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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.



- Aug. 28th Volunteer Breakfast @ 8:30 am
- Aug. 29th Open House K – 2 @ 7:00 pm
- Aug. 30th Safety Patrol Meeting @ 2:10 pm
- Sept. 3rd NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- Sept. 5th SAC Meeting @ 2:30 pm Media Center
- Sept. 7th NFL Spirit Day
- Sept. 14th 1st PTA Meeting @ 8: 15 am

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.

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

ESE Corner

Broward ESE Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 12th (6:30 pm – 9:00 pm)
Piper High School in 'The Nook' Media Center
8000 NW 44th St., Sunrise

Autism Committee (ACE) General Meeting
Wednesday, September 12th (9:30 am – 11:30 am)
Baudhuin Preschool
7600 SW 36th St., Davie

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Wednesday, August 15th Embassy Creek Elementary School opened our doors and welcomed 1,239 students! The first few weeks 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 Monday, August 20th followed by Independence Day, a fire drill and a Code Red Drill and a Code of Conduct Assembly for our intermediate students. 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 2018 - 2019 school year a huge success.

As we look ahead, I wish to remind all our parents 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.

Finally, we encourage our primary parents to make sure that the following date is a part of their upcoming calendar activities – Wednesday, August 29th is Open House for students in grades Kindergarten - Second Grade. Remember, this event is for parents only (just like the intermediate Open House which was held this past week), children should not attend this Open House date.

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!



School Advisory Council Meeting

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 2:30 pm in the Media Center. We are in need of parents to represent ESOL and ESE, please join us.

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 my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of 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 volunteering. 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://pta-membership-2018-2019-school-year.cheddarup.com>

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 and returning volunteers must register online at www.browardschools.com/volunteers

We hope to see all new and returning volunteers at our volunteer breakfast on Tuesday, August 28th at 8:30 AM in the school's cafeteria. Please attend this informative breakfast as we will be providing information for all volunteers and updated policies for returning volunteers.

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.

We wish everyone a fantastic year.
The ECE PTA Board

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

Please join us for our first general PTA meeting on Friday, September 14th 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 this link to pay electronically.

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- All parents are requested to complete the online Back-To-School forms no later than Friday, August 31, 2018. Parents should access these on-line forms at 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, August 28, 2018. As many of our parents are aware, Embassy Creek provides parents an opportunity to enjoy lunch with their child "once a quarter". This change in 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.
- Just a reminder that if parents are planning to celebrate their child's birthday, please contact the classroom teacher prior to these plans. We ask that parents only bring in store-bought doughnuts or cookies that can be given to the class during their lunchtime in the cafeteria. This activity can take place after **Tuesday, August 28, 2018**. No party favors, videotaping, cupcakes, cakes or balloons are permitted. Under no circumstances are parents permitted to celebrate birthdays in the classroom. This activity does count as the one time a quarter that parents can join their sons/daughters for lunch as stated above.
- Code Red practice and discussions are now 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.
- Students are expected to wear their school issued ID/Lanyard each day. Should they accidentally take them home, please return on the following school day.



Safety Patrol

I would like to thank parents and our new Safety Patrol squad for an amazing first week of school. A reminder that our first meeting will be held on **August 30th from 2:10-3:00**. This meeting is for students ONLY. Parents, please make arrangements for student pick up at 3 pm. Students will not be allowed to ride bike or walk home due to safety reasons.