



# PETERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Safety Newsletter – August 2019



Dear Parents,

Enrollment is currently at 547 students. Students will continue to register until after Labor Day. If numbers grow, we may need to make new classes. If numbers decrease, we may need to dissolve classes. Either situation means students may have a new class placement. We appreciate your cooperation if that occurs.

All communication will be sent via email, mobile app, web site, marquee, and/or parent link with the exception of sign and return documents. Also, all money collections will be done online at [estore.browardschools.com](http://estore.browardschools.com).

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This newsletter addresses safety procedures for our campus. It is extremely important that you read all parts of the newsletter. Our School Resource Officer, Jeffrey Young, from the Plantation Police Department, is assigned to Peters Elementary Monday through Friday. He assists with traffic, teaches lessons on drug resistance curriculum and internet safety to fifth grade students, ensures safety and security on the campus, and is our liaison with the Plantation Police Department. In addition, we have a full time Campus Monitor, Ms. Nixon, who will be monitoring the gates as well as the campus throughout the school day.

Sincerely,  
Susanna Deutsch, Principal  
Jessica Temple, Assistant Principal



### VISITORS

All visitors must come to the office for a visitor badge and visit that destination only. For your convenience, we try to quickly expedite the parent check-in conference process. It is important that all of us follow these procedures in order to create a safe, secure environment for our students and staff.

Always wear your STAR visitor badge and sign out at the front office when leaving.



## **SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR 2019-2020**

Please use the first three days of school to teach your child the route to their classroom. Children will be walking to their class on their own beginning Monday, August 19th. We will have school staff at the entrance of the gate to help younger ones who still need assistance in finding their class. If you plan to walk your child to class the first 3 days of school, **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK BEHIND CARS OR PARK NEXT TO CURBS IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.** We need these areas clear for traffic to exit the school. Also, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE SWALES.**

All gates will be locked promptly at 8:10 AM. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Between 8:10 and 8:30 AM, you will be asked to show ID before driving on campus through the gate on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Your child will need to come to the office to get a tardy pass to enter their classroom.

All visitors **MUST** sign in and sign out at the STAR System in the front office. Also, please visit **ONLY** the designated area as identified on your visitor's badge. Please make sure that once you leave your visiting area, that you come back to the office, sign out, and return your visitor's badge.

This year, only new volunteers to Broward Schools must apply as a volunteer and complete the application at [www.browardschools.com/getinvolved](http://www.browardschools.com/getinvolved). Under quick links, select volunteer application. Once completed, you will receive an approval email that you have been cleared to volunteer at the school approximately two weeks after completing the application.

If you volunteered last school year, you will not need to fill out a new application and you will receive an email that you are cleared to volunteer. Once you receive that email, you can come to school to get your 2019-2020 badge.

Volunteer badges will remain at the school unless you are volunteering at another school in Broward County. If you are not volunteering at another Broward County School, you will need to return the badge back to the front office before you leave.

Due to new safety and security measures, parents will not be able to come for breakfast or lunch, except during School Lunch Week.

No students will be dismissed after 1:40 PM. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

It is imperative that you correctly fill out the Dismissal Form at Meet Your Teacher Day or on the First Day of School so your child's teacher knows exactly how they are getting home each day.

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 to your child's teacher or an email at [petersdismissal@browardschools.com](mailto:petersdismissal@browardschools.com) (no later than 10:00 AM on the same day of the dismissal change).

## **PETERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Visit our website, [www.browardschools.com/peters](http://www.browardschools.com/peters), to access additional safety and security information.

## **RUMOR CONTROL HOTLINE**

Updates for Broward County Schools can be heard at the Rumor Control Hotline phone number, 754-321-0321, which operates 24 hours a day.

## EMERGENCY CODES

We have many codes that signal a particular type of emergency and what to do. The Plantation Fire and Police Departments assist us should we ever have an emergency on campus. Here are the codes used:

**BLACK (Bomb Threat) - Evacuate facility.**

**RED (Imminent Danger) - Threat/Incident to the facility when the best course of action is to keep everyone in place to include the School SAFE Team. The following are sample incidents that could occur but are not limited to: Drive-By-Shooter, Outside Disruption, Terrorist threat, etc.**

**YELLOW (Limited Movement) - Threat/Incident to the facility, when the best course of action is to keep everyone in place but requires the School SAFE Team or others depending on the nature of the situation to react. The following are sample incidents that could occur but not limited to: i.e. Neighborhood Incident/Police Directed.**

**BLUE (Medical Emergency) - When the best course of action is to notify SAFE Team of a medical emergency.**

**BROWN (Shelter-in-place/Evacuate/Lockdown) - Threat/Incident to the facility, when the best course of action is to implement a shelter-in-place, lockdown, or evacuation. Procedure depends on nature of school emergency (i.e. chemical, toxin release, explosion).**

**ORANGE (Evacuate) - When a situation warrants beyond previous codes.**

The Special Investigative Unit (SIU) is the law enforcement and investigative agency for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). SIU supports district-wide safety and security training, emergency and incident response and many other law enforcement and public safety services. SIU oversees and coordinates the operations and contracts with numerous county law enforcement agencies that provide school resource officers to our school locations. SIU functions as a conduit between the various BCPS departments and schools and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and other first responders.

SIU is the internal law enforcement agency for BCPS that provides diverse and valuable services to the school district and its many community partners.

## EMERGENCIES

If school closes early, the Superintendent of Schools makes that decision. It will be announced via local media.

**Evacuations - we routinely practice fire drills (two in the first two weeks of school and once per month thereafter), tornado drills (beginning of the school year and in February), and other evacuations. This gives students practice in knowing what to do if an emergency occurs.**

**Lockdowns - in rare instances, a school must go to "lockdown". This happens when Plantation Police call us about an incident occurring near the school. In a lockdown, parents will not be able to come into school or leave until the all clear is announced.**

We will use Parent Link to send out an email and text message to inform parents when we have to call an emergency code during the school year. Please understand that the situation is continually changing in an emergency. Our first task will be maintaining the safety and security of our students. When the emergency ends, we will send an All Clear.



## ANONYMOUS TIPS

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY OR SEND SOMETHING"

### Ways to Contact:

- Call us at 754-321-0911 (24 hour hotline).
- Send an email to [school911@browardschools.com](mailto:school911@browardschools.com) (not anonymous).
- Online at <https://browardschools.com/Anonymous-Tips>
- Send a text to CRIMES (274637). Type SBBC then your message.
- SAFERWATCH - developed by Broward Sheriffs Office <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/>



- FortifyFL - developed in partnership between FLDOE, FL Attorney General, and FL Law Enforcement <https://getfortifyfl.com/>



## TRAFFIC

**We have large numbers of cars. Arrival and dismissal will take some time. Following traffic rules will make it go smoother and quicker. You have read all the traffic tips and know what to do.**

**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, 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, and 6) be alert of pedestrians.**

**There is absolutely no student Drop Off/Pick Up permitted on NW 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This gate is solely for the use of Walkers/Bike Riders. For STUDENT SAFETY all vehicles must use the NW 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue gate for arrival and dismissal.**

**FSS 316.1945 Prohibits the loading/unloading of passengers from the roadway, blocking driveways and where signs are posted prohibiting parking.**

**NEW - Florida State Statute that addresses the use of Cell Phones in School Zones. This is in addition to the new "No Texting While Driving Statute".**

**Section 316.306, Florida Statutes, is a prohibition on using wireless communications devices in a handheld manner in school and work zone. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a designated school crossing, school zone or active work zone area.**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321- 2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.