**
- **3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>- 5:15-6:15pm**

**\*Please make sure you are on time. We will start presentations promptly at 4:00pm for Primary and 5:15 pm for Intermediate.**

**SCHOOL STARTS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>**

**On the first day of school, Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, parents/guardians will be able to walk their child(ren) to the classroom door, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30. We ask that you exit the building promptly as all perimeter gates will be closed at 8:30 a.m.**

**Safety and Security**

SaferWatch - <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/>

See Something, Say Something

[See Something, Say Something](#)

Fortify - <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

We will be continuing our practice of using our parent link email and text alerts to keep in contact with our parents. Please also follow us on twitter at @CoconutCreekES.



School Forms are available online at [www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts). All forms will need to be completed electronically this year, except for the forms we send home with students in the First Day Packet. If you need help filling out forms online, please stop by the front office and we will be happy to help you.

Please check out our attached School Brochure for information on volunteering, joining our PTA, reporting absences, and the various ways to contact us.

[Our Brochure](#)

We look forward to a safe and productive school year!

Dr. Miron & Ms. Fairclough



## **Coconut Creek Elementary Unified Dress Code**

1. **Bottoms:** (mid-thigh length or longer)
  - a. shorts, capri pants, pants, skirts or skorts
  - b. Colors: khaki, black, or navy blue
2. **Tops with or without logos:**
  - a. long or short sleeves, **collared** polo style and crew neck cotton shirts with or without the school logo and approved school spirit shirts
  - b. Colors: (solid) white, light blue, gray, yellow, maroon, and gold
3. **Footwear:**
  - a. sneakers preferred
  - b. backless and open toed footwear are not allowed

Please note that on Fridays we celebrate "School Spirit Day". Your child may wear jeans, (shorts or pants) with a **Coconut Creek spirit Day T-shirt**, (Purchased through PTA at <https://ccespta.memberhub.com/store>) If your child does not have a **Coconut Creek Spirit Day T-Shirt**, he or she must wear a regular uniform shirt.

### **Students should NOT wear:**

- Tank tops
- Midriff tops
- Spaghetti straps
- Backless shirts
- Lycra or spandex
- Gym or drawstring shorts

### **Consequences for violations are as follows:**

**Violation #1:** Letter will be sent home

**Violation #2:** Letter will be sent home and student is sent to uniform closet to change. If item is unavailable, parent will be contacted.

**Violation #3+:** Letter will be sent home and parent is contacted to bring student a change of clothes.





Enforcing CCE's unified dress code is vital to our school's safety as it allows us to easily identify possible intruders. Thank you for working with your child to ensure they adhere to our dress code policy. Your signature states that you are aware of our unified dress code and consequences for NOT being in uniform.

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Parent Signature

Name of child

Date

**\*\*Please return this form to your classroom teacher by August 26, 2022.\*\***