

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

From the Principal's Desk:

We had quite a successful beginning to this school year and teaching and learning in every classroom is well underway. Our children, parents and staff have handled the first eight days of school with character and courage. As we enter this 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. Groups are scheduled to begin immediately after the Labor Day weekend.

Please highlight your new Student Handbook and Calendars for the many learning opportunities occurring over the next several weeks: <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 30th</u> - Volunteer and Room Parent Orientation, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 4th</u> - Open House (Pre-K through Grade 2), <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 11th</u> - Open House (Grades 3 through 5), <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 12th</u> - 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 our current SAC Chairperson Mrs. Dorman at (754) 322-8700 if you are interested in being a voting member), <u>Monday</u>, <u>September 16th</u> - Advisory Forum and PTA General Meeting and <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 24th</u> - Coffee and Comprehension/Cafe y Comprehension. This parent learning session will focus on the social and emotional programs available to students and parents at Tradewinds and within our zone of schools.

Completing Back to School Forms Online is easy and can be done in the language of choice at: <u>www.BrowardSchools.com/BTS</u>. 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(s). If you need access to a computer or printer, please come to the front office. For your convenience, all students received their FSI/student identification number and directions last week. The school is requiring that all signed confirmation forms are to be turned in by <u>Friday, August 30th</u>.

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 least five "award winning" titles. Participation is optional, however, students 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(ren)'s teacher(s) or 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 <u>Friday, September 6th</u>, at our Birthday Table. Students will receive cupcakes and pencils courtesy of our PTA. Each month during lunch, we honor student birthdays in lieu of classroom celebrations.

In order to attend this year's Open House, all adults will need to RSVP to an invitation that will be sent home early this week. Once the RSVPs are returned, your child(ren)'s teacher(s) will send home a pass needed for the scheduled evenings.

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

Every Minute is Important!

Please help us get students to class on time, as every minute is important. You can help with a smooth arrival if students are ready to exit your car in the morning using the passenger side door. Also drive forward to maximize the drop off area. Car loop doors will be closed at 8:00 a.m. when the late bell rings. Instruction begins at 8:01 a.m. Unfortunately, students that are dropped off after 8:00 a.m. need to enter through the Single Point of Entry accompanied by an adult, to receive a late pass. We would like to minimize the amount of classroom interruptions. Please make sure your child has all their belongings (backpack, lunchbox, water, homework, lunch money, raincoat) when they are dropped off in the morning.

Reading Across Broward (RAB)

We would like all students to participate in RAB this year. Reading requirements are:

Level 1 Easy books (Grades K-2 and some grade 3): Participation Award (25-49 including 5 award books) Silver Award (50-74 including 5 award books) Gold Award (75-99 including 5 award books) Superintendent's Honor Roll Award (100 or more including 5 award books)

Level 2 Chapter books (Grades 3-5): Participation Award (10-24 including 5 award books) Silver Award (25-34 including 5 award books) Gold Award (35-49 including 5 award books) Superintendent's Honor Roll Award (50 or more including 5 award books)

To make reading more fun, read different kinds of books (genres). Some examples are: <u>Fiction</u> - Adventure, Fantasy, Historical fiction, Humorous fiction, Mystery, Realistic fiction, Science fiction; and <u>Nonfiction</u> - Fairy Tales, Folk tales, Legends, Myths, Tall tales, Biography, Geography, History, Humor, Poetry, Science, Sports. All books read by students or read to them should be entered on RAB log sheets. These will be collected after Spring Break to determine end-of-the-year reading awards. Please use these designated logs only. Happy reading!

Grandparents Day Breakfast on Friday, September 6

Although the official day of celebration for National Grandparents Day is Sunday, **September 8**, we honor them always. We are reminded to care for and respect our elders. This year, the Food and Nutrition Services Department plans to honor grandparents with a complimentary breakfast on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Can You Be a Volunteer?

Volunteers donate their time to be classroom tutors, room parents, to organize books and materials in our library, club advisors, and chaperones. You can be helping hands too. New volunteers must register online at <u>www.browardschools.com/getinvolved</u>.

Reliability

Respect for confidentiality

What are the qualifications for school volunteers?

- Desire to be involved with schools
- Willingness to be trained
- Approved volunteer application

Join us on Friday, **August 30**, at 9 a.m. for our Volunteer/Room Parent Orientation.

Calendar of Events:			Reminder: First Day Folder
Aug. 30	9 am	Volunteer Orientation	If you have not, please complete the following
Sept. 2		Day Off – No School	important items from your first day packet:
	Upc	oming Events:	✓ BTIP Letter Acknowledgement
Sept. 4	6:30 pm	Open House Gr. Pre-K to 2	✓ Lakeside Park Field Trip Form
Sept. 6		Grandparents Day	✓ School-Parent Title 1 Compact
Sept. 11	6:30 pm	Open House Gr. 3 to 5	 Student Emergency Update Form
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