

The Griffin Gazette



HOORAY! WE ARE AN "A" SCHOOL
2019-2020

Mission: To ensure that all students receive a quality education, within a safe and secure learning environment

Vision: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Greetings Griffin Family,

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. I am super excited to be your new principal for the 2019-2020 school year. As the former Assistant Principal, I consider it to be an honor to return "home" to my Griffin family.

As the new leader, I will continue with the rich history, traditions and academic excellence of the school. My focus will also be on the safety and security of the school while maintaining a customer friendly environment. As you are aware from last school year, additional measures were enforced with regard to a single point of entry, locked gates and badges. We will continue to follow the same procedures. You will be informed if there are any new updates or changes.

The official **Meet and Greet the Principal** is scheduled for **Monday, August 19 at 6:00 P.M.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jones
Proud Principal



8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M

Supervision begins 30 minutes prior to 8:00 A.M

Supervision ends 30 minutes after 2:00 P.M

MEET GREET

Meet and Greet the Teacher – Tuesday, August 13, 2019

8:30 A.M. Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade

9:00 A.M. Second and Third Grade

9:30 A.M. Fourth and Fifth Grade

Class list will be available – Monday, August 12, 2019 at 1:00PM – 3:00 PM

INDEPENDENCE DAY

- Independence Day begins **August 15, 2019** – EXCEPT KINDERGARTEN students
- Parents, if you still feel the need to walk your child to class after the 1st day of school, you will need to go through the STAR system.
- On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the 1st week of school, we will have additional staff members on campus to assist with escorting students to class.



Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – **KG, 4th and 5th Grade** 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 – **Pre-K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade** 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M

6:00 P.M – 6:20 P.M - Parents will report to the Cafeteria for a General Session

6:20 P.M – 7:00 P.M – Parents will visit classrooms.

SAFETY, SECURITY AND SCHOOL UPDATES

Single Point Entry

For the safety and security of our students, all Broward County Schools have been designed to have a single point of entry. As a result, anyone coming into the school must enter through the front office door only.

After the 8:00 a.m. bell, the north and the south parking gates will be locked. Parents arriving after the 8:00 a.m. bell must use the main entrance.

If the main entrance gate is locked, please call – 754-323-5900 to request someone to open the gate.

Coming to Visit?

All visitors, including parents and volunteers, must check in with the front office prior to going to any classrooms or any area on campus. A state-issued photo ID (such as driver's license, passport, Florida Identification Card) is required in order to enter our campus, and you will be issued a visitor pass. The visitor pass must be on you and visible at all times, while you are on our campus. This helps us protect the safety of our students.

Arrival-Dismissal Guidelines

Parents should drop students off in the morning in the parking lot that is closest to their child's classroom.

- Designated Pick-up Areas: Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade – North Parking Lot
- Grades 3, 4, & 5 – Main Entrance
- Older siblings report to their younger sibling's car pick-up area
- Bus Riders – South Parking Lot
- Walkers – Main Entrance or the South Parking Lot through the cafeteria.
- Walkers are not allowed to cut through traffic.
- Walkers need to use the sidewalk and cross by the Crossing Guard.
- The bike rack is located on the South Side of the school. All riders must wear a helmet. Students are not allowed to ride their bikes in the parking lot.
- The South Area Parking Lot is designated for faculty parking and buses. Avoid picking up or dropping off your child in this area.
- The Main Entrance is designated for Guest Parking.

Children should always enter or exit on the RIGHT side of the vehicle. Staff members are not required to open car doors. Teachers need to monitor students and cannot conduct conferences and discussions with parents during dismissal time. If you need to discuss your child's progress, please make an appointment with the teacher. PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO early dismissal after 1:30 pm unless it is an emergency situation.

Uniform Guidelines

Griffin Elementary School participates in a school uniform program. Students are expected to wear their school uniform colors everyday. Wearing a uniform promotes school spirit and helps our students maintain focus on academics. Friday is "Spirit Day". Students are encouraged to wear their Griffin Elementary T-shirts. For more information, please refer to the Code of Conduct Dress Code in the manual on the Broward County Public School website.

Open Door Policy

If you have a concern, question or need clarification, please feel free to stop by, email me - angiemoodliyar@browardschools.com or call the front office 754-323-5900.

Looking forward to an incredible and productive school year!