



THE STALLION SENTINEL

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Dear Stirling Families,

Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 school year! As your recently appointed principal, I am looking forward to embarking on a remarkable school year with you and your child.

Allow me to introduce myself! My name is Mrs. Arnaez and I am your child's principal. I am honored to have been selected to join the Stirling Elementary community. Over the past 22 years, I have worked as a teacher and an administrator. Through my journey, I have learned that my passion lies in advocating for our students by making sure that we give them a solid educational experience in a safe, friendly and warm environment. I will spend a lot of time getting to know your children, their personalities, their interests and learning styles and using that information to help personalize their education. My dream is that together we will celebrate their successes throughout elementary school.

I am so thankful to have the opportunity to bring my experiences and learning with me to your wonderful community. I look forward to getting to know you and your family. Please make sure to stop by and say hello during our upcoming events; Meet & Greet and Open House.

Kindly,

Mrs. J. Arnaez

Stirling Elementary Principal

Upcoming Events

08/14 – Meet and Greet

08/15 – First Day of School

08/17 – Kindergarten Boo-Hoo Breakfast

08/20 – Independence Day

08/22 – Open House/Title 1 Meeting

09/03 – Labor Day – No School

09/07 – Fall Pictures

09/10 – No School

09/17 – Interims Sent Home

09/19 – No School

Parent and Visitor Access to Stirling Elementary

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority at Stirling Elementary. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked. In addition, all visitors entering campus will be asked for identification and will be processed using our STAR system to check in. Students are also asked to wear their identification badges at all times.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are offered daily. The price for breakfast is FREE for all students, reduced lunch is 40 cents and full pay lunch is \$2.00. A cafeteria menu is posted on our website. Students will have two entrees or a salad to choose from everyday for lunch. Please refrain from sending fast food, junk foods, candy, carbonated drinks, aluminum cans and glass containers with your child for lunch. Lunch can be prepaid by the week or month. We suggest you use our online service to prepay for student meals. You may pay online at www.myschoolbucks.com or, if you prefer to send in money, it should be in an envelope labeled with the amount, student name, teacher name, and grade. Lunch money should be taken to the cafeteria in the morning. Please make checks payable to: "Stirling Elementary School." Forgotten lunch boxes/lunch money should be dropped off in the front office.

Please be advised that there will be no interruptions to the classroom. On the way to the cafeteria, students will pick up lunch boxes/lunch money. Parents may visit their child during lunch. Each parent will sit with his/her child at the picnic tables outside the cafeteria. Visiting parents must sign in and out through the front office before meeting their child for lunch.

Birthday Celebrations

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance with your child's teacher. Please limit what you bring/send. We recommend cupcakes, donuts or cookies. Do not bring/send in cakes, goodie bags, decorations, balloons, etc. These celebrations should be no longer than 10-15

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minutes in the cafeteria. Please bring your ID to the office before going to the cafeteria for your child's celebration. **You may only take a picture of your child, as other students in the class may not be photographed.**

Attendance

Every absence must be followed-up by a note from home or a call to the office within two days. Our attendance phone number is **(754)323-7602**. No absence is an excused absence without communication. You will receive an automated call regarding unexcused absences. **For further information please come to the school and ask for a copy of Attendance Policy 5.5.** Any child arriving after 8:10 a.m. must be accompanied to the office by a parent. For attendance purposes, you must sign your child in and bring proper identification. Early dismissals will not take place after 1:30 p.m. Students will be released to the parents on the registration form and to any emergency contacts listed on the Emergency Contact Card. All students must be signed out through the school office with proper identification.

School Unified Dress/Uniform Policy

Tops: dark Green or White collared shirt (with or without a school emblem) or dark Green or White t-shirt with a school emblem

Bottoms: skirt/skort, shorts, long pants in these colors—khaki/tan, green, green plaid, or dark/navy blue

** PTA spirit shirts/ honor roll t-shirts **can** only be worn on **FRIDAYS**.

Volunteer Information

Calling all volunteers! Come hear about the many volunteer opportunities available at Stirling Elementary – there is something for everyone! Remember all NEW and returning volunteers with less than four hours of service from last school year must register through Broward County at the following link: getinvolvedineducation.com. In order to chaperone or volunteer at our school or on a field trip you must register. Click on "Online Volunteer Application" in the right-hand corner to begin.

Anti-Bullying Information for Parents

School Board Policy 5.9, Anti-Bullying, clearly outlines the definitions and procedures to handle bullying in schools. For more information about this policy, please see the parent training module at the following link:
<http://www.browardprevention.org/violence/anti-bullying/training-modules-2/>

School Counselor Corner

During the month of September, Ms. Sierra will visit each classroom to partner with teachers in sharing our school-wide mission of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). SEL helps to create a safe and nurturing learning environment. SEL teaches students how to recognize and manage their emotions, demonstrate care and concern for others, establish positive relationships and handle conflicts using appropriate skills and problem solving techniques.

Literacy Corner

Gina Forcier, Literacy Coach "Being a fluent reader means having the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what they read, (comprehend), children must be able to read fluently whether they are reading aloud or silently. When reading aloud, fluent readers read in phrases and add voice pitch appropriately. Their reading is smooth and has expression."

PTA Membership Drive

Please send in the PTA membership included in the first day packet. Cost per person is \$10.00. We'd love to see 100% participation from our families this year! A portion of each membership covers national dues with the remainder benefitting our students at Stirling Elementary.

Instructional Staff

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Stirling Elementary School's instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 323-7600 by April 15, 2019.

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/sbocpolicies/>,

LEA plan <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp> and SPAR <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/ncibspar/index.cfm> can be found at the respective links.

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