

# MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Together Everyone Achieves More”



## Owl Gazette

A Title 1 School committed to success!

August 12, 2022  
1st Quarter



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Dear Owl Families,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year as we are “One TEAM, One Dream...No Limits”. We believe the impact we will have this school year will reflect our theme, and we are profoundly humbled and driven by the continued support from our families and community.

Our school hours are 8:00 am-2:00 pm each day. Breakfast and Lunch will be free this year for all students. If your student is having breakfast, please drop them off in the front/north parking lot. Breakfast begins at 7:15 daily, and as a reminder there will be no adult supervision before 7:15. Safety continues to be one of our top priorities at Maplewood. Our east and west gates will remain locked throughout the school day. The east gates will close after arrival daily at 8:00 and west gates will close at 7:50 am for student drop off and arrival.

Arrival Procedures: Students in grades 3rd-5th will be dropped off in the front of the school each morning. Students in grades K-2 will be dropped off in our west parking lot until 7:50 each morning, after that time, they will be dropped off in the front. Our Pre- K & Special Programs students will be dropped off in the bus loop and must have the hanging car tag to be granted entry.

Dismissal Procedures: Special Programs and Pre-K students will begin dismissal at 1:45, so please ensure that car tags are visible. Please ensure that you are using the new 22-23 school year car tags. **Students will not be released without a current car tag.** Our Special Programs, Pre-K, & K-2 families will be dismissed from our west lot and our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade families will be dismissed from the front of the school. All older siblings will be dismissed with the younger sibling in the family.

**Every staff member and student will receive an ID badge that must be worn during school hours.** If your child misplaces their ID badge, they must notify their teacher immediately. We are all here to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We are proud and privileged to be your administrative team and are honored to work at Maplewood Elementary in this amazing community.

With Gratitude,

Leena Itty, Principal

Shalonda McWhorter, Intern Principal



# DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 31st** Open House  
PK-2

**Sept. 5th<sup>th</sup>** No School

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** Open House 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>

**Sept. 8&9<sup>th</sup>** Fall Pictures

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** Interim Reports  
Issued

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** No School

**October 5** No School

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Early Release  
Day

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** Employee  
Planning, No School

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Maplewood Elementary is a uniform school. All students must wear the school uniform unless parents have completed and have an approved uniform waiver exemption on file. Waiver applications are available in the front office and must be submitted within the first 5 days of school.



Breakfast and Lunch is free for all students this year!! For additional information, please see website below.

<https://www.browardschools.com/free-lunch>

### Back to School Forms

Parents and guardians please complete, and return required annual forms as soon as possible. Remember to update your contact information to receive the most up-to-date messages from your child's school and the district. Please call the front office if you need assistance.

### I.D Badges

All visitors to the school must present a valid ID to enter the building. If you wish to assist a teacher in the classroom, you must visit: <https://www.browardschools.com/getinvolved>

Or call 754-321-2300

Students must always also wear their identification badges on campus.

### Important Contacts

Guidance Counselor - Ms. Clemmons

ESE Concerns - Ms. Davy

RTI - Ms. Bretz or Ms. Thibeault

Before & After School Child Care - Ms. Saulsby

Transportation, Registration, & Attendance

Concerns - Ms. Yvette

School Resource Officer - Officer Guard



At Maplewood, safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- All individuals are encouraged to wear a mask on our campus.
- All visitors must have an ID to gain access to the school.
- All parents MUST have your child(ren)'s CurbSmartCard to pick up their child by car or "walk-up". You MUST have the physical card which will be input by our staff. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you do not have the CurbSmartcard, you will be asked to retrieve it from your car or get an additional card printed in our front office. You may not tell us the number; we will not enter it manually.
- **CONSISTENCY with dismissal is critical.** Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes.
- Students will wear their student ID badges (once school pictures are taken) while on campus.
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be dressed in our unified dress code. Please visit the website for specific colors of shirts and pants/shorts/skirts.
- Early sign-outs end promptly at 1:30 pm.
- If your child feels unwell or have any symptoms such as a fever, persistent cough, and shortness of breath, please **keep them at home**.



All current and eligible students using bus transportation for the 2022-2023 school year must register for a bus assignment. Use the link below to get a bus assignment. You must register by July 15, 2022 to guarantee a bus for the first day of school.

<https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride>

For more information visit: <https://www.browardschools.com/register2ride>



# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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# See Something, Say Something

## Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



### Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](http://BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips)



### Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

**754-321-3500**



### Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)



### FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](http://GetFortifyFL.com)



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# Student Code of Conduct



The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations. Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and the right to appeal, including grievance procedures. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approves and affirms its support of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8. Please use the following link to view pdf versions of this and other important policies.

<https://www.browardschools.com/student-conduct>

## Social Emotional Learning



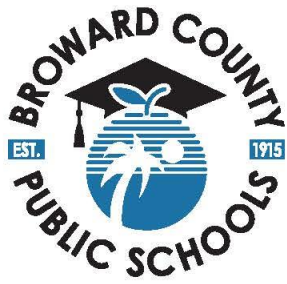
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) helps students develop the skills necessary to identify and manage their emotions, set, and achieve goals, feel, and show empathy for others, respect diversity, create and maintain positive relationships and make safe and responsible decisions. We recognize the importance of teaching our students these life skills that are needed now and throughout adulthood. Mindfulness supports SEL as the base of awareness and is described as paying attention in the present moment. It includes being aware of one's thoughts, emotions, bodily sensations, and the surrounding environment. Practicing mindfulness promotes mental and physical well-being and resiliency.

## Title 1 News



1. School Improvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Nicole Thibeault or Mrs. Erica Bretz at (754) 322 - 6850.
2. Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Thibeault at (754) 322 – 6850.
3. District Parent Involvement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Paula Canady, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1400.
4. Principal Attestation Letter: Indicates the percentage of teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified.
5. Parent School Compacts were provided and reviewed with families during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Please make sure you read and review the Compacts with your child and return the signed copy to the school. We have paper copies available in our front office for your convenience. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Maplewood Elementary School at 754-322-6850





# SECURE THE NEXT GENERATION

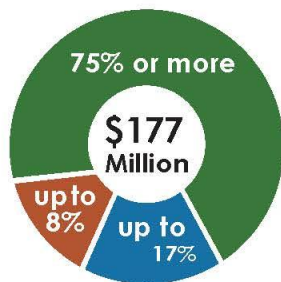
August 23, 2022



**Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is presenting voters with a referendum renewal that will appear on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot.**

The Secure the Next Generation Referendum would increase voters' investment in education to one mill to continue securing funds for all public schools – and will now also include charter schools – to:

- ✓ Recruit and retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff by increasing compensation supplements
- ✓ Maintain and enhance school resource officers and school safety staff
- ✓ Maintain and enhance essential programs, such as mental health services



- Supplements for teachers and eligible staff
- School resource officers and safety staff
- Essential programs

#### Audit Approval:

The District engaged S. Davis & Associates, P.A. to audit the current, and soon to expire, Secure the Next Generation Referendum. The audit noted that the District expended Secure the Next Generation funds as approved by voters on the August 28, 2018, referendum ballot.

For information about early voting and voting by mail, visit [browardsoe.org](http://browardsoe.org).

[browardschools.com/secure](http://browardschools.com/secure)

#### Why does BCPS need to renew the referendum and increase it to 1 mill?

The funds from the ½ mill referendum that voters approved in 2018 are set to expire. Those funds support over 500 school safety personnel, 100 mental health professionals, and approximately \$82 million in compensation supplements for teachers and eligible staff to compete with neighboring school districts.

The School Board voted to approve and present this referendum on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot, with an increase to one mill, for voters to consider investing in Broward County Public Schools.

This renewal would provide BCPS with the ability to compete with neighboring school districts, and to account for new legislation that requires the District to now share nearly 20% of these funds with charter schools.

#### What is a mill or millage rate?

The mill or millage rate is the amount of property value used to calculate local property taxes. One mill would provide \$100 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

#### What is the Difference Between the Secure the Next Generation Referendum Renewal and the SMART Bond?

The Secure the Next Generation Referendum is not related to the SMART Bond. SMART Bond funds strictly provide funding for critical maintenance needs and capital improvements to buildings. The SMART Bond funds cannot be used for compensation or noncapital expenses. To learn more, visit [bcpsmartfutures.com](http://bcpsmartfutures.com).

#### What to expect for year 2023:

- At an average home value of \$390,000, homeowners would invest approximately \$270 per year or \$23 per month, which is an additional \$11.50 more than their current investment.
- At an average condo value of \$190,000, owners would invest approximately \$150 per year or \$13 per month, which is an additional \$6.50 more than their current investment.
- If the referendum passes, it would generate \$177 million for BCPS and \$45 million for charter schools annually, a total of approximately \$227 million (includes 2% collection shortfall in property taxes) in fiscal year 2023. The referendum will expire in four years.

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