



“Every Child Matters, and Every Moment Counts”

MAKING MOMENTS IN 2021-2022

Hello parents, guardians, faculty, and community members: we are so excited to welcome our students back to a brand-new school year! We are even more excited to welcome our very own Principal Dr. Henry L. Brown and Assistant Principal Mrs. Ameerah A. Pompilus to Pine Ridge Education Center. Inside our newsletter you can read their new year greetings and well wishes. Our team is fully committed to ensuring that your child will receive the best academic and behavioral educational school year. The theme for this school year is “Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts.” Every student here at the “Ridge” has a Moments that Matters. The purpose for our students is to guarantee each student is reaching and maintaining his or her academic and behavioral goals.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

PLEASE CONTACT US AT 754-321-7250



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS

- September 6-7– No School
- September 16th-No School
- September 20th– Interim Reports
- September 29th-Open House/SAC Meeting
- October 20th– Employee Planning

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year,

It is with great honor to be the proud Principal of Pine Ridge Education Center. As a former at-risk student, I can identify with the children attending – “I Am Pine Ridge.” Pine Ridge is a school of promise and encouragement not a

school of punishment. Our faculty is transforming the minds and equipping the students for success. We are fortunate to have the K-6 behavior change, PROMISE program, AES (Alternative to Suspension), and RISE program. These programs are not only preparing the students academically but socially. We have counselors, volunteers,

partners and community leaders vested in changing the lives of our most precious resource – our future generation. The students will be exposed to teachers who are utilizing various strategies to help them learn. The curriculum will include technology and project based activities. In addition, incorporating strategies that will encourage the students to develop a love for reading.

We are excited to welcome our students back to the school. Our theme this year is: “Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts”. Our teachers and staff are prepared to create positive moments for each child entering our school. We value our parents and your commitment to assist us with preparing our children for success. In addition, we welcome you to join our family through volunteering, mentoring or tutoring programs. Please feel free to give us a call, our friendly staff will address any questions you may have regarding our programs.

Educationally Yours,

*"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."
Author: Aristotle*

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We are excited to welcome back our students face-to-face. Our Pine Ridge families and community has demonstrated immeasurable resiliency and strength over the past school year. Pine Ridge faculty and staff are committed and prepared to address the social-emotional needs of students and families while we embark on this next phase of recovery.

As assistant principal, it is my upmost priority to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. In my instructional leadership role, I will continue to inspire our students, foster strong partnerships with parents, and build on the wonderful leadership of our principal Dr. Henry L. Brown.

There is no greater moment than now to prepare this generation of students for the evolving world around us. We will focus on building memorable moments through science, math, social studies, and reading.

Today is an extraordinary time with endless possibilities. We look forward to the 2021-2022 school year. Let's embrace this chapter together. I look forward to seeing each of you.

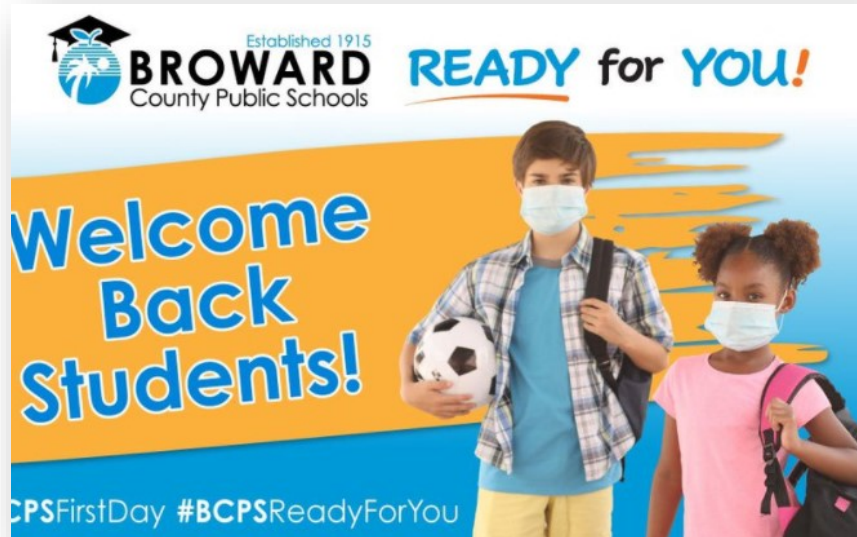
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Sincerely,

Ameerah A. Pompilus, Ed.S.

Leadership is not only having a vision, but also having the courage, the discipline, and the resources to get you there.

George Washington
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We're asking all students to wear masks to ensure our building remains safe and healthy!!!

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EXCEPTION

The members of the Exceptional Student Education Department (ESE) of Pine Ridge are:

Mrs. Brenda Rudolph-Brown, ESE Specialist

Ms. Jackie Williams, Support Facilitator

Mr. Gerard Pericles, Support Facilitator

The ESE department provides supports for students with disabilities to enhance their achievement in the General Education setting. The team uses a variety of resources and research-based interventions to close the achievement gap. In addition to working directly with students, the ESE department also collaborates and consults with teachers to increase student outcomes

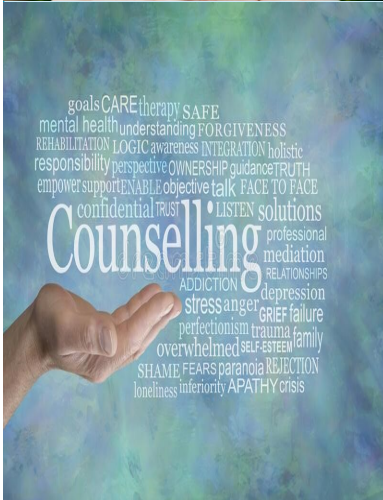
COVID-19 INFORMATION

We're Asking All Students, Faculty, and Staff to please wear masks while on campus!!!



VILLAGE TIPS

Pine Ridge believes it takes a village to raise and educate children. We strongly believe that includes supporting our parents, guardians, or caregivers of our students. Each month we will be giving tips, information, and resources for parents, guardians, or caregivers to help and ensure a successful school year for our students.



BULLDOGS PARENT CORNER

Back To School Tips For Parents

- Get to know your child – likes, dislikes, learning style etc
- Get to know child's new teacher/s. Talk with your child's teacher(s) regularly to find out how your child is progressing, and what you can do to improve his/her performance
- Get to know your child's friends
- Get back in the routine. Re-establish bedtime, mealtime, reading and homework schedules
- Create a quiet place for study. Designate a specific time and place for homework each day. While your child is doing homework, have the TV, video games and music turned off to eliminate distractions and procrastination
- Help your child with his/her homework every night
- Track assignments and work progress regularly on your child's tablet or computer if he/she has one
- Attend PTA meetings to find out what is happening at your child's school

GUIDANCE CORNER

Ms. Mogul is our Guidance Counselor and she will share upcoming events and our Character Trait for each month.

Character Trait for August is **Gratitude**

Gratitude is a feeling and expressing thankful appreciation for benefits received.

The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness, "she expressed her gratitude to the committee for their support."

FAMILY COUNSELING

The Family Counseling Program

Nina Kramer, LCSW

Marsha Augustin, LMHC

The Family Counseling Program (FCP) functions under the belief that a mentally healthy student learns better. Research has found that when someone experiences emotional difficulty, they may suffer repercussions that lead to problems in their general daily functioning. For students, this is often evident in the academic arena, whether academically, behaviorally, or in terms of poor attendance.

Frequently, school-related problems may be symptomatic of those troubles.

At Pine Ridge, Ms. Kramer and Ms. Augustin proudly serve the children and families in all school-based programs. If you or your child needs assistance, please call the school so that we can help!



Pine Ridge is honored to have a great program like P.R.O.M.I.S.E. in our building that is changing students' lives every day. P.R.O.M.I.S.E. is an initiative implemented by the District to reduce the number of school house arrests in Broward County Schools. Its sole purpose is to provide mentoring, interventions, supports, and education to students who commit the 13 identified misdemeanors in the Discipline Matrix. The P.R.O.M.I.S.E. teachers, Dr. Rambo, the Nova Counselors, Mrs. Espejo our Social Worker, and staff work hard to ensure these students are successful here on site and once they return to their home schools. We are proud to say that we are entering into our 6th year with the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Program. Thank you to the Diversity, Prevention, and Intervention department for entrusting a program of this magnitude to Dr. Brown and the phenomenal staff of Pine Ridge Education Center.

***Pine Ridge Education Center
Village***



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**EDUCATING THE MIND WITHOUT EDUCATING THE
HEART IS NO EDUCATION AT ALL." ARISTOTLE**



Pine Ridge Education Center is a school where second chances are given. We're the only Alternative Center for grades K-6; we also house the Promise Program (K-12), The R.I.S.E Program (7), and the AES Program (K-6). Even though we are an alternative center, we have high expectations for our students as it relates to academics and behavior. Our curriculum is the same as every other elementary school in the District, but we do implement the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) standards through our Life Skills class. We teach our students if no one else believes in them, they have to believe in themselves first.

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GREETINGS TO OUR NEW COHORT OF R.I.S. E. STUDENTS

We are so glad to welcome our new cohort of RISE students to Pine Ridge Education Center this school year. Our administration team, faculty, and staff are so excited to take part in this journey as they accelerate from 5th grade to 7th grade. The R.I.S.E. program is designed and created to implement the responsibility to increase student equity. In other words, we want them to R.I.S.E up and become the capable and tenacious 7th graders we know they all can be while here at Pine Ridge and at their new middle school upon the completion of the R.I.S.E. requirements.