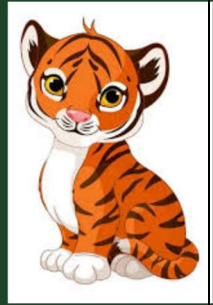


Tamarac Elementary School

“We Rise by Lifting Each Other”



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Welcome Newsletter A Title I School August 10, 2018

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the staff at Tamarac Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential in a safe and secure learning environment.

As you know, Broward County Public Schools experienced one of the worst school tragedies in U.S. history. Our Superintendent and Leadership of the District have instructed schools to look at all functions through a very different lens. This is going to impact each one of us. We began back in April implementing changes to our safety procedures and outlining new ones that would be implemented this school year. These changes will require parents to allow more time when dropping off and picking up students, ensure that communication between the home and teacher is kept current, and will require patience on the part of everyone. Please know as the school year progresses, it may become necessary to make adjustments to our procedures. We ask your ongoing support and understanding as we coordinate with BCPS, law enforcement, and City and County officials to provide a safe and secure learning environment for your child.

We ask that you take advantage of either the Supply Drop/Locate your Classroom or Meet & Greet opportunities prior to the first day of school so your child is ready for the first day. From Day One, NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED PAST THE SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY WITHOUT BEING SCANNED THROUGH THE STAR SYSTEM. We will have safety patrols and staff on hand to walk kindergarten and first grade students to class.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

We ask that as we navigate through the changes that will need to be made to ensure the safety and security of the students and staff, you will work with us to find ways that we can continue to be a welcoming environment for families, as well. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ray

Roberta Ray

Principal

Teacher assignments will be given at Supply Drop Days, at Meet & Greet, or on the first day of school.

Supply Drop/Locate Your Child's Classroom/Make a Friend Days

Saturday, August 11, 10:00 AM – Noon

Sunday, August 12, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Meet & Greet

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

PK-K 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Grades 1/2/3 11:00 AM – Noon

Grades 4/5 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Open House Dates

Wednesday, August 22, 2018, Grades PK – 2

Wednesday, August 29, Grades 3 – 5

NEVER MISS AN UPDATE!

We are on Facebook and Twitter

www.Facebook.com/pg/TamaracElementary/School

[@TamaracElem](https://twitter.com/TamaracElem) on Twitter

STAFF CONTACTS

Roberta Ray, Principal
Dana Thomson, Assistant Principal
Marcela Rasa, Guidance Counselor
Wynn Goodson, ESE Specialist
Maida Velez-Kopet, Reading Coach
Joseph Judkowitz, Math Coach
Jennifer Austin, Title One/Support Facilitator

Welcome to the Following New Staff

Ms. Beaver, 1st Grade
Ms. Hallilal, 3rd Grade
Ms. Rinderman, 3rd Grade
Ms. Tauber – 4th Grade
Ms. Daniels – 4th Grade
Ms. Lassig – 4th Grade

KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE

IF YOU “SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING”

4 Ways to Contact Us

Call 754-321-0911

Send an email to school911@browardschools.com
(not anonymous)

Send a text to CRIMES(274637). The message
MUST begin with SBBC.

Provide details of your tip in the Tip Inbox

NEW DRILL REQUIREMENTS

Per FL State Legislations, we are required to conduct monthly Code Red Lockdown Drills. Children will be prepared for the drills. They will be taught life-protecting procedures and will practice them prior to and during drills. Parents will be notified after a drill takes place and are encouraged to discuss the drills with their children. The first drill will take place during the first two weeks of school, as well as a fire drill.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL

ALL GATES (CAR AND WALKING) WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT 9:00 A.M. IF YOU ARE LATE DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD, YOU WILL NEED TO DRIVE/WALK TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

Car Riders:

South Side:

- All Kindergarten
- Grades 1-3 not eating breakfast
- PK (Park and walk to the front)

North Side:

- Grades 1-3 eating breakfast
- All 4-5 grades
- Autism Cluster Students (Park and walk to the front)

Walkers:

South Side walkers enter through the gate on the south east corner of the campus adjacent to the overpass to University Drive.

North Side walkers enter through the gate on the north west corner of the campus.

DISMISSAL

Car Riders: (Siblings will report to dismissal area of the youngest sibling)

South Side

- All Kindergarten
- Grades 1-3
- PK and Autism Cluster (Tamarac Rec Center Gymnasium)

North Side

- Grades 4-5

Walkers: This is an important change for the 18-19 school year. Parents who label their children as walkers should understand that their child will exit the gate at 3:00 PM unsupervised. The gate will be locked promptly at 3:05 or as soon as the last child exits the gate. We will not wait for a parent to arrive to pick up a child. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN LOCAL PARKING LOTS AND WALK TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD AS YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO LEAVE THEM UNSUPERVISED IF YOU ARE LATE.

(Same gates as AM)

AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION, WE ARE PLANNING FOR ALL PERIMETER GATES, INCLUDING THE FRONT GATE OF THE SCHOOL TO BE LOCKED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. ACCESSING THE CAMPUS WILL REQUIRE YOU TO CALL FROM THE FRONT GATE. THIS WILL REQUIRE YOU TO PLAN WELL. DROPPING OFF ITEMS TO THE FRONT OFFICE MUST BE DONE BETWEEN 8:00 AND 8:45 A.M. Here are some tips to help your family with the transition.

Make sure that you have all items with you when you leave home including lunch, homework, planner, and anything your child needs for the day.

Plan appointments outside of the school day where possible.

Utilize web resources. (We will be updating our website to include as many as possible)