



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

Countdown to Wednesday, August 18, 2021
The First Day of School



First Things First

Parents or Guardians must provide the following:

- **2 Proofs of Residence – one from Section A and one from Section B.**
- **Original Birth Certificate or Passport – child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st.**
- **Immunization and Physical Exam after age 5 from medical doctor.**
- **Parent Driver's License or State Issued ID with photograph.**
- **Make sure all forms are filled out clearly and completely.**



Medical Authorization Form

- In order for prescribed Medication/Treatment or Over-the-Counter Medication (including inhaler, EpiPen, etc.) to be dispensed by school personnel, a Medical Authorization Form must be filled out, signed by a doctor, and on file at the school. School nurse will sign in the medication from the parent or guardian.
- Authorization for Over-the-Counter Topical Products will be administered by the student and not by healthcare personnel.



School Breakfast and/or Lunch

- Menus are sent home via email monthly to parents.
- The cafeteria serves breakfast from 7:30 - 7:55 AM.
- Each kindergarten class has a designated lunch time which usually begins around 10:45 AM.
- This school year, breakfast and lunch has been free to all students. It has not yet been determined what cost, if any, there will be for students.
- If your child is bringing their own lunch, please pack lunch items that your child can open independently.



Meet Your Teacher Day

- August 2021 - date to be determined. Grade level times will be sent via email, mobile app, text message, and on our school marquee.
- Parents and children will have the opportunity to “Meet the Teacher”, purchase school folders and T-shirts from the school store, join PTA, and complete important paperwork for the first day of school.



Keys to a Successful Year

- The first morning bell rings at 7:55 AM.
- On time arrival to school helps students begin their day in a calm, organized manner.
- Students arriving after 8:00 AM are tardy and must report to the front office to receive a pass for admittance into the classroom.



Procedure for Absence

Acceptable Procedures for Student Absences:

- Call the attendance line at 754-322-5702 to report your child's absence and state child's name, teacher, date of absence, and the reason for the absence.
- Send a note or email to the teacher with the same information as above.
- Send an email to the school mailbox at centralparkes@browardschools.com with the same information as above.



Pattern of Non-Attendance

- A student may be establishing a pattern of non-attendance when he or she has an accumulation of tardiness, early sign outs, and/or unexcused absences that exceed 5 days in one marking period or 10 days in 2 marking periods.
- Non-compliance with compulsory school attendance laws could result in the parent receiving a letter from the State Attorney's Office for a pattern of non-attendance.

Procedure for Change of Dismissal

Acceptable Procedures for Dismissal Changes:

- Send a written note to your child's teacher before or the day of the dismissal change.
- Come to the office either before or the day of by 1:00 PM to fill out a Change of Dismissal Form
- Send an email before 1:00 PM to the school mailbox at centralparkes@browardschools.com stating your child's change of dismissal. We DO NOT accept a change of dismissal after 1:00 PM.
- Please understand all changes MUST be in writing. For security reasons, verbal changes via telephone cannot be accepted.



Procedure for Early Sign Outs

- Per the District's Code of Student Conduct, students will not be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day (after 1:30 PM) unless principal/designee determines that it is an emergency or a student has a medical/dental appointment that cannot be reasonably scheduled at another time.
- Excessive early sign outs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a pattern of non-attendance.
- Your child will not be called out of class for early sign out until you have arrived at the school.

Keeping Informed

- All newsletters, events, announcements, etc., will be posted to our website and sent to you via email, parent link, mobile app, and/or text message.
- To receive this information you must register your email address on our website at **centralpark.browardschools.com**.
- Please check your settings to make sure that you have not blocked incoming emails from the school. You can correct this in your mail settings.





Communication Links

- Website: centralpark.browardschools.com
- Twitter: Central Park Elem
- PTA Website: <https://centralparkplantation.memberhub.store>
- BCPS Mobile App: download the BCPS Mobile App from your app store and follow the directions at browardschools.com/mobile-app to receive notifications from Broward Schools
- Constant Contact (via emails): Weekly Happenings, Newsletters, Flyers, etc.



Before & After Care

- We do offer Before and After Care services for our students. All children currently attending After Care will be given first priority to secure a spot in our program, including their incoming sibling. Any remaining spots will be put in a lottery.
- There are 10 pay periods per school year (approximately 18 school days per pay period).
- The fees for after care are: a one-time \$30.00 registration fee per child, \$194.00 per payment period fee, and a \$9.00 activity fee per payment period. If you have more than one child attending the program or if you are a Broward County Schools employee, you will receive a 5% discount.
- Our Before Care is from 7:00-7:30 AM. There is an additional cost of \$24.00 per payment period fee, but the registration fee for the Before Care Program is waived if you are registering for After Care. If you are only registering for Before Care the \$30.00 registration fee + \$24.00 payment period fee is due at time of registration.



School Preparedness

- Read aloud to your child everyday.
- Sing the alphabet song with them.
- Point out letters, numbers, and colors in their world.
- Practice counting to 10, then 20, with objects.
- Write their name. Have them trace it with their finger and/or a crayon/pencil.
- Teach them your telephone number.
- Put their name on all outer clothing on the inside tag, water bottles, and lunchboxes.



Registration

- Registration begins Friday, April 23, 2021 through June 11, 2021. Registration hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM.
- Beginning Monday, June 14, 2021 through August 5, 2021, registration hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM. We are closed on Fridays during this period.
- Beginning August 9, 2021, registration hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM.
- If you have questions after today, you may call the school's main number at 754-322-5700 and staff will gladly assist you.



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