



# THE DOLPHIN NEWSLETTER

Silver Lakes "STEM" Middle School

Principal: Mrs. Alison Trautmann-Lopez

**Welcome Back to All Our  
Dynamic Dolphins!**

**2018-2019**

**"Diving Deep into Learning"**



## Safety Check: Opening Outside Doors

### Q: Why shouldn't students open the doors?

A: Students should not open the outside doors for any reason to make sure we maintain a safe learning environment.

### Q: What should students do if someone asks them to open the door?

A: Students should direct the person to come in through the front office/single point entry.

### Q: What if the person persists?

A: Tell a teacher, administrator or staff member and they will take care of the situation.

## Silver Lakes Middle School Safe Plan

To ensure the safety of all students and staff at Silver Lakes Middle, we all need to adhere to the school's SAFE plan.

1. ID badges will be worn by students and staff at all times.
2. If students are dropped off between 7:30 and 8:30am, they **MUST** attend computer lab.
3. Students **MUST** be picked up by 4:15pm daily.
4. The perimeter gates will be secured from 9:30am to 2:30pm daily. Please call 754-322-4601 to gain access and have your government ID ready for verification.
5. When the front gate is open, a car rider ID tag or government ID are required to access to the school.
6. All visitors must check in at the main office/Single point entry.



## Principal's Message:

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I am thrilled to have you as members of our Dolphin family. 😊

This year's focus theme is "Diving Deep". We will be exploring this theme in many ways – diving deeper in data, reading, math, science, social studies and STEM. The deeper dive will not end there... Dolphins will deeply dive into social emotional learning, project based learning, citizenship and more! We are so excited for this journey!

Please read this newsletter carefully as there have been changes in procedures as we strive for the highest levels of safety and security possible. We appreciate your assistance and patience with enforcing the new expectations.

Parents, I encourage you to join our team through SAC and/or our PTO. You are critical to school and student success!

Lastly, take a moment to calendar the important dates listed in this newsletter. Information on orientation, school pictures and our first fundraiser "Family Dinner Night Out", as well as other key dates and events are listed.

I am always available if you should have any questions. I look forward to an amazing year! Everybody Dive Deep!

Alison Trautmann-Lopez, Principal

### MEET THE TEAMS!!!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mr. Williams, Administrator and Mrs. Starks, Guidance  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Powell, Administrator and Mrs. Mostal, Guidance  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Coddington, Administrator and Mrs. Daniels, Guidance

**We are all here for YOU!**

### Important Phone Numbers:

Main Line – 754-322-4600

-Guidance

-Administration

-Parent Conferences

-ESE

Attendance – 754-322-4601

-Accepts messages after hours



## Uniform Information

**Silver Lakes Middle is a uniform school. Students must adhere to the uniform policy daily.**

**Shirts:** COLLARED shirts in ANY solid color. No large logos or patterns allowed.

**Pants/Skirts/Shorts:** Navy Blue, Black, Khaki or Gray.

\*Students may wear solid colored jackets. For safety reasons, hoodies/head gear are not permitted to be worn during the school day.

\*For safety reasons, slides and slippers are prohibited.

QUESTIONS? Call 754-322-4600 – we are happy to assist!



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## Dolphins Dive Deep Into Literacy!



### Mark your calendars with these important dates to remember

Save the Date

- New student and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation – Sat., Aug 11 – 9-11am
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule pick up – Sat., Aug 11 – 11am-1pm
- SAC/SAF/PTO Meeting – Thur., Aug 30 – 5pm in the Media Center
- Open House – Thur., Aug 30 – 6pm – 8:30pm – Starts in Cafeteria
- School Pictures – Mon., Sept 17
- Family Dinner Night Out – Golden Corral on Commercial Blvd – Wed., Sept 26 – 4-7pm - 10% of all checks donated back to SLMS! \$\$ = ☺
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Health Screenings – Fri., Sept 28

### Tips for Parents:



#### Here are some tips for a successful school year:

- **Check Pinnacle to make sure all work is turned in and graded.** Keeping up your grades is super important.
  - A “Z” in pinnacle means the assignment has NOT been done and will turn to an “F” if not completed.
  - Email the teacher with any questions – we are happy to help!
- **Students should be spending 30-60 minutes on studying/reading each night!**
  - Students can work in i-Ready, USA TEST PREP, Vocab.com or read a book every day if no homework has been assigned.
- **You and your child should have academic goals.**
  - You know your strong areas, and what you can improve to make a gain in your learning. Make a list of the goals you would like to achieve this year.  
#knowyournumber

### Did You Know?

- All first day packet forms are now online! Why is this so important? It will **SAVE YOU TIME!!!** ☺ When you access your child’s forms online, they will automatically fill in with the information you had on the form last year. If your information has not changed, you submit and you are **DONE!** If something has changed, simply edit the form and then submit! **HOW EASY!**
  - We will have a lab open on Saturday, August 11 from 9-11am for new students/6<sup>th</sup> graders to complete this process during orientation. ☺
  - We will have the lab open on Sat., August 11 from 11am – 1pm for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who want to quickly complete this process during schedule pick up! ☺  
([www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts))
- **PLEASE** fill out your free and reduced lunch applications online.
  - Myschoolapps.com (This can be done on Sat, Aug 11 to save you time as well!) ☺

### In the Spotlight!

Congratulations to our Silver Lakes Middle “STEM” robotics team! They won first place in the county and traveled to Embry Riddle University in Daytona in June to compete in the National VEX Robotics Competition. The team had a GREAT showing and look forward to repeating as Champions next year!

GOOOOOO DOLPHINS!!!! ☺



Looking for Aftercare? Check out our FREE aftercare program sponsored by OIC here at Silver Lakes MS from 4-6pm, Monday – Friday! Registration info. is available at orientation on Saturday, Aug 11 and our front office!