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Pinewood Elementary School
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website: <https://www.browardschools.com/pinewood>
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School Begins

First day of school is **Wednesday, August 14th**. Parents of all grade levels, Pre-k through 5th, will be permitted to escort their children to their classrooms, assist with bringing in their supplies, and meet their teacher on the first day of school. Please bring identification and sign in the designated area near the front office. We will need all adults to leave the campus no later than 8:15 am. Use this opportunity to confirm with your child's teacher how your child will go home. Please keep in mind consistency is key to a safe dismissal. When routines are changed it often creates confusion. Therefore, please consider not having a different dismissal for the first few days of school.

ONLINE FORM FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES

Starting with the 2020 school year, parents will have access to a more convenient method to report their child's absence.

Online Form: Available on each school website, parents can fill out a form that will send a notification to the school.

8:00 is late!

Entering the school's front gate at 8:00 is late! The instructional school day begins promptly at 8:00 am. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00. Students must be escorted to the office and signed in by parents.

Please refer to the Student Handbook in the first day packets and online for further information regarding attendance and

Parent and Visitor Access to Pinewood Elementary Campus



Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Pinewood Elementary. Guidelines and policies continue to be implemented District wide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that **once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked. The gate must remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus.** Due to budgetary constraints, Pinewood does not have any extra staff to dedicate to solely monitor the front entrance gate, therefore, we will need to close and lock the gate. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

- The parking lot that accesses the front of the school will be open for drop off beginning at 7:15 for students going to breakfast and at 7:30 for all other students **until 8:30 am. DO NOT** drop off your child prior to these times. There is no supervision!!!

- The gate to the front parking lot of the school **will be locked and secured at 8:30 am**. If you need to access the campus, **you will need to call the school** at 754-322-7950. We will then send someone to open the gate.

- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the campus gates will be open from 8:00 to 8:30 and again from 10:50 to 11:20. Please utilize these times should you need to come to the school to drop off items on the hour and half hour.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

- The gate to the front parking lot **will be open and entry will be monitored again from 10:50 to 11:20**. This will allow for VPK pickup and other school business.

- The gate to the front parking lot will be **locked at 2:30 and entry will be monitored beginning at 2:30 to 6:00 pm** and will be monitored by YMCA & Pinewood Aftercare to allow for dismissal and pick up from the aftercare program.

- When entering the campus, please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the campus with staff members. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same!

Understand the dismissal terminology and procedures

If you want to "meet your child", you will need to tell your child **they will be a walker**. They will be dismissed as a walker and you will need to let the teacher know which walker gate they need to be dismissed to—83rd Ave. or 17th St.. This is where the crossing guards are located. If your child rides a bike to school, they are dismissed with the walkers.

Parents are **NOT permitted** to stand in the sidewalk areas within the campus in the front or side of their school and wait for their children. There are two car rider pick up areas—one in the "front" of the school and one in the "south side" of the school. All 3rd – 5th grade students with younger siblings will go to the primary K-2 waiting areas at dismissal. Please stress to your child that you will be **in the car** and to follow the direction of the staff. **DO NOT** tell your child to go out with the car riders and you will walk there to pick them up. Only Pinewood staff will be permitted in this area. It is important that they understand that they will be a "car rider" and you will be **in your vehicle**. Keep in mind, that the first two weeks of school, dismissal takes significantly longer. Once routines are established, the carline time shortens tremendously. **Ease their anxiety** by reminding them that it may take a little bit of time for your car to get to the front of the line, but you will be there. Bright colored name plates will be given to all car riders. Place this name plate on the dashboard or the back of your sun visor of your vehicle. Our staff will call your child to exit the building upon seeing his/her name plate. Any car that is in the car loop for student pickup but does **NOT** have their child's name plate displayed will be required to park their car and go to the front office to meet their child.

Pinewood Aftercare is our on-site aftercare provider. Pinewood Aftercare students are picked up by Pinewood staff in their grade level pod areas and escorted to the cafeteria. Students who attend other off campus private aftercare providers are dismissed with the bus students off campus. Aftercare providers are required to pick up in the bus dismissal area. Be sure your child and teacher know the name of the aftercare provider. A colored band will be placed on your child's backpack loop so that staff is aware of where they will go for dismissal. Please do not remove this colored band from their backpack.

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make. All too often, families must rely on word-of-mouth. Knowing that not every program meets a child's needs, it is important to ask as many questions as you can before you place your child in a program. Do so in advance, enabling you to research programs that service children at the school. Pinewood Aftercare operates on site from 2:00-6:00 p.m. daily and on early release from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Special activities such as basketball, cheerleading, dance, band, computer and arts and crafts take place weekly. Scholarships are available to families who qualify.

Emergency Preparedness

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. The District has also mandated that "code red" lock down drills be every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Pinewood will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parent link. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.

VOLUNTEER

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several days.
<http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/applicationnote>

Complete all Back-to-School forms needed on line!

<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschoolonlineforms>

Open House

On August 28, Pinewood will host its Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting and Open House at 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Student ID Badges

All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Pinewood will provide your child will receive an ID badge and breakaway lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear ID badges, as well

Meet our Campus Safe School Officer (SSO)

The City of North Lauderdale in collaboration with Broward County Public Schools has provided Pinewood with a School Officer, Mr. Diamond, to assist with campus security as well as to build positive relationships with our students. You will see him out during arrival and dismissal. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to him and thank him for his service to our school

Stay Connected Parent Link

These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Pinewood Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact Mrs. Feyers at 754-322-7950. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

Title I Information & Updates

The School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement is located at 701 NW 31 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311. For more information please contact Dr. Daniel at 754-322-5850 or visit www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/ (or call 754-321-1425).

The District Parent Involvement Policy <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>, LEA plan <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp> and SPAR <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm> can be found at the respective links.

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