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## Embassy Creek Elementary

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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for  
Parents and Students



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### EMBASSY CREEK ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

To empower, nurture and facilitate our students to become global thinkers, lifelong learners and the problem solvers of tomorrow.



- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> NFL Spirit Day
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Room Parent Meeting 8:15am
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> PTA Meeting @ 8: 15 am

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Embassy Creek Elementary School opened our doors and welcomed 1,247 students! The first few days were filled with many activities that entertained, educated and brought our students, staff and parents closer to one another. A Boo Hoo Breakfast took place with kindergarten parents on the third day of school followed by Independence Day, and various safety drills. It has been a busy but "awesome" first few weeks of school! A special thank you to our parents, staff and students for making the opening of the 2019 - 2020 school year a huge success.

With safety as our number one priority, I wish to remind everyone that BSO will not allow parents to park on the swale of the street and walk their child to school. Parents wishing to park and walk their children to school are asked to find an offsite location and please use the crossing guards when crossing SE Lake Boulevard. Please be reminded that parents will not be able to park in the East or West Parking lots and bring their child to school in the morning either. The lots are for staff parking, parent conferences or business in the front office. All students should either be walking, riding a bike, using the BCPS bus or using the car drop-off area if they are riding in a car. Your assistance on this will be very much appreciated.

Thank you again for a very successful first few weeks of school. We are so excited about the amazing year that is ahead for all of our students!

### \*\*\*NEWS FROM THE BOOKKEEPER\*\*\*

#### ONLINE PAYMENT

Parents can pay for field trips and class shirts throughout the school year online at:

<http://estore.browardschools.com>

**PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

First time users will need their child's FSI number

### \*\*\*REPORTING AN ABSENCE\*\*\*

We are asking parents to please use our attendance line to report your child's absence. The number is 754-323-5552. Please speak clearly and slowly as we have to listen to the recording to gather the information. State your child's name, teacher, the reason, and the date they are absent. All absences should be reported to this number no later than 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.

### FORGOTTEN LUNCHES/ITEMS

Parents, please make sure your child has his/her lunch and other necessary items (i.e., projects, homework, books) with them each and every day. When a forgotten item is delivered to a child's classroom by our staff, it interrupts their learning time. Our goal is to help students develop responsibility. **If an item must be dropped off, please make sure to label it with your child's name and teacher prior to drop off. All drop off is to take place with the campus monitor. Parents will not bring them to office.**

### Attention Parents

Please remember to hang your car tag when going through the carline. Visible car tags help expedite the dismissal process.

Thank you  
Coach Lynch



### HOLLER FOR A DOLLAR!

Is it your child's birthday? Did they do great on a project? Want to recognize your child on the morning announcements at school? Use "Holler for a Dollar". Pick up a form in the front office and send back with \$1 at least 3 days before the day you want your announcement to run. Your child will be recognized on the announcements for the whole school to hear.



### Cafeteria News

You can add money to your child's school meal account online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Be sure to check your child's account often to ensure there is money available for them to purchase school lunch.

If your child is going home a different way after school, please notify the teacher using his/her agenda book.



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### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<https://embassycreek.browardschools.com>

Every year, parents have an opportunity to provide input into the instructional and administrative evaluations. Florida Statute 1012.34 provides an opportunity for parents to share the many wonderful things that are taking place in their child's classroom and around the school.

# PTA & OTHER MISC. NEWS...



On behalf of the PTA, it is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families. The PTA is already working hard to ensure a wonderful and educationally fun year ...but we need your help! The first way you can help is to buy a PTA membership. Paying for a membership in no way obligates you to volunteer. It simply helps us to provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom, many of the resources that they need, and helps us create learning opportunities and enrichments for our children. We also try to build the kind of supportive caring atmosphere that makes school fun. Your membership in the PTA is vital and helps to make many programs possible. Use this link to pay for your PTA memberships, <https://ece.memberhub.com>. THANK YOU!

Secondly, we invite you to become a volunteer. We encourage anyone who can to lend a helping hand by giving just a few hours of your time to help and or organize any of our amazing programs and activities. All new volunteers must register online at [www.browardschools.com/volunteers](http://www.browardschools.com/volunteers) to be approved.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who were able to join us for the Volunteer Breakfast. For those who were unable to attend, you must review the Guidelines for all Broward County Volunteers. Please find these guidelines listed on the PTA website, [www.ece.my-pta.org](http://www.ece.my-pta.org).

The PTA is available to answer any questions you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us. For more information and links to PTA news and events, visit our website [www.ece.my-pta.org](http://www.ece.my-pta.org).

We wish everyone a fantastic year.

The ECE PTA Board



- All parents are requested to complete the online Back-To-School forms no later than Friday, August 30, 2019. Parents should access these online forms at [www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts).
- In order to have our students settle in and acclimate to our school, we are asking parents to please refrain from having lunch with their child until after Tuesday, September 3, 2019. As many of our parents are aware, Embassy Creek provides parents an opportunity to enjoy lunch with their child "once a quarter". This policy far exceeds the district's recommendation of only eating lunch with their child on "one" occasion a year during National School Lunch Week! Please note that the office staff will monitor parent's frequency of eating lunch with their child and can refuse this special treat if it occurs more than once a quarter.
- Code Red practice and discussions are a monthly drill that will take place with our students. Parents will be notified when these drills occur via a parent phone/text message from administration. Please speak with your child and discuss what they have been instructed to do in the event of a code yellow or code red drill. Please keep in mind that during the instructional day, perimeter school gates will be locked. All visitors must enter through a security checkpoint at the entrance gates of the school.
- The school bell rings at 2:00 PM and students have designated areas to report depending on how they are going home. The school's perimeter gates open at 1:50 PM to begin the dismissal procedures. Per BSO, cars are not permitted to block traffic on SE Lake Boulevard before 1:50 PM. Violators will be ticketed.
- With safety and security being our highest priority at our school, parents are asked to hold any birthday celebrations outside of the school. Therefore, cookies, donuts, etc. are not to be brought into the school to distribute to the rest of the class. Save these special treats for an after-school activity where family and friends can enjoy this birthday celebration together with loved ones. This will also help to ensure that students with food allergies do not accidentally consume treats with allergens.
- Please remember instruction begins at 8:00am Help your child foster healthy habits like being at school on time.

Please Join Us for the  
*September*  
PTA Meeting!  
YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT.

Please join us for our first general PTA meeting on Friday, September 13th at 8:15 am in the cafeteria. We will be discussing our agenda for the school year. We hope you can join!



**Want to stay informed?**

Please join our Embassy Creek Elementary School PTA Facebook group for continuous news and updates of the goings on at ECE. Search FB for Embassy Creek Elementary PTA and request to be added. Please answer the 2 questions on our Facebook page to be approved.



**Don't forget to join the PTA**

Membership is only \$10 per person and you can purchase as many memberships as you choose. With your membership, you will get a fun saver card that provides you with discounts to local establishments with deals like pizza, local restaurants, retail stores and much more. Each member that joins receives a discount card that can be used unlimited for an entire year and a spirit stick.

Please fill out the form that you received in your initial packet or use the link to pay electronically provided on the form.

## ESE Corner

### ACE (Autism) Committee

Wednesday, September 11th (9:30 am – 11:30 am)  
Baudouin Preschool  
7600 SW 36th St., Davie

### Dyslexia/SLD Committee

Tuesday, September 10th @ 6:30 pm  
Hollywood Hills High School  
5400 Stirling Rd., Hollywood