

# Flamingo Flyer



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### Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year at Flamingo Elementary



### Open House

Open House will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Second and Third Grade

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Fourth and Fifth Grade

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Please check into the front office and there will be school staff with class lists to guide you to your location. You may bring in your child's school supplies at that time. Please park in the front of the school on  $133^{\rm rd}$  Avenue or the back of the school on  $130^{\rm th}$  Avenue.

## First Week of School

Parents/Guardians are permitted to walk their child to class on the first day of school ONLY.

Kindergarten parents/guardians are permitted to wait with their child under the pavilion prior to 7:50 a.m. through August 17, 2018.



**FLAMINGO IS MSD STRONG** 

#### Letter from Superintendent Robert Runcie After the Events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Dear Broward County Public Schools Families:

Our District and our entire community are forever changed by the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. We remain focused on building strength as a community and finding ways to heal together. Over the past several months, the District has worked with employees, parents, and community partners to reinforce and enhance safety practices across all school campuses. The safety and security of our students and employees is paramount and we are leveraging a variety of resources to support our efforts in this area. This critical work is ongoing. Below is an overview of actions that have been or will be taken as we prepare for the 2018/19 school year and beyond.

The District chose an independent security firm, which conducted risk assessments for all District

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schools and reviewing District policies, training and security staffing models to provide recommendations for security enhancements.

The District is working to provide at least one School Resource Officer or school safety officer for every school for the new school year.

All safety protocols for routine school operations will be continuously reinforced. This includes requiring students and staff to wear identification badges while on campus at all times and visitors to wear a school or District form of identification while on campus; locking classroom doors at all times; locking and securing exterior doors and gates throughout the day; being vigilant in monitoring the campus throughout the day; and conducting emergency preparedness training for faculty, staff and students on a regular basis.

Enhanced active assailant training, developed by a multi-agency work group, will be implemented for all staff in the 2018/19 school year. Additional training is being developed specifically for students and will be delivered beginning in the new school year.



"Safety First is Safety Always" - Charles M. Hayes

Parents, we are making sure that your child has a safe educational experience at Flamingo Elementary.

The changes that you will see on campus this year are as follows:

#### Gates and Arrival/Dismissal

There will be a single point of entry at the front of the school during the school day. Arrival and dismissal will continue as normal with the Kindergarten car line at the back gate on 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue and grades 1-5 arriving and dismissing at the front of the school on 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Walkers and bike riders will continue arriving and dismissing the same way. The rear gate on 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be locked when school begins and open again for dismissal.

From 6:30 to 7:15 a.m., only staff members and parents with their children who are registered for Before Care will be allowed to enter the campus at the front of the school. This will be tracked with Staff Identification Badges and with Before Care Registration Passes.

The front office will open for regular business hours from 7:15 to 3:00 p.m. The front gate will be locked at 8:00 a.m. after arrival. All visitors will be

required to call our main office at 754-323-5700 to gain access to the front office. The gates will open at dismissal at 1:55 p.m. and lock again at 2:15 p.m. All students who are late arriving to school or are picked up after 2:15 p.m. must call the school to have the gates unlocked.

# Students who are front walkers will be dropped off for arrival and may meet their parents at the front walker gate for dismissal.

After Care parents will pick up their child at the front office with proper identification and will also need to call the After-Care office at 754-323-5730 to gain access to the front office.

#### Security Tracking and Response (STAR)

All visitors to the campus must sign in in to the front office through the STAR system and show identification. For identification purposes, we can accept a current Driver's License, Florida State ID Issued by the State of Florida, or a Passport. If you do not have identification, you will be asked to conduct your business/conference in the front office.

#### **Identification Badges**

All staff members, District employees, and vendors, will have District issued identification badges on at all times.



Students will be issued identification badges and must wear them at all time. The student ID badges will remain at school.

#### **Classroom Doors**

Classroom doors will be locked at all times.

#### School Drills/Parent Link

We will continue to have monthly fire drills, and twice-yearly tornado Drills. In addition, we are going to have monthly lockdown drills. A parent link will be sent out after fire/tornado drills and before AND after lockdown drills. It is very important that your correct phone number and email information is on file for these important messages. Parent link messages will be sent out every Monday evening regarding upcoming events and activities at the school.



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#### Flamingo's Unified Dress Code

Flamingo Elementary has a Unified Dress Code. Uniform attire may be purchased at any retailer but must adhere to the dress code policy.

Uniform shirt colors: red, black, white, royal blue (polo shirt) Uniform bottom colors: khaki, black, navy blue (shorts, pants, skirt, or skort)

No denim fabric or jeans are allowed.



Welcome back Officer Dimler. He will be our School Resource Officer (SRO) again this year. The Public Information Office would like to share the latest SMART Futures Update. For your convenience, we are providing color and black/white versions (see attached). Please share the SMART Futures Update with your staff and community stakeholders.

Among the SMART Futures highlights:

#### **SMART Facilities:**

- 1,512 SMART school facilities projects are currently in one of the six phases of the design and implementation process. This marks an investment of \$950 million as of May 31, 2018.
- All District schools have at least one SMART project in progress.
- The District has allocated \$26 million for Single Point of Entry projects Districtwide, all of which will be completed by the end of 2018 or prior to the end of the first quarter of 2019.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we reinforce and enhance our safety practices.

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