

# MLE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

## STORYBOOK PARADE

*OCTOBER 29, 2021*

Mirror Lake Elementary will be hosting our annual Storybook Parade on October 29, 2021 from 8:15-9:00 am. The parade will take place in the school's front car loop area and parents can watch from the designated areas along the car loop. The students will follow the parade route one time around. The day of the parade there will be no parking available in the car loop. All visitors must park in the park across the street and walk up.

On the morning of the parade, students will come dressed in their favorite character book costume. If possible, have your child wear his or her book character costume over their regular school clothes. If needed, send a change of clothes. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school with inappropriate props such as weapons or weapon-like objects.

Please review the Code of Conduct Book to make sure that your child's character book costume reflects the dress code for BCPS.

Arrangements will be made for children who do not wish to participate. Please send a note to your child's teacher so that plans may be made in advance.



## PTO TRUNK OR TRICK

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CONTESTS, PRIZES, CANDY AND  
FUN!

2:30-3:20 PM/ BACK CAR LOOP

Staff and parents will decorate their car trunks and provide a fun and safe activity for the kids. Please let us know in advance if you plan on joining us by decorating the trunk of your vehicle. A special decal sign will be provided to you to access the back-car loop shortly after dismissal. Normally dismissal ends at 2:15 pm and parents with proper decal signs will be allowed to come into the parking lot to set up their vehicles. Individuals coming to the event will have to park their vehicles outside and walk to view the decorated cars. Your children may come dressed in their Halloween costumes.

# SEVERE WEATHER DISMISSAL

## *South Florida Weather*

Please make sure that you discuss alternative arrangements for your children in case of severe weather, especially if they usually walk or ride their bikes home after school. Crossing guards leave their posts at 2:30 pm.

On days when we have light rain or rain without thunder or lightning, students will be dismissed normally, unless you have made special arrangements with your children. We suggest that children have a raincoat or small umbrella.

Whenever there is thunder and/or lightning walkers and bike riders will NOT be released until the severe weather lets up. In cases of severe weather, even car loop students will stay in their classrooms, Media Center, and/or cafeteria until the weather clears. Do not leave cars unattended in the car loop to come into the campus. Parents WILL NOT be able to go to the classrooms to get students during severe weather. Administration will send a text message via Parentlink to inform parents of Severe Weather Dismissal. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during dismissal as it can take additional time to release kids safely.

## WORDS OF KINDNESS

Please make sure to discuss with your child what is appropriate and inappropriate language at school. This week we have conducted a BTA: Behavior Threat Assessment because someone made a threat to a classmate. Unfortunately, children who make threats and think this is a joke or were just "playing" now have an entry of a threat in a database. Please note that all threats are taken seriously, and words of kindness should be the only words uttered at school.

## PLEASE KEEP SICK CHILDREN AT HOME

For the safety of your child and others, please do not send children who are symptomatic to school. Anyone experiencing symptoms will be sent home and all COVID protocols will be followed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these difficult times. We are making every effort to ensure the safety and well being of all children.



## **ANNUAL HARVEST DRIVE**

It's that time of the year for us to help our community in need. We are asking for students to bring the following non-perishable items to school on the day of the Book Character Parade (October 29, 2021). However, we will continue to accept items Nov. 1-5, 2021. Thank you for your continued support!

**Pre- K and Kindergarten: Cereal Items**

**First Grade: Canned Goods (vegetables, pasta sauce, beans, etc.)**

**Second Grade: Stuffing**

**Third Grade: Soup**

**Fourth Grade: Pasta**

**Fifth Grade: Peanut Butter/ Jelly**

**ESE Classrooms: Cookies & Crackers**

The safety and security of our students, staff and schools remain the highest priority for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). The Division of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the anonymous tip reporting resource FortifyFL.

The FortifyFL app, from the State of Florida, allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL, anyone can provide a description of a potential threat, share pictures and videos. Submitting a tip is quick and easy using the mobile app or website. [FortifyFL](#) is a free mobile phone application that is available in the Apple App Store and Google PlayStore.

**SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.  
DO SOMETHING.**

Download the app today!

- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS