



HORIZON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



“Home of the Hurricanes”

Dear Horizon Family,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you back to another year of growth and creating priceless memories with our Horizon Hurricane family. Horizon’s school letter grade moved to a “B” and came within two percentage points from an “A.” We are looking forward to another great year at Horizon. The more we work together, the greater our results will be.

As we enter the 2022-2023 school year, please know that maintaining a safe and secure campus is a priority here at Horizon. Safety policies and procedures will continue to be implemented this school year to secure our campus. Below is a list of protocols that will be in place this school year. As always, if you have any questions regarding these procedures, feel free to contact me.

Campus Safety Procedures

Perimeter Gate:

- North perimeter gate (parent drop off and pick up area) will open at 7:20 a.m. The gate will close at 8:00 a.m. and remain locked until 1:45 p.m. for dismissal.

Traffic:

We have large numbers of cars. Arrival and dismissal will take some time. Following traffic rules will make it go smoother and quicker. Some areas that still need improvement are 1) stay in your car when in the car loop line in order to keep the line moving. 2) move all the way forward to the front of the drop off/pick up area. 3) stay off cell phones. 4) watch speed. 5) have your child prepared to get out of the car when you stop; sign agenda, give hugs and kisses before leaving the house. 6) be alert for pedestrians.

Arrival and Dismissal:

- Supervision is only provided on school grounds from 7:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. **Do not drop your child off before 7:20 a.m. No supervision will be provided.**
- When dropping off your child in the morning, please do not park your car or drive your car through the bus loop in front of the school on Pine Island Road. That bus loop area is only for school buses, deliveries, and staff. The Sunrise Police Department will be monitoring that area to ensure the safety of our bus riders.
- All walkers, car riders, and bike riders must enter school through the North entrance gate of school.
- Breakfast is free for all students and will be available from 7:10 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.
- The instructional day begins at 7:50 a.m. **All students who arrive on campus at 7:50 a.m. are late** and must enter the school through the front office to receive a tardy pass to class.
- No students will be dismissed after 1:20 p.m. NO EXEMPTIONS.

- If you need to change your child's dismissal at any time during the school year, you **MUST** send a written note with your signature or an email (no later than 10:00 AM on the same day of the dismissal change) to your child's teacher.
- All students must be picked up before 2:20 p.m. **No supervision will be provided beyond 2:20 p.m.**

Security Tracking and Response (RAPTOR) SYSTEM:

- Upon entry to campus, all visitors must be processed through the RAPTOR system. An official photo identification will be required.

Parent Conferences:

- Report to main office. An official photo identification will be required.
- Teacher will escort parent to classroom and back to front office.

Student and Staff Identification Badge:

- All students, faculty, and staff must **ALWAYS** wear their badges.
- Individuals visiting Horizon must wear some form of identification while on campus.

Student Uniforms:

- School uniform policy will be enforced.

Safety Drills:

- Safety drills will be conducted monthly. We will have four safety drills (2 fire drills, one tornado drill and one lockdown drill) within the first 2 weeks of school.

Birthday Celebrations:

- Parents will not be allowed to bring birthday items to the cafeteria to celebrate birthdays. However, we want your child to feel special on his/her birthday. Parents may drop off store bought cupcakes or treats to the front office, and the cafeteria monitor will help distribute the treat during their scheduled lunch time.

Volunteering:

- If you are available to volunteer at Horizon, please go to www.browardschools.com/Page/37924 and register. Once completed, it takes about 5-7 business days for you to receive an approval email that you have been cleared to volunteer at school. We appreciate all our volunteers.

Your Principal,

Mr. Thaddeus E. Smith Jr.