

# EVERGLADES ELEMENTARY

## Principal Tillinger's Study

Dear Everglades Families,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Everglades Elementary School's Principal. My faculty, staff and I look forward to greeting our families on campus again very soon in the coming days. We celebrate the academic success at our school with the pride of past accomplishments and with continued anticipation of new and exciting learning opportunities, all in our warm and caring school.

As we approach the new school year, our teachers are excitedly preparing for an enriched and inspirational education.

Our school shines brightly in student achievement as well as family involvement. We appreciate and are very proud of the strong bonds forged between our families and staff here at Everglades.

I look forward to a most meaningful and successful year with your children! If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at [eliot.tillinger@browardschools.com](mailto:eliot.tillinger@browardschools.com) or (754) 323-5600.

Educationally yours,

Eliot Tillinger, M.S. Ed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 13 - Meet and Greet**  
*Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:15 p.m.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 p.m.*

**August 14 - First Day of School**

**August 15- Picture Day**

**August 16 - Independence Day**

*Students walk themselves to class.*

**August 28 - Open House @**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.*

*Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm.*

**August 30- Volunteer Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.**

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## Back to School Online Forms

Parents/Guardians you are now able to fill out your child's back-to-school forms online. The forms are easy to complete, and all data is protected and secure. To access the Back to School forms online please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>

After completion of the online forms, you will receive a submission form with a confirmation number. **It is mandatory that you send this form in to your child's teacher.**

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## Safety and Security

In order to ensure the safety and security of our students, the following will take place at Everglades Elementary:

- A School Resource Officer and Campus Monitor is on our campus from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The school works with the SRO and Campus Monitor to review and conduct emergency drills monthly, such as fire, tornado, evacuation, and lockdown.
- Students and Staff must wear their I.D. badges throughout the school day.
- Staff members will monitor any open gates. All gates will be locked after arrival and dismissal.
- The front doors of the school will be locked after arrival.
- All visitors including parents must check into the front office prior to going to any classrooms or any area on campus. An official photo ID is required such as like your driver's license, Florida's official state identification card, or a passport.

At times, due to staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

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### Emergency Preparedness

All Broward County Public Schools are required to perform monthly fire and code red drills to ensure all safety protocols and practices are adhered to by students, staff, and visitors to the campus. All parents/guardians will be notified via Parentlink once the drill is completed.

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### Volunteers

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided. Please be aware that this may take several days. Make sure you leave enough time to be cleared prior to an event.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043>

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### Stay Connected

**Parent Link-** These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Everglades Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact front office at (754) 323-5600. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

**FortifyFL-** This is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information, please visit <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

**Attendance-** To report an absence or tardy, please call (754) 323-5600. The report must come from a parent and give the date(s) of the absence and the reason for it. Parents MUST report these absences within two days following the absences.

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## Arrival and Dismissal

### Arrival

Please be advised there is no supervision of students before 7:30 a.m. Parents MAY NOT drop off their child before this time.

- Car-line- Students are dropped off in the car line and enter the building through the front doors and single point of entry. Students should be picked up and dropped off at the car loop only. Parents wishing to park should walk their children to the front of the school. Parents should not park in grass in the bus entrance on the North side of the school. No parent may enter the lobby of the school unless they have a scheduled appointment.
- Biker/Walker- Students walk up to the school along the designated sidewalk and enter through the front door.
- Bus Rider- Students arrive to school on a bus and proceed to breakfast or their classroom through the back door entry.

Any child arriving after 8:00 a.m. must be accompanied into the office and signed in by a parent.

### Dismissal-

- No one will be permitted to wait in the lobby of the school.
- Car Riders and walkers will exit through the front doors.
- Bus Riders will be dismissed from their classrooms to the bus area.
- After-Care students will be dismissed from the classrooms to their counselors.

There will be no early dismissals after 1:30 p.m., per District policy. When possible, please send a note with your child the day of the early dismissal. Students will be released to the parents on the registration form and to any emergency contacts submitted by the parents/guardians. All students must be signed out through the school office with proper identification. Please limit dismissal changes to a minimum for safety reasons.

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## Independence Day

During the first week of school you will be able to walk your child directly to class on Wednesday, August 14 and Thursday, August 15. Any student arriving after 8:15 a.m. on will be escorted to class by an Everglades staff member.

Friday, August 16 is Independence Day. Beginning on this day, students will follow the drop off procedure outlined above and walk independently to class.

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# School Uniform Policy

All children should start wearing their school uniform on the very first day of school. Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

A Parent or Guardian may request by mail, or in person, an application for an exemption from the uniform program. Exemption waivers must be completed by the 10th day of the student's enrollment.

The Everglades Elementary Dress Code is detailed below. Items may be purchased through any store or catalog provided they meet the following specifications.

## **TOPS**

- Students may wear blue, hunter green or white polo-style shirts. They may be short-sleeved or long-sleeved and the color of the collar should match the body of the shirt.
- Blue, hunter green or white turtlenecks may be worn during cool weather, in addition to jackets or sweaters.

## **BOTTOMS**

- Students may wear twill (cotton/cotton blend) or corduroy shorts, pants, skirts, capri pants, skorts, culottes, jumpers, shortalls, or overalls in solid navy blue or khaki. The length of shorts, shortalls, skirts, skorts, culottes, and jumpers must be longer than mid-thigh.
- Jeans, denim (blue or colored) and stretch bottoms are not permissible options.

## **SPIRIT DAYS and OFF-CAMPUS SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIPS**

- Students may wear the blue Everglades or tie-died t-shirt available through the PTA on Fridays

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