



# Dolphin Express

Sheridan Hills Elementary School  
5001 Thomas Street  
Hollywood, Florida 33021

**First Quarter 2018-2019**

**Josetta Campbell, Principal**  
**Christine Ringler, Assistant Principal**

## Principal's Message

## Mark Your Calendar!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Sheridan Hills Elementary School! Our staff is excited for this school year which will be full of exciting and meaningful learning for your children. It is our goal to be the best part of your child's day, a place where they can feel happy and engaged, and where parents feel welcome and involved. I am always visiting classrooms and moving throughout the school, so feel free to introduce yourself. I look forward to collaborating with this great community as we work together to make sure every student has another great year at Sheridan Hills Elementary School.

As a parent, you can help your child get the most out of the school year by encouraging him/her to put forth the best effort possible and strive to meet his/her teacher's goals. A positive parent-teacher relationship will show your child that school is a priority to you and that you respect the teacher and expect your child to do the same. Feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss any ideas or concerns that you or your child may have. Please continue to review the guidelines that are listed in the front of your child's agenda book. Following these procedures ensures a safe and orderly school, which in turn creates the optimal environment for great learning!

*Mrs. Josetta Campbell, Principal*

### September

- 17-21 Choose Peace Week
- 17 Interim Reports Issued
- 19 Holiday, Schools Closed
- 24-28 Say Hello Week
- 26 Dads Take Your Child To School Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Coding Club Begins, 2-3 p.m.
- 27 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Coding Club Begins, 2-3 p.m.
- 28 Picture Make Up Day

### October

- 1-5 Fall Book Fair
- 8-12 FTE Week, All Students Present!
- 17 Dress Your Way Day
- Volunteer Orientation, 8:30 a.m.
- 18 Early Release Day, Noon Dismissal
- 19 Teacher Planning Day
- 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins
- 31 Literacy Parade

## Plan Ahead!



Please put the following dates on your calendar so your child can be in attendance at school and avoid missing out on learning. Please plan vacations and appointments during these dates!

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| Thanksgiving Break | November 21-23   |
| Winter Break       | Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 |
| Spring Break       | March 25-29      |

## Connect With Us!



Have you seen our Website, subscribed to our Facebook page, or followed us on Twitter? We hope you will connect with us via these tools to receive timely updates, check-out pictures of our events, and see the latest and greatest from SHE!  
Website: [SheridanHillsElementary.com](http://SheridanHillsElementary.com)  
Facebook: [Facebook.com/SheridanHillsE](https://www.facebook.com/SheridanHillsE)  
Twitter: @SheridanHillsE

## PTO Press

Join the PTO! For only \$5 you can become a member and be a part of the PTO family. This money goes towards the many things that PTO supports throughout the year. You can purchase PTO membership, school polo shirts, marquee shout outs, Sno Cone parties, and Domino's Pizza cards online at the PTO's Webstore. Go to [SheridanHillsPTO.com](http://SheridanHillsPTO.com) to view our Website or purchase products from the PTO. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of partnership for our children!

*The mission of Sheridan Hills Elementary is to provide a diversified, stimulating, technology rich, and career ready curriculum designed to ensure that every child reaches their highest potential! We are proud to be a Title I School.*

# How Sweet It Is To Work At A School Full of "Smarties"!

## Kindergarten "Kuties"

Welcome to Kindergarten! We have already kicked into high gear this first month with getting to know all about your child and family! During the first quarter of school, our students will be learning all about being "Good Citizens." This includes why rules are necessary at home, in school, and in the community. In learning about our world, the students have been using their five senses to make and record observations of their environment. In math, our focus will be on learning how to read and write numbers 1 through 10, building sets, as well as adding and subtracting to ten.

It is so exciting to see your child developing their knowledge of how letters and sounds come together to form words to read and write! Each day, the children are demonstrating their literacy skills while writing stories in their writer's notebooks. You will also be so proud when your child brings home his/her reading book each night and reads to you! We would like to welcome you as our partners in the education of your child and look forward to working with you this year. There are several easy and important things you can do:

- \*Get to know your child's teacher.
- \*Get your child to school on time.
- \*Make sure your child does his/her homework.
- \*Read all school communications.
- \*Attend parent conferences.
- \*Let us know if you have any needs or concerns.

## Terrific Third Grade

Hello parents! Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Our third grade team has an exciting and rigorous year planned. In Reading, students have been working on asking questions about what we have read and answering with references to the text. You can help your child by making sure they read daily, and also by asking them questions about the story. The students are also learning and practicing multiplication facts and are moving on to division! Please make sure that they are reviewing their multiplication facts frequently and completing their math homework pages, which are used for practice on the skills taught in the classroom.

Parents, we also ask that you check your child's agenda and yellow behavior sheets daily, as well as their blue folders for information on what is happening at school. As always, we thank you so much for your involvement and we look forward to seeing your child excel this year!

## Be There!

Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your youngster's entire school career. Show your child that school comes first by trying to keep days off for illnesses and family emergencies. Also, schedule routine doctor and dentist visits for after school or over school breaks. Last but not least, make sure your child arrives on time to school each day. Tardiness is a disruption to the classroom environment. We don't want your child to miss a moment of learning! Thank you for being our partner in your child's education!



## Fantastic First Grade

Welcome to a new school year! First grade will be an exciting year for your child. We are currently working on building reading stamina, so please make sure that your child is reading for at least 20 minutes every night. We have been working on making connections when reading stories and understanding the main idea details of non-fiction text. When reading, periodically, stop and talk about what you both are reading. Have your child make a connection with the story and share it with you. A few reminders: Please check your child's blue folder and initial the yellow parent/ teacher communication sheet every night. Homework is due on Fridays. We look forward to a wonderful year with your child.



## Fabulous Fourth Grade

Our fourth grade students are off to a wonderful start! They have been working hard since the first day of school. In math, they've been focusing on Number and Operations in base ten where students are learning more about place value, addition and subtraction of multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm. Our reading focus has been on identifying the main idea and key details, summarizing and inferencing. Students are getting a strong foundation in these skills as they are an integral part of reading success. Please make time to meet with your child's teacher regarding any questions that you may have about classroom procedures and/or homework. We look forward to a wonderful school year in partnership with our fourth grade students and families.



## Sensational Second Grade

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are off to an amazing start in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It is going to be an exciting year filled with many challenges and new experiences for all of our students. In math, students are working with numbers and operations in base-ten, place values problem solving, comparing, and ordering numbers. In science, we will be learning about matter and the human body. In social studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is working on citizenship and economics.

Second graders are working on writing narratives including using correct punctuation and writing their thoughts in paragraph form. Students are also reading lots of books in class and earning AR points to shop at our AR store. Students should be doing their iReady lessons in reading and math for homework, as well as in the classroom. The most important thing you can do as a parent to help your child succeed is to encourage them to read at home each day. Additionally, ask them questions about their day at school and encourage them to express themselves with explanations and details. Thank you for your support!

## Fifth Grade Flash

Sheridan Hills' fifth graders are off and running! We are currently learning about how to be stronger readers by identifying main ideas and key details of informational text and utilizing that information to formulate a summary. From there, we will write informational pieces with the gathered information. In math, we are all working on mastering our multiplication facts so that we may fluently multiply two and three-digit numbers. We are excited about the start of this school year and look forward to our field trip to Biz Town on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for this trip! Please speak with your child's teacher in this regard and become an approved volunteer at [https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc\\_volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx](https://webapp.browardschools.com/sbbc_volunteer/VolunteerForm.aspx)



## Did You Know?

For the purpose of improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory services in the school, please be advised that in accordance with Florida Statute 231.29, parents have an opportunity to provide input into teacher and administrator performance assessments when appropriate.

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## Headstart Heroes

Welcome back! In Headstart, we had the opportunity to make new friends and get familiar with our classroom and how each part of our classroom will lead to great learning and memories. During our recent Open House, we dedicated some time to the topic of "How to help your child learn at home." Making connections from school to home and home to school is very important. As a team, we will help our students and children learn and grow into college ready individuals. Our first learning theme is the topic of spheres. Children will explore with round objects that bounce and float. The textures of different circular materials will be introduced. Math will also be included in this theme. We look forward to many activities with parents in the classroom, as we take this journey together. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your families!

## Cafeteria News

Applications for free and reduced lunch are available at any time of the year. MySchoolApps.com is the website to apply. If your child was receiving free or reduced meals last year, you must re-apply. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, all students that did not re-apply for this school year are no longer eligible for free/reduced meals.

Meal prices are as follows: Breakfast is FREE and lunch is \$2.00. Ice Cream is sold for \$0.65 on Wednesday and Juice Bars are \$0.50 on Fridays. You may go online to pay for your child's lunches, to check the account balance, or even to see what your child is eating. Go to MySchoolBucks.com

If you have any other questions pertaining to school meals, contact our cafeteria manager at (754) 323-7310.



## Title I News

**School Improvement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan on Sheridan Hills' Website. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Lane, Title I Coordinator at (754) 323-7300.

**School & District Parent Involvement Plan:** School staff, district staff, and parents jointly develop these plans. These plans include the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's program. You can access the school plan at Sheridan Hills' Website. You can access the District Plan at title1.browardschools.com. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Lane at (754) 323-7300, or Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at (754) 321-1410.

**School Accountability Report:** Parents may find information about our school's test scores, annual yearly progress, and school grades at [www.fldoe.org/accountability](http://www.fldoe.org/accountability).

## Volunteer News

Sheridan Hills Elementary School LOVES its volunteers! We don't know what we would do without them. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please be sure to attend the SHE Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. If you want to volunteer or chaperone a field trip, you MUST be pre-approved to volunteer. To apply, go to [BrowardSchools.com/GetInvolved](http://BrowardSchools.com/GetInvolved). Because the safety of your child is our #1 concern, no one is allowed to come onto our campus without first being checked in through the STAR security system in the front office.

## Pre-K Post

We are looking forward to an exciting new school year with many opportunities for our children to learn and grow. This year, we will continue our work in the garden by planting cucumbers, lettuce, carrots, pigeon peas, and many more vegetables. Our pumpkin plants have grown tall and are working their way up the trellis to keep them off the ground. There will be opportunities for parents to come and volunteer time in the garden by working alongside their child with planting and harvesting. Please take advantage of these special days!

At the start of the year our theme was "At School" with a focus on helping the new students adjust to school, the classroom, and friends. We also taught lessons that helped the children to learn the classroom routines and rules to promote a happy classroom environment. Our current theme of the year is "All About Me," in which the students learn about themselves and what makes them unique.

## School Counselor News

Parents, Broward County Public Schools does have an Anti-Bullying policy. If you suspect bullying, please contact your child's teacher or school administration. Broward defines bullying with the acronym RIP.

R=Repeated

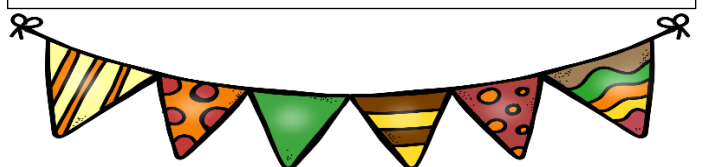
I=Imbalance of Power

P=[that is] Purposeful

Are you interested in your child learning a new sport? The First Tee Program is at Hollywood Beach Golf Club. Mrs. McAbee, School Counselor taught the school version of the program last year and encourages interested parents to visit the SHE Facebook Page or Website for the First Tee Link. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. McAbee at (754) 323-7300.

## Student Council Scoop

Student Council is off and running this year. Mrs. McAbee, School Counselor, works with the Student Council to promote leadership, encourage school spirit, and support district and school initiatives. Our first Spirit Day of the year is Peace Day, September 21<sup>st</sup>—wear White that day! The Week of September 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> is Start With Hello Week. This is an initiative to reduce social isolation. Students in grades 2-5 will hear about social isolation, discuss how a simple "Hello" can change someone's day, and learn ice breakers to start conversations. Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> is the Spirit Day that week—wear Green or a Smiley Face T-Shirt that day. Student council will continue this initiative throughout the school year.





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## Media Center Matters

We are so excited for the new school year in the Media Center! Students have been busy checking out books and taking Accelerated Reader (AR) tests. We can't wait to start seeing all of the AR stars on the hallway boards. We would like to invite our families to the Fall Book Fair Family Night on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We hope you will come and shop with your child/ren! Our Tuesday Night Live program will be starting on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students are welcome to come and enjoy our Media Center from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Students may check out books, take AR tests, and work on computer-based programs. We also have a Parent Resource cart with many books, DVDs, and activities for families. Hope to see you soon in the Media Center!

## Nurse's News

I would like to introduce myself: my name is Nurse Lacy, and I am proud to be the new nurse for Sheridan Hills Elementary School! I have been a Licensed Practical Nurse since 2015 and I love working with children! I will treat your child as my own; with tender words, empathetic listening, and sound medical training. Thank you for having me at Sheridan Hills!! If you have ANY medical concerns about your child that you would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am at the school daily between 8:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.

With my introduction complete, I would like to touch on the sleep needs of our precious boys and girls. Our kids need significantly more sleep than we do to keep up with their rapid mental and physical development. It's hard to gauge when they're tired because they don't slow down as we do, they speed up! A consistent, soothing, and screenless (no tablets, tv, or phone) bedtime routine will help your child to wind down at an appropriate time to get a full night's rest.

Sleep requirements by age as recommended by the National Sleep Foundation:

Ages 3-5 10-13 hours

Ages 6-13 9-11 hours

I'm seeing many children at the clinic who seem to only need a little rest to help cure whatever ailments they are experiencing. Let's all work together to provide the best possible learning environment for our kids!

## Music Notes

What a wonderful start we have had! The students are doing such a great job in music class as we learn about beats, rhythms, and the awesome instruments that we have to make those sounds. We have been introducing the students to the steel drums, and practicing on the drum set. Our chorus for the 2018-2019 school year will have its first meeting soon. There is lots of excitement in Music this school year!

## ESOL Parents

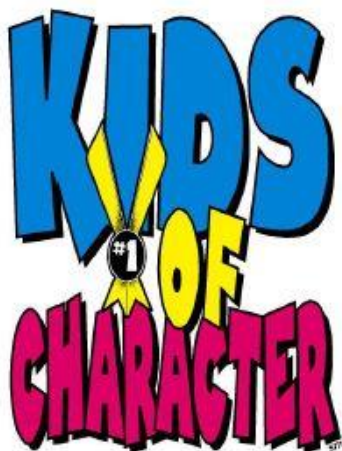
Are you looking for ideas or resources to help your child at home?

- Try insync education. Go to the ESOL Department Website or [www.insyncedu.com](http://www.insyncedu.com)
- Log in to your account.
  - Username: Student ID Number
  - Password: broward
- Click: Go (You will be able to choose another language if needed).

You can also check out books online for free!

- Go to [www.browarddesolparents.com](http://www.browarddesolparents.com)
  - Click on FolletShelf and download the app for your device.
  - Log in name: browardesol
  - Password: browardesol

If you have any questions, call the ESOL Parent Outreach Office at (754) 321-2951 or go to [BrowardESOLParents.com](http://BrowardESOLParents.com)



Kids of  
Character  
Traits:

Cooperation  
Responsibility  
Citizenship  
Kindness  
Respect  
Honesty  
Self-Control  
Tolerance

Each month, we focus on one of the above character traits. Every month, each classroom teacher nominates one student from their classroom that exemplifies the monthly character trait. This student is praised and recognized as a Kid of Character on morning announcements.

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