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Title I School – Imagine The Possibilities

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Message from the Principal,

Ms. Lori A. Mendez

Dear Watkins Family,

We are off to a great start to the 2018 – 2019 school year! Our boys and girls have all settled into their classrooms and are immersed in the learning process. Unfortunately, we did have some staff changes, which resulted in class changes for some students. This was done to meet the requirements of the state's class size amendment.

In this newsletter you will find information on how to access the i-Ready program. i-Ready is an important tool that monitors the academic needs of our students in reading and math. In addition to direct teacher instruction, our boys and girls work independently and at their own pace and academic level in these subject areas. We recommend at least 90 minutes program usage per week. The 90 minutes is a combination of school and home time.

I encourage you to keep the line of communication open, if you have any questions related to school policy and procedures, please feel free to contact the main office at 754 323 7800 or visit our website at

<https://www.browardschools1.com/watkins>.

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Lori A. Mendez,

Proud Panther Principal



Important Date(s) To Remember



5000 Role Model Tie Tying Ceremony

Hallandale HS @ 5:30 p.m.
October 3, 2018

Walk To School Day

October 10, 2018

Fall Absentee Pictures / Class Pictures

October 17, 2018

Early Release

October 18, 2018

Pre K @ 12:10 p.m.
Gr. K-5 @ 1:10 p.m.

No School

October 19, 2018



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Mission: The mission of Watkins Elementary is to create an environment where students and staff exceed the academic expectations set to meet their maximum potential.

Vision: Watkins is committed to all students, faculty and staff to reach their maximum potential as they become College and Career Ready.

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Birthdays Celebrations: If you choose to celebrate your child's birthday at school. Please note the following birthday celebration guidelines:

- 1) Birthdays are recognized during lunch time in the cafeteria with cake/cupcakes that are purchased from a store.
- 2) Balloons and lighted candles are not allowed in schools.
- 3) Photos/videos of students within the cafeteria are not permitted.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment as you celebrate the special occasion.



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

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

Only for students returning to their school. New students must follow in person registration process.



It is recommended that students access i-Ready for a minimum of 90 minutes a week. This includes both Reading and Math and the 90 minutes is a combination of usage both at home and school.

In order to access the program, students with parental assistance should follow the directions listed below. The link will direct you to the Single Sign On (SSO) once logged in you will be able to utilize all of the resources available, including i-Ready and the online textbooks.

1. <http://sso.browardschools.com>
 2. Students will enter their FSI # aka 06 number. *(If your child can't recall the number, please call the school and request that it is provided to them. We are unable to give it to you over the phone).*
 3. Enter the password which is their date of birth in the following format. PMM/DD/YYYY
 4. Once the SSO Launchpad page opens, students are able to access the application of choice.
- Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Front Office.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This week you received paper copies of the forms that are typically completed at the beginning of the year. Some families completed it online and others did not for various reasons. If you did not complete the forms online, kindly complete the paper copies sent home and return it to school. Be sure to access the Student Code of Conduct online at Browardschools.com. Have a conversation with your child about the appropriate actions and words that are expected to be used at school. Thank you for your continued support.



Ms. Pamela Davis – K – 2, Special Programs
Ms. Sabine Dorival, Teacher Assistant
Ms. Laura Graham – Teacher Assistant
Ms. Oslie Pierre, Pre K Teacher
Ms. Evelyn Pino – ESE Facilitator
Ms. Yameli Quinonez – Gr. 4-5, Special Programs

When is “SICK,” TOO sick for school?

Send me to school if... • I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms. • I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time. • I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if... • I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees even after taking medicine. • I'm throwing up or have diarrhea. • My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if... • I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for more than two days. • I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days. • I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better. • I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using the inhaler).

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is critical to student academic achievements. BCPS focuses on reducing chronic absenteeism, developing community partnerships to support attendance, and increasing students' academic achievements. If your child is absent, please call the attendance line to report the absence. The number is **754 323 7802**.

