

Panther Press

Sawgrass Elementary

October 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello October! The start to the school year has been a strong one. Teachers, students, staff and of course you, our families, are busy building each child's education. Every child's ability to succeed is our singular focus. All the support we offer here at Sawgrass is aligned around the singular focus of getting each child to achieve their highest potential. I want to thank all of you for your efforts thus far, and your commitment to stay involved and supportive of our school and our children. While our commitment is strong, we are not perfect. Please know, as always, we are here to serve our families and listen to concerns, ideas and the questions you may have. I hope you find this newsletter helpful as you try to navigate and keep up with all that is happening in this busy place, we call Sawgrass! Have a fabulous October, and I look forward to the wonderful things ahead.

Warm Regards,
Stephen DeCotis, Principal

School Hours



Front gate opens at 7:20 AM. **There is no supervision before 7:20 AM. Please do not leave your child unattended.** Students are expected to be in their seats at 8 AM. Students arriving after the 8 AM bell will be considered tardy. Regular dismissal is at 2:00 PM for all students.

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Sawgrass Elementary instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754)322-8500 by April 12, 2020.

Reminders

School Uniform / ID Policy

Sawgrass Elementary has a Mandatory School Unified Dress Code. All students attending Sawgrass must adhere to this unified dress policy. Fridays are “Fun Fridays” and uniforms are optional in lieu of the school-wide theme (e.g. jeans day, favorite sports jersey, etc.). Backless and open-toe shoes for students in grades K-5 are not allowed. All students are required to wear a student ID throughout the day. Repeated violations of the school’s uniform policy may result in progressive discipline.

Consequences for not adhering to the unified dress code policy are:

- 1st Offense – Warning Letter
- 2nd Offense – Parent contact for change of clothes
- 3rd Offense- School specific consequence
- 4th Offense – Internal Suspension

Shirt Colors: White, Red, Hunter Green and Sawgrass T-shirts + PTA Spirit T-shirts

Bottoms: No color or style requirement.

Emergency Drills

We will be conducting regular safety drills throughout the year including:

- Lockdown Drills – Monthly
- Fire Drills – Monthly
- Tornado Drills – 2 per year
- Evacuation Drill - yearly

Visiting Our Campus

All visitors must enter campus through the single point entry located in our front office. Visitors must have a photo ID (Driver’s License) in order to be processed through our STAR system. If you do not have a photo ID, you will not be permitted to enter our campus. We ask that you are patient with our staff as the check-in process will take a few minutes to complete.

CAFETERIA NEWS

- If your child receives Free or Reduced-Price meal benefits, an application is required each school year. There is still time to apply. Log in to the link below and apply today.
 - **myschoolapps.com**
 - Meal Benefits Office # is 754-321-0250

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

All students will enter through the front double white gate under the supervision of school personnel. Students will transition to their respective hallways where books will be supplied for morning reading until teachers open the classroom doors at 7:55 AM. School staff will be present in each hallway to monitor the students in the hallways. If your son or daughter must eat breakfast, they must report to the cafeteria as soon as they arrive at school. The breakfast service ends at 7:55 AM.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

STUDENT BICYCLES AND WALKING ALONE

- Students who walk or bike will be guided to the front of the school by teachers
- Students are expected to pick up the bicycles immediately at 2 PM from the bike rack, walk the bike off campus, and wear a helmet
- All these students will leave campus immediately following dismissal in order to make sure crossing guards are present.

CAR POOL LANE

Every student will receive new dismissal card/signs to display in your dashboard during pick-up. We ask that you write your child's first and last name, grade level and teacher's name using a dark marker.

- Display the dismissal card/sign in your dashboard through the car pick-up loop daily.
- If you do not have a dismissal card/sign, staff will ask you to park and come into the office to present your ID and sign your child out.
- We will have additional blank dismissal card/signs in the car loop lane this week only.

PARENT WALK-UP PICK-UP (outside front gate in person) 2:00PM-2:05PM.

- Teachers will escort students to the appropriate grade level poles identified by signage (Grade 1, Grade 2 etc.).
- When physically picking up your child please present your dismissal card to the teacher and they will dismiss your child to you. If you do not have your Sawgrass issued dismissal card, we will need to go to the office and present your ID.
- If you are unable to pick up your child by 2:05 PM, your child will join the car-pool dismissal.
- After 2:05PM please plan to stay in your car and pick your child up in the car-pool lane.

EMERGENCY DISMISSAL / SAME DAY DISMISSAL CHANGES

- All dismissal changes must be received in writing (via email to sawgrassdismissal@browardschools.com along with a picture of your driver's license).
- Requests must be received by 1:00 p.m. to ensure receipt of your request. If you do not receive a reply to the email, please call the school to confirm.



Event	Date and Time	Location
California Pizza Day Fundraiser	Monday, Sept. 30 th all day	Sawgrass Mills Mall
No School	Wednesday, Oct. 9 th	All Broward Public Schools
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting	Wednesday, Oct. 16 th at 4 PM	Media Center
School Advisory Council (SAC) & School Advisory Forum (SAF)	Wednesday, October 16 th , at 5 PM	Media Center
Early Release Day	Thursday, October 17, 2019	All Broward public schools
Teacher Planning Day	Friday, October 18, 2019	All Broward public schools
Literacy Night	Wednesday, October 23 rd , 2019 at 6:15 PM	Barnes & Noble in Plantation
Chili's Night	Thursday, October 24 th , 5 -8 PM	Sunrise
BOO Bingo Family Night	October 28, 2019, 6:15 PM	Cafeteria
<p><u>FUN FRIDAYS:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 4th – Crazy Hair Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 11th – Breast Cancer Awareness (Wear Pink)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 25th – Pirates & Princesses Day</p>		

**OUT-OF-FIELD PARENT NOTIFICATION
for
SAWGRASS ELEMENTARY**

9/19/2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Our professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at SAWGRASS ELEMENTARY who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher(s) will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are:

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
ALARCON	LINDSAY	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 ESOL ENDORSEMENT MG INTEGRATED CURR	GIFTED
BERNAL	RACHELLE	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 EXCEPT STU ED GRADES K	ESOL CATEGORY 1
CAMPBELL	CRYSTAL	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 ESOL ENDORSEMENT	EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
EARLEY	CHRISTINA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
EVANS	CARRIE	SOCIAL SCI GRADES 5-9 (MID	ESOL CATEGORY 1
FORDE	TRELEISHA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 ESOL ENDORSEMENT	GIFTED
GARLINGHOUSE	JENNIFER	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 SCH SOCIAL WKR PRE K-12 EXCEPT STU ED GRADES K AUTISM SPECTRUM	ESOL CATEGORY 1
NAVARRO	MALLORY	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
ZUBKOV	EVAN	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 ESOL ENDORSEMENT	GIFTED