



# THE TRADEWINDS EAGLE



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For your child's safety, ALL visitors MUST check in and receive a visitor's pass.

## From the Principal's Desk:

We've had quite a successful beginning to this school year and teaching and learning in every classroom is underway. Our children, parents and staff have handled the first eight days of school with character and courage. As we enter the third week, all students may begin or continue various forms of benchmark assessments showing what each are able to do and most importantly, what they can't. This analysis and monitoring will assist teachers when forming differentiated instructional groups to meet all academic needs. This is going to be a fantastic school year!

Please highlight your new Student Handbook and Calendars for the many learning opportunities occurring over the next several weeks: **Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** - Volunteer and Room Parent Orientation, **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Open House (Autism, Pre-K-Grade 2), **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** - Open House (Grades 3-5), **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** - School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting (SAC includes representatives of the school's staff, parents and community members. This group works collaboratively to develop plans for continual school improvement and all meetings are open to the public. Please contact this year's SAC Chairpersons Mrs. Dorman or Mrs. Cost at (754) 322-8700 if you are interested in being a member), **Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Advisory Forum and PTA General Meeting and **Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee and Comprehension/Café y Comprensión. This parent learning session will focus on English and Language Arts standards.

Completing Back to School Forms Online is easy and can be done in the language of choice at: [www.BrowardSchools.com/BTS](http://www.BrowardSchools.com/BTS). Turn in a ONE PAGE "Submission Sheet" instead of an entire packet! Complete all the questions and print the confirmation page. Sign the printed page and turn it in to your child(ren)'s teacher. If you need access to a computer or printer, please come to the Front Office. On STEP 1, you will need your child(ren)'s FSI/Student Number. If needed, please also call our Front Office for this information.

It's a great time to remind all parents about the Reading Across Broward (RAB) program. Students should have a Reading Record Sheet available at home so that they can log their books read. The criteria is that students read at last five "award-winning" titles. Participation is optional, however, students will enjoy receiving awards for Participation, Silver, Gold and/or the Superintendent's 100-book honor. Most importantly, students will learn new titles, series, authors, genres and can share these with their peers. Please contact your child's teacher or leave a message for our Media Specialist, Ms. Navarro, if you have any questions or need assistance with good-fit books.

Students celebrating August and September birthdays will be honored on **Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**, at our Birthday Table. They receive cupcakes and pencils, courtesy of our PTA. Each month we honor the students born during that month. (Birthdays are not observed in class.)

Fourth and fifth grade students will receive last year's FSA score reports. Please contact our literacy team if you have any questions.

If you need assistance in reading or understanding this newsletter, please call the school.

### Calendar of Events:

Aug. 28 PTA Fundraiser Begins  
Aug. 31 9 am Volunteer Orientation

### Upcoming Events:

Sept. 3 Holiday – No School  
Sept. 5 6:30 pm Open House: Autism, Pre-K – 2  
Sept. 7 Birthday Table (Aug./Sept.)  
Sept. 10 No School  
Sept. 12 6:30 pm Open House: Grades 3 - 5

### Join the PTA

The PTA is an organization that works to support our school. During the year, many of the PTA events coincide with school programs. Everyone is invited to attend these events and PTA Executive Board meetings. Dates are listed on our Parent Handbook and Calendar. Please join the PTA. Membership is \$10 for the year. Discount cards are given with membership.

### Off to a Great Start!

Smooth mornings make for a smooth start of the school day. Try these ideas:

The night before...

- ✓ Help your children lay out their clothes.
- ✓ Have them pack their backpacks, including signed planners, and put them by the door.
- ✓ Make lunches or have lunch money ready.
- ✓ Set an alarm clock (leaving enough time to get ready at an easy pace.)

In the morning:

- ✓ Have children get dressed before breakfast.
- ✓ Set out breakfast items so they can help themselves.
- ✓ Give them the "3 H's" on their way out the door: a handshake, a high five, and a hug!



### Dismissal Procedures

We are unable to release students for early dismissal after 1:30 p.m. Please do not come for your child between 1:30 and 2 p.m. This disrupts the routine dismissal of the school. Doctor appointments should be made late enough to allow your child to remain in school until 2 p.m.

If there is a change in the way a student is dismissed (even for one day), written permission or a phone call to the office must be received in advance. At this time, we will need your Family Password. We appreciate your cooperation.



On rainy days, students will continue to be dismissed from their designated hallways. Walkers and bicycle riders may be held in a rainy day classroom until the weather clears. Bus riders will meet at designated bus stations within the school before boarding buses.

Unfortunately, when there is lightning in the area we are unable to dismiss in our usual manner. If it is determined that all students move to the school's common area, parents will need to come inside. A REMIND message will notify you of this change. Otherwise, you may wait until there's an all clear. At that time, staff may escort students to you. In this case, please remain in your vehicles and display signs showing the Name, Grade, and Teacher of those being picked up. Your understanding and patience is appreciated.

### Be a Volunteer!

Volunteers are welcomed and needed. Some chaperone field trips, assist with screenings, proctor, assist teachers as room parents, and are PTA volunteers. Be part of our Tradewinds family. The district requires that volunteers be screened. The application is available at [www.browardschools.com/getinvolved](http://www.browardschools.com/getinvolved). Please wait one week before contacting Ms. Rosie Mascarella, our volunteer coordinator, to receive your volunteer badge. All volunteers must scan their badges when entering and leaving campus. (The STAR database is used to track your volunteer hours, so scanning out is equally as important.)

### After School Care

Registration for our After School Care (ASP) will continue next week from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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