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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:

Our students and staff earned an their first A+ of the school year this week! Welcome back to all of our returning "eagles" and a warm welcome to our new students and families. Over 1,200 students arrived Wednesday morning at Tradewinds! The children (and parents) appeared ready and we anticipate a successful and "bright" year of learning, growth, development, innovation and achievement at Tradewinds. As highlighted in the first day letter, I am proud of everyone associated within our learning community for the way we continue to embrace new challenges each year. At Tradewinds, we do this as a family and our continued achievement is recognized. Congratulations to our students, families, community stakeholders and staff as we increased our learning gains in both English/Language Arts (+5%) and Mathematics (+5%). 

Throughout the school year, we will have a variety of family events, celebrations and learning opportunities. Parent education will include information on our school's social and emotional programs, the Florida State Standards in Language Arts and Mathematics, FCAT 2.0's Science standards and STEM scopes, the state's assessment program, changes to Policy 6000.1 (Student Progression Plan) and our positive behavior plan and Responsive Classroom, etc. Our Coffee and Comprehension dates are outlined in your 2019-2020 Student-Parent Handbook and Activity Calendar and all sessions will accommodate English, Spanish and Portuguese-speaking parents.

Other useful information can be found within the First Day Communication Folder. Please read through all contents carefully and return any documents to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) by the end of this week. Safety and Security, Arrival and Dismissal, Communication and Welcome Back to School Forms are highlighted areas. More information can be found via email and I will continue to send weekly updates as they arise. Communication is an integral part of your child(ren)'s success in school. Please refer to our web page (<http://tradewinds.browardschools.com>) and take special notice of Monday's *Eagle* newsletters (such as this one). This weekly green flyer includes up-to-date school and district information as well as an on-going revised calendar. You may also contact me at any time at michael.breslaw@browardschools.com or by calling the school. During different times of the school year, it may take up to 48-hours for a response. However, all calls and inquiries are important to me and will be addressed.

Our theme this year is "When you Dream Big...the Sky is the Limit". Our students will learn to reach toward their highest potential, embrace challenges, create goals and persevere through obstacles.

To celebrate National School Lunch Week, the Food and Nutrition Services Department is sponsoring a poster contest for all students in Broward County Public Schools. This year's theme is " School Lunch - What's On Your Playlist?" Our art teacher, Mr. Villalobos, will be sharing more information in the coming days regarding criteria and the due date for these posters.

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

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, car riders may be dismissed under the covered walkway on the west side of the school or be moved to the school's common area (depending on the severity of the weather). Walkers and bicycle riders will 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 greatly appreciated.

Cafeteria News

All families are encouraged to complete the on-line Multi-Child Application at <https://www.myschoolapps.com> (available in Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Spanish) even if your child was eligible (free or reduced) last year. Eligibility does not carry over from one year to the next.

Children may purchase the school lunch or bring their own. No commercially prepared foods, cans or glass bottles are allowed in the cafeteria. For your convenience, meals or milk may be paid for in advance in the cafeteria. Students may charge one meal if they do not have money. The first charge must be paid before a second meal may be charged. Breakfast supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast is served until 7:50 a.m. We are unable to serve students arriving late. Students riding buses are served upon arrival.




Calendar of Events:

Aug. 19	PTA Membership Begins
Upcoming Events:	
Aug. 30 9 am	Volunteer Orientation
Sept. 2	Day Off – No School
Sept. 4 6:30 pm	Open House Gr. Pre-K to 2
Sept. 11 6:30 pm	Open House Gr. 3 to 5

First Day Communication Folder

- Please complete and return the following important items from your first day packet:
- ✓ BTIP Letter Acknowledgement
 - ✓ Lakeside Park Field Trip Form
 - ✓ School-Parent Title 1 Compact
 - ✓ Student Emergency Update Form

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