

OBE EXPRESS

ORANGE BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal, Devon O'Neal

Assistant Principal, Suzett Ledesma



OBE- Where every student counts and every moment matters!

Principal's Message

Hello OBE Families,

Welcome to the start of the 22/23 school year!!! I want to thank all of you for such a strong start to the school year. We are excited to welcome you back, as we continue with the many great things here at OBE. Parents, please continue to remind your child of the STAR (Safe, Trustworthy, A+ Attitude, and Respect) expectations at home, as they are our guiding principles for our building-wide positive behavior plan. Please remember that open house for (PK-2nd is August 31st @ 6:30 p.m.) and (3rd-5th is September 7th @ 6:30 p.m.). There are great things happening at OBE, and I encourage all of you to visit our school website and follow us on Twitter @Orangebrook_El for the most current information. Thanks again for being the best families ever, and I look forward to working with all of you throughout the school year!

Your Proud Principal,

Mr. O'Neal



Dates To Remember

Tues, Aug 16- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wed, Aug 31- OPEN HOUSE
(PreK - 2nd Grade)

Mon, Sept 5- NO SCHOOL

Wed, Sept 7- OPEN HOUSE
(3rd Grade – 5th Grade)

Tues, Sept 13- Interim Reports

Mon, Sept 26- NO SCHOOL



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Illnesses

Please remember to keep your student home if he/she is ill. Sick students can easily infect others. If a child becomes ill at school, and after a period of rest in the clinic, cannot return to class, you will be notified to pick up your student. Children cannot remain at school when ill. Any student having or suspected of having a communicable disease will not be permitted to attend school. Any student returning to school after having a communicable disease must provide a doctor's note indicating that return to school is safe.

Is It Your Child's Birthday?

We all love birthday celebrations! Having special time with your classmates on your special day is a treat for any child.

Parents are asked to keep in mind that policy states only store-bought cupcakes are allowed to be brought into the cafeteria. Additionally, decorations such as tablecloths, paper plates, balloons, etc. are **NOT** permitted. Please refrain from giving out goody bags, as they become a distraction once the children return to class. Thank you for your support!

Character Education



During the month of September students, faculty and staff will be practicing the character trait "Cooperation." Cooperation is defined as working with others to accomplish a common goal.

Each class will select one Star Student that best displays the character trait to be recognized at the Star Student Assembly.

School Security

We have a single point of entry system at Orange Brook Elementary **along with the** Raptor system that is in use in all Broward County Public Schools. The Raptor system is a security tracking method that screens school visitors against state and national databases.

Visitors to our site **MUST** bring identifications (driver's license, passport, state I.D., etc.) and register into the system. Individuals are given a badge to wear on campus on the date of the visit. The badge must be returned to the front office before leaving. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Emergency Preparedness



Broward County Public Schools practice school lockdowns as part of their overall annual safety plan. Parents are reminded that in the event Orange Brook Elementary goes into a **FULL BUILDING LOCK DOWN NO VISITORS (including parents) will be allowed onto school campus or inside the building.**

In the event of a real emergency, the local authorities would intervene, and a parent information site will be established near the school. Parents would then be encouraged to stay tuned to local media, prior to visiting the site, for location specific information and to have proper identification when they arrive. Another source of information during times of emergencies is the

Broward Schools Security Hotline at 754-321-0911.

Student Safety

Now is the best time to review safety with your child and make a plan in the case of an emergency. Students should be reminded to follow these general rules as well as following your family's own individualized safety plan:

- ❖ Never walk to or from school alone
- ❖ Never accept a ride from a stranger or approach a stranger in a car
- ❖ Never provide a stranger with personal information such as name, address, or phone number
- ❖ Use designated crosswalks and obey crossing guards
- ❖ Report suspicious persons to the closest adult
- ❖ Always return to school if you need additional help



Welcome New Staff

We are pleased to introduce many new staff members joining the OBE family this school year!

Ms. Edney joins the 5th Grade Team as the new Gifted/High Achieving teacher!

Our new paras and Teacher Assistants are: Ms. Green, Ms. Jones, Ms. Parrish-Smith and Ms. Womatt!

Additionally, Mrs. Meltzer has changed positions and is now our ESE Specialist!

Online Textbooks

Did you know you can access your child's textbooks at home? Students can log in using Broward's Single Sign-On Launch Pad located at:

<http://browardschools.com/sso>

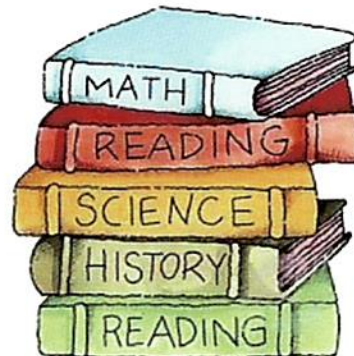
Logging into Single Sign-On Launch Pad:

Student login credentials are:

Username: Student ID# (10 digit student number)

Password: Pmm/dd/yyyy (birthdate preceded by a capital 'P')

Parents login with student credentials





Traffic Safety Alert

Please help us make car rider morning drop off and afternoon pick up run more smoothly. Drivers are asked to please review the following information.

Tips for the morning:

- **Pull all the way forward**, leaving no gaps (except for the crosswalks),
- Once you have driven past the fence and the covered sidewalk begins, your student should exit the car. Please do not wait to drop them off in front of the door.
- NEVER allow a student to exit the car from the driver's side. The oncoming traffic in the pass-through lane is a hazard.
- Pay attention to the staff members' instructions to stop for pedestrians.
- Additionally, pedestrians are asked to not step out into traffic and adhere to staff members' instructions.
- **Never** move the orange safety cones or drive over/around them!

Tips for the afternoon:

- Please place the name hanger on your rearview mirror. Staff members will call for your child.
- **Pull all the way forward**, leaving no gaps (except for the crosswalks).
- Do not stop at the door- your student will come to your car.
- NEVER allow a student to enter the car from the driver's side. The oncoming traffic in the pass-through lane is a hazard.
- Pay attention to the staff members' instructions to stop for pedestrians.
- Additionally, pedestrians are asked to not step out into traffic and adhere to staff members' instructions.
- **Never** move the orange safety cones or drive over/through them!

Most importantly- **NEVER** use your cell phone at any point in the car line!

If everyone works together during the morning and afternoon rush, our students will be safer and the car line will operate more quickly. Thank you for your support!

Greetings Parents of KINGS, QUEENS, KNIGHTS, and PRINCESSES:

WELCOME BACK to another fabulous year at OBE! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and could spend quality time with family and friends as well as get a little rest. Ideally, everyone is recharged and ready to go full steam ahead into a brand-new year.

Please be patient to start as we prepare the intention letters and finalize plans for the year. I, as well as the other Royal Volunteers, are looking forward to a fabulous year of learning, growing, communicating with the outstanding students that you are entrusting to us. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Queen Braynen

"Queen of K.I.N.G.S."



Title I Tidbits



Parents, Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 school year at Orange Brook Elementary. As you know, we are a Title I School, and as such it is very important that you read, sign, and return the documents brought home in the First Day Packet. It is extremely important that we follow Title I rules and regulations. We will have more information about Title I at our upcoming Annual Title I Meeting/Open House.

Mrs. Braynen
Title I Liaison

Evaluations



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Orange Brook Elementary instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 323-6750 by April 2023.

Open House

We will welcome families to our classrooms on the following dates:

PK-2nd grade – August 31 at 6:30 pm

3rd-5th grade – September 7 at 6:30 pm



It's time to **POWER UP!**

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Food and Nutrition Services



POWER UP WITH BREAKFAST

free breakfast • all students • every school day

It's no secret that breakfast may be the most important meal of the day. Kids are healthier and perform better when they start their day with a nutritious meal. Breakfast at school as part of a routine, helps your kids get into the right mindset to *power up and learn*. That is why Broward County Public Schools offers free breakfast – for all students, every school day throughout the school year.

TASTY + NUTRITIOUS = OUR SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Broward County Public Schools understands that kids need good nutrition for optimum performance to learn, play, and excel at activities. We also understand that kids eat what they like. Food and Nutrition Services continuously updates the menu to create better-tasting, healthier options, so kids can *power up for the day!*



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Broward County Public Schools offers free and reduced price lunches to students of households that meet economic eligibilities. For more information, review your student information packet at the beginning of the school year, call 754-321-0250 or visit www.myschoolapps.com.



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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

Anonymous or Non-Anonymous

You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

Convenient

Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

Include Photos and Video

You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

Local Law Enforcement

Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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