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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Wednesday, September 4th
Open House

Pre-K -2nd Grades 5:30-6:15 PM

3rd-5th Grades 6:30-7:15 PM

Monday, September 2nd

No School – Labor Day

Monday, September 30th

No School – Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 11th

SAC Meeting

Friday, September 13th

Interim Reports Issued

Wednesday, October 9th

No School – Yom Kippur

2019-20 Evaluations

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Dania Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 323-5350 by April 10, 2020.

DANIA NEWSLETTER

Dania Elementary - *A Title I School*

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Dr. Lewis Jackson, Principal

Mrs. Galina Markevich, Assistant Principal

Parent and Visitor Access to Dania Elementary Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority at Dania. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that **once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked. One gate will be used to allow parent and visitor access to the school. This gate will always be monitored by school personnel. If personnel are not available to dedicate to this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus.** Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

- The parking lot that accesses the front of the school (south lot) will be open for drop off beginning at 7:10, for students going to breakfast, and will remain open **until 8:30 AM for the first week.** We anticipate locking the gate between 8:00 and 8:10 AM after school routines have been established.
- **Students should not be on the school campus until 7:10 AM.** There is no supervision!!!
- The South Gate (3rd Terrace) will be used for guest entrance and exit. If you need to access the campus, **you will need to call the school** at (754) 323-5350. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly. We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or 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.
- The arrival/dismissal gates will be **re-opened, and entry will be monitored beginning at 1:40 PM. ASP staff will monitor the main gate until 6:00 PM.**
- When entering the campus, please **be prepared to present photo identification and share your purpose or need for entry** to the campus. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same!
- Help build your child's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, lunchboxes, etc.

Understand the dismissal terminology and procedures

If you want to "meet your child", you will need to tell your child **they will be a walker.** They will be dismissed as a walker and you will need to let the teacher know which walker gate they need to be dismissed to—west US-1, east 2nd Avenue, or south 3rd Terrace. This is where the crossing guards are located. If your child rides a bike to school, they are dismissed with the walkers.

Parents are **NOT permitted** to stand on the sidewalk areas **within** the campus in the front of our school and wait for their children. **This area is reserved for those children who are car riders.** There are two car-rider pick up areas—one in the "front" of the school (K-3) and one on the west side of the school (Pre-K, ASD, and 4-5). Your child needs to know which of these areas you will be meeting them. Please stress to your child that you will be **in the car** and to follow the direction of the staff. **DO NOT** tell your child to go out with the car riders and you will walk there to pick them up. Only Dania staff will be permitted in this area. **It will cause confusion and anxiety with your child** if you tell them this because teachers and staff will direct the students whose parents said "they are going to meet" them to the walker areas. It is important that they understand that they will be a "car rider" and you will be **in your vehicle.** Keep in mind, that the first two weeks of school, dismissal takes significantly longer. Once routines are established, the carline time shortens tremendously. **Ease their anxiety** by reminding them that it may take a little bit of time for your car to get to the front of the line, but you will be there.

ASP is our on-site aftercare provider. ASP students are picked up by ASP staff in their grade level pod areas and escorted to the cafeteria at dismissal. Students who attend off campus private aftercare providers are dismissed with the bus students. Aftercare providers are required to pick up in the bus dismissal area. Be sure your child and teacher know the name of the aftercare provider.

7:51 is LATE!

Entering the school's front gate at 8:00 is late! The instructional school day begins promptly at 7:50 AM. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 7:50 AM. Please refer to the Student Handbook in the first day packets (Agenda Books) and online for further information regarding attendance and early dismissal procedures.



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 and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several days.

<http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/application-note>

Complete all Back-to-School forms needed on line!

<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>

Free/Reduced Lunch Application and Online Payments:

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

Dania Dolphins S.W.I.M. to Success!



Safety First

Work it Out

Impress with Respect

Make it Count

Attendance Counts! Attendance is directly associated with improved academic performance. There are three ways to excuse an absence:

*By Phone at 754 322-5391

*A Note

*Online reporting is available on our website

Our onsite aftercare is ASP.

Children must be registered to attend aftercare. ASP can be contacted by phone at (954) 596-9000 or (954) 261-8779.

Have a question, need an answer? Who's who at DES:

Lewis Jackson,
Principal

Galina Markevich
Assistant Principal

Ashley Zotter
School Counselor

James-Fidel Young
ESE Specialist

Maylin Torres
Autism Coach

Ricardo Ricketts
Literacy Coach

Janine Gassman
Office Manager

Tiffany Sweet, Registrar

Judi Delease
Technology Specialist

Kristel Maska, Media Clerk

Joseph Daniel, Head Facilities
Service Person

Emergency Preparedness

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. This year the District has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be practiced every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Dania will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using ParentLink and our mobile app. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.

Student ID Badges

Beginning this school year, all students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Dania will provide your child with an ID badge and lanyard. All staff are also required to wear ID badges.

Meet our Campus School Resource Officers (SRO's)

The City of Dania Beach in collaboration with Broward County Public Schools and Broward's Sheriff's Office has provided Dania Elementary with a School Resource Officer to assist with campus security as well as to build positive relationships with our students. Our School Resource Officer is Deputy Jackson. You will see him out during arrival and dismissal, and he will attend many of our community events. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to him and thank him for his service to our school community.

Stay Connected

ParentLink– These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Dania Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact Ms. Sweet at (754) 323-5368. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

Title I Information & Updates

The School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement is located at 701 NW 31 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311. For more information please contact Dr. Daniel at 754-322-5850 or visit www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/ (or call 754-321-1425).

The District Parent Involvement Policy <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbccpolicies/>

LEA plan <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp> and

SPAR <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm> can be found at the respective links.

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Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.