

Griffin Elementary School

Monthly Newsletter – Volume 1



A New School Year Full of Possibilities
August, 2021

WELCOME TO THE 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Message from the Principal Jones



As the Principal of Griffin Elementary, it is my pleasure to welcome the students back to school, **August, 18, 2021**. I am excited to have the children back in the school building. Presently, I am aware that the number of

COVID cases are increasing and you are concerned. My number one priority is the health and safety of the students and staff. I will do my best to follow the district guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Meet and Greet

August 17, 2021

12:00 – 12:30 – KG, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade

12:30 – 1:00 – Pre-K and 4th Grade

1:00 – 1:30 – 5th Grade and 2nd Grade

In an effort to limit the amount people on campus, we are requesting just 1 parent or guardian with students.

Pre-K, KG, first and second Grade will park in the North Parking Lot.

Third, Fourth and fifth – in the front of the school.

Please confirm your child's teacher and room number with any adult with a clipboard.

If there are siblings – you may meet multiple teachers in the same block of time

BELL TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Students are allowed on campus at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast

Breakfast and Lunch

Free of charge for ALL students

Griffin Aftercare 2:00 -6:00 p.m.



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All adults entering the building on 8/17/2021 MUST wear a mask for your safety and the safety of others.

You will enter through the main doors and exit through the side doors for one-way traffic. Try to social distance at least 3 feet from the next person.

Please limit your visit for not more than 15 minutes. If you need to discuss more about your child, schedule a conference. At OPEN HOUSE you will learn more about the teacher, curriculum and classroom routines and procedures.

Open House:

9/1 – Pre- K – KG- 4th & 5th Grades

9/8 – 1st – 2nd – 3rd Grades

**PTA- Outdoor Uniform Sale
Membership Drive and
Volunteer Sign up**

The outdoor store will be located under the PE Pavilion

Please support PTA – we rely on them for the purchases of our programs, supplies and technology

Visit the store after you meet the teacher

Membership:

Parents and Faculty \$8.00

Family: \$16.00

Software fee \$10.00

OUR SCHOOL THEME:

D.R.E.A.M BIG

Doing Rigorous Enriching Activities Meaningfully
A New School Year Full of Possibilities



CHECK LIST

To ensure you are not sending a sick child to campus, we encourage you to ask these questions every morning:

- Does my child feel warm, have a fever or elevated temperature (100.4), or have the chills?
- Does my child have a persistent cough, runny nose or sore throat?
- Has my child recently had a loss of taste or smell?
- Has anyone in my household tested positive for COVID-19?
- Has my child been in close, unprotected contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (spent longer than 15 minutes within 6 feet of someone who was sick with a fever and cough or confirmed/suspected of having COVID-19?)
- Is my child feeling otherwise sick or ill today?
- Is my child awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Has my child tested positive for COVID-19?
- Has my child been told to self-quarantine or self-isolate by a nurse or administrator?

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

I will be sending quarantine Information in a separate email. It will also be posted on the website for quick reference.

We will also have 2 nurses on site. One for regular nurse duties in the clinic and an isolation nurse in a portable for suspected COVID cases. With parent permission, COVID testing will be available on the school site for quick results.

BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE FORMS



There will be NO first day packet with school forms to complete. Every parent /guardian MUST complete the back to school forms online, including student code of conduct.

The forms are easy to complete, and all data is protected and secure. For families with multiple children attending Broward County Public Schools, some information will only need to be entered once.

Use the Back to School Wizard below to quickly step through the process. You will need your student's identification number. Forms can be filled out in English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole and Portuguese.

You must complete these forms at the start of each school year for each student enrolled in the District. If you are not able to complete the online forms in one session, you can resume where you left off at another time. It is recommended that you set aside approximately 20 minutes for this process. Once you complete and submit the forms, you will receive an email confirmation. Print and return the confirmation to Ms. Maria Dunakin – by email or drop it off at the front desk. Maria.dunakin@browardschools.com

[Expand All](#)

• Back to School Wizard

[Click Here to Use the Back to School Forms Wizard](#)



Uniforms

Griffin is a uniform school. We are strongly recommending students to wear them – Monday through Thursday. Students may wear white, red, blue, teal, pink, red, green polo shirts – navy or khaki bottoms.

Girls may wear the uniform skirt or dress. Fridays will be school spirit day. Students may wear jeans to school with a T-shirt. On PE days students may wear their PE shorts and T-shirt. Parents may sign a opt out uniform letter which will be available in the front office – first 10 days of school.

PTA is be selling PE shirts, shorts and spirit shirts. You can order it on member hub on the Griffin PTA website or you may purchase it on Meet and Greet day. The store will be located outside under the pavilion.

5th grade only – once students outgrow their uniform, they may wear school appropriate clothes to school.

Florida State Assessment Results

Grades 3-5 only. You may access your child's FSA results on Virtual Counselor. Please use your child's credentials to log onto the Clever dashboard for easy access.

Password: School ID Number

Password: Date of Birth with slashes- example 02/02/2021

Class Information

Class lists are **not** final until the first week of school. Due to class size and budget, sometimes adjustments have to be made. Making classes is a long process and it is done collaboratively with support team. With the exception of the gifted and high achieving classes, classes are comprised of mixed ability levels. High Achievers are ranked according to their FSA scores to be placed in the Gifted/high achieving class. If your child is struggling in reading, they will be placed in a reading endorsed teacher's class. That is why, it is difficult to accept teacher request.

Our enrollment so far is 550 students. Grade level breakdown:

4 – Kindergarten

4 – 1st Grade

5 – 2nd Grade

5 – 3rd Grade

4 – 4th Grade

5 – 5th Grade

3 - Specialized Pre-K

5 Special Program Classes.

All teachers at Griffin are dedicated and committed in giving your child the best experience. Please be patient with us as we finalize our class list. We are getting new students daily.

Identification Badges

All students, staff and volunteers must wear a school approved ID badge while on campus. We will provide the lanyards and badges.

Masks

Still pending! Awaiting district guidance.

Update released August 7, 2021

The Florida Department of Health (FLDOH) adopted an emergency rule that was signed by the Florida Surgeon General mandating that parents must be given an opt-out choice if facial coverings are required by a school district. FLDOH has also added clarity regarding the quarantining of COVID-19 positive students. This means school districts may require students to wear facial coverings (masks) unless the student's parent or guardian chooses to opt-out of the requirement. In order to opt out, parents need to follow the guidelines their district will release. Watch for updates from your school district to ensure you have the most up-to-date information as we all begin to head back to school.

Click here for the FLDOH [Emergency Rule](#).

[Click here for the State Board of Education Emergency Rule](#)

[Click here for the Governor's Executive Order](#)

VOLUNTEER



Broward County Public Schools 2021/22 volunteer application is open.

The District is pleased to welcome back our volunteers to school campuses for the 2021/22 school year. All volunteers are asked to complete a new application for the upcoming school year at browardschools.com/volunteerapplication.

Please note, the health and safety of our students and employees are the District's highest priorities. BCPS continues to work closely with federal and local health experts on COVID-19 protocols. The District's Face Covering Policy (below) remains in effect at this time. Field trip chaperones must be approved volunteers.

Arrival and Dismissal



We have 3 traffic loops – North Loop – Pre-K, KG, 1st, & 2nd.

Front loop – 3rd, 4th & 5th



South Loop – School and Private buses only

A detailed plan will be given to you separately with a TRAFFIC MAP. A special request for parents NOT get out of their cars, while you are in the car line. If you need to assist your child, please feel free to park and walk with your child. Older siblings will be picked up or dropped off with the younger siblings. This year we purchased clear signage for you to follow. All car riders must have a CAR TAG. This will be given to you on the first day of school.

Remember, do not come too early and block the driveways in the neighborhood. The police may ask you to drive around the block several times. Once school is released at 2:00 PM, the traffic flows easy. There is no need for you to come too early to get in first.

Pre-K students will be released at 1:30 PM. They will have a fast pass to enter the school gates EARLY. Please do not get frustrated when you see these cars entering the gate before you.



Suggested School Supplies

Check the Griffin website for supplies by grade level. Supplies may be dropped off during Meet and Greet 8/17/2021. We will also be having a school supply drive for our needy Griffin families and new sister school – North Fork Elementary. Keep an eye out for the flyer.

Security

This year we will have a School Resource Officer – Deputy Gordon and a new Campus Monitor. Gates will be manned throughout the school day. Please have a valid driver's license ready when you enter the gate, that is, after school is in session. You will also have to state the purpose of your visit. When the Campus Monitor is doing his daily perimeter control, the gate will be locked. You will have to call the front office, for someone to open the gate for you.

Safety

Each classroom will be provided with PPE supplies:

- Sanitizer, wipes, gloves, masks
- Enhanced cleaning protocols are in place. Custodians will sanitize high frequency touch points throughout the day
 - Doorknobs, railings, clinic, group bathrooms
- Students will be given wipes to wipe down their desks
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use or your child may bring his/her own
- Frequent handwashing and sanitizing will occur throughout the day

Griffin Aftercare

If interested, please complete an online registration www.browardschools.com/bascc

Directors: Mr. Nordstrom and Ms. Gillis. Please contact them for information at school.

We do not offer morning care.

In order to be approved for aftercare, the registration must be completed and the 3 payments – Registration fee \$ 30, activity fee - \$11 and full fee \$194 must be paid in full before August 17, 2021. There are sibling discounts. Payments cover a 18 day period.

For parents applying for scholarships, you must qualify for free and reduced lunch. Don't forget to complete your application.

Social Media

To get up to date information, please sign up for our Griffin PTA Facebook page and Twitter @GriffinElem

We will also post information on our website and send parent links. Please ensure that you keep your phone number current with the school.

I believe in keeping you connected with Griffin Happenings. If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to reach out to me 754-323-5050 or email me

angiemoodliyar@browardschools.com

See you soon. We will continue to support one another through this pandemic. Stay strong, stay well and let's all wish for smooth school opening.

Information in this newsletter is subject to change. I will keep you updated as soon as I receive updated information.

Thank you.

Educationally yours,
Angie Moodliyar – Jones