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# Welcome Back!

## Coconut Palm Elementary

Parrot Family,

Oh the places we'll go! We are eager and excited to welcome back our young scholars, parents, educators and staff! This year our destination is SUCCESS! While the road to success is not paved straight and easy, attainable it is! Our journey will require the entire Parrot family to be invested in our scholars. Parents, we encourage you to be hands-on by participating in our family nights, attending SAC meetings, volunteering and maintaining consistent communication with your child's teacher. In order to promote your involvement from the start and provide you with pivotal back to school information, please read this welcome back newsletter in its entirety as it outlines important dates, policies and procedures. In the words of Lao Tzu, "the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Let our journey commence!

Educationally yours,

Mrs. Thelmas and Mrs. Reyes



### BUILDING ENTRY PROCEDURES

For the **first day of school only**, parents of KG students may escort students to the classrooms.

After the first day of school, any parent who needs to enter the building must first report to the office and receive security clearance. This includes parents attending conferences with teachers and/or volunteering.

### OPEN HOUSE



August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

KG, First and Second Grade  
at 5:00PM

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade  
at 6:30PM

### New Reporting Apps

The **SaferWatch** app allows individuals to report incidents and receive real-time safety alerts directly from BCPS and local law enforcement



**FortifyFL** is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

### MEET AND GREET

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

10:00am-11:00am

KG, First & Second Grade

11:00am-12:00pm

Third, Fourth & Fifth Grade

### PARENT DROP OFF & PICK UP GUIDELINES

- Parents may drop off or pick up students **ONLY** in designated area at the front of the school.
- The back lot is reserved for bus transportation and staff parking **ONLY**.
- It is a safety hazard to drop off students on the streets near the school.
- When dropping off or picking up students, please form one lane nearest to the curb.
- Pull all the way forward to the end of the drop off area before stopping.
- Please ensure that your child(ren) are ready to leave the vehicle as soon as you stop.
- Drop off students on the curb side only, not in the parking lot.
- Do not park or leave vehicle unattended in the drop off lanes.
- Please avoid using cell phones while driving in the drop off area.
- Parents who bring their students to school after 8:00 am **MUST** park in the assigned parking area, escort their children into the front office, and sign them into school.

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# SCHOOL UNIFORMS



## DISMISSAL

**Car Riders**-Parents please stay in your car in the car line and move along.

**Early Dismissal-**

- There is no early dismissal after 1:30 pm.
- Submit changes in dismissal before 12:30pm via e-mail to: [copdismissal@browardschools.com](mailto:copdismissal@browardschools.com)
- Parents or guardians signing out students early from school must go to the main office with a picture ID. Students will only be released to individuals whose name is listed on the student's dismissal card.

## UNIFORM POLICY

Students are required to dress in unified colors.

**BOTTOMS:**

**Colors-** Khaki/Tan or Navy

**Styles-** "Dockers" style – long, straight-leg pants, Capri pants, knee-length walking shorts. "Polo" style dress, jumpers, skirts, skorts, and tennis skirts with shorts attached (with or without pleats) All of the forementioned items must be longer than mid-thigh, no drawstring or oversized pants, no lycra or spandex. Belts should be worn for pants or shorts with belt loops.

**TOPS:**

**Colors-** Royal Blue, Navy, White, Light Blue, Gray and Pastel Yellow. Shirts should be solid color, or Coconut Palm logo shirts (these can be purchased through the PTA).

**Styles-** Collared "Polo" style (with or without school logo), long or short sleeved. No tank tops or midriiffs of any kind no lycra or spandex.

**Shoes-** Athletic shoes are recommended, however, students must follow School Board Policy regarding footwear.

**PROHIBITED:** jeans, thonged sandals, flip-flops, slippers and zoris.

Students out of uniform will receive a written warning, and after the 3rd warning, the student will receive a 1- hour after school detention.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

All school employees and students are required to wear name badges at all times while in the building. This procedure will eliminate the possibility of unknown persons on campus. All substitutes and visitors will be subject to the same rule.



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

- All students' absences must align with the eight (8) reasons allowed for absences, as outlined in the Attendance Policy and in the Code of Student Conduct.
- Parents must state reason (from approved list) for absence when they call in or write a note to report a student's absence.
- Absences can only be excused if they correspond with one of the eight (8) allowed reasons.
- Attendance Line: 754-323-5052



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