

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

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Welcome Back!!



Paul Micensky, Principal

Principal's News

Hello Tequesta Trace Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year! As we begin this new school year we are putting out this newsletter to keep you up to date with pertinent information to ensure you are aware of important items as it relates to schoolwide daily policies and procedures. I ask that you please take some time to read this thoroughly and share this with your child/children prior to the first day of school.

I want to **Thank You** ahead of time for your assistance and understanding in following the items listed in this newsletter to help keep TTMS as safe as possible. I am looking forward to a **SUCCESSFUL** start to the 2018-2019 school year where the **"Cougars Rock!"**

Paul Micensky ~ Principal

ID BADGES ARE A MUST!

To ensure appropriate identification of students, the School District is requiring that all students and staff wear **ID Badges** at all times. Tequesta Trace will give each student their first temporary badge the first day of school, and then a photo badge after school pictures are taken. Additionally, each student will be given one lanyard to use to display the ID badge at all times. The lanyards will be color coded to match the student's grade level. Students will need to purchase a new ID if they lose or misplace the one provided. Students without their ID badge will be monitored and could face progressive discipline per the District Discipline Matrix. As this is a safety matter, Parents, I need your help in sending your student(s) with their ID badge every day.

Single Point of Entry /Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

As our single point of entry gets closer to completion, please know that how parents and students are admitted to the building will now be as follows:

*All students will enter the building through the cafeteria doors before school begins.

*Students should not be on campus before 8:40 AM. Any student or student groups that will be meeting or practicing with a teacher before or after 8:40 AM will meet that teacher at the Cafeteria Doors at a pre-determined time to be escorted by that teacher.

*Parents and visitors will be allowed to enter campus beginning at 8:00AM when the doors are unlocked. Our new single point of entry when opened will be known as the Cougars' Den. It will be a location for all late sign-ins, early sign-outs and where all business with the office or guidance will begin. Please know that you will always need to have your government issued photo ID with you to be allowed on campus, and you will be processed through the Security Tracking and Response (STAR) System, and escorted to your destination.

SCHOOLWIDE DRILLS

All Broward County Public schools are required to perform monthly Fire and Code Red Drills to ensure all safety protocols and practices are adhered to by students, staff and visitors to the campus. All parents/guardians will be notified of schoolwide drills one day prior to the drill via a Parentlink.

Please ensure your child/children understand the importance of all drills and adhering to directions provided by the supervising adult. At the conclusion, of all drills we will resume our regular daily practices.

TTMS Unified Dress Code

Parents, I also need your help in making sure your student(s) come to school in the proper unified dress code. Students must wear either a solid colored polo shirt or Tequesta Trace Spirit Shirt each day, even if it is under their jacket or sweat shirt. Pants or shorts must be either Navy, Black or Khaki in color; No blue jeans or sweat pants are allowed to be worn (except on cold weather days which will be pre-announced). All other dress code provisions of the Code of Student Conduct will be followed.

Athletics

All TTMS students who are interested in participating on one of our teams (Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Cross Country, Golf) must submit paperwork in advance by visiting www.registermyathlete.com

You will need to register your child and print out and fill in two different forms and submit prior to tryouts. No student can attend any TTMS practice without completing this process.

There will be meetings for tryouts for boys' and girls' soccer, cross country, and golf during the second week of school. Listen for announcements in the morning, during lunch, and watch for posters around the school.

Guidance Department

Welcome back to school. Please remember Guidance is here to assist you with Academic/ Personal Social/ College and Career needs.

5 tips for being successful

- 1- Be on time
- 2- Attendance counts
- 3- Use your agenda
- 4- Do all assignments
- 5- Ask for help

Please check out Family Connections, your College and Career choices program. This can be found on the school webpage and Counselors will be out to the classrooms to assist students. If you have any questions please contact your grade level Counselor.

6th Grade Ms. Calle

7th Grade Mr. Jones

8th Grade Mrs. Veronick

OPEN HOUSE - Friday, August 10, 2018

6th grade: 8:00—10:30am

7th/8th grades: 1:00—3:15pm

Upcoming Events

8/29 PTA Breakfast 9:15am	9/24—9/28 Book Fair
8/30 Student Council 8:40am	10/1—2 6th grade Health Screenings
8/31 ALL FORMS DUE TO SCHOOL	10/5 PICTURE DAY
9/3 No School	10/10 SAC
9/10 No School	10/12 6th grade Dance sponsored by PTA
9/12 School Advisory Council Meeting 8:10am	10/18 Early Release
9/17 Interim Reports	10/19 No School—Teacher Planning
9/19 No School	

Tequesta Trace Summer Reading Challenge

It's not too late to join our summer reading program! TTMS is participating in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge in which all students are encouraged to participate by logging into the site and recording the minutes that they read. This free, online reading program is designed to help students turn the "summer slide" - the learning loss which can occur over the summer months - into a "summer leap" by discovering the joy and magic of reading for fun. The 2018 theme is "A Magical Summer of Reading", celebrating the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter's debut in literature. Our TTMS Reading Challenge runs from May 7, 2018 - September 7, 2018. Visit our school web page to find more information.

Our current leader is C. Jencen with M. Morales and M. Norori following closely in number of minutes read. Out of our feeder elementary schools are doing an awesome job supporting this important initiative.

Physical Education

We look forward to a great year in Physical Education for the 2018-19 school year. All children enrolled in PE are required to wear a uniform which consists of: PE Shirt (available for purchase thru PE teachers) gym shorts, socks and sneakers. All students are expected to dress out and participate each day. Please contact Coach Schragger or Ms. Salerno with any questions.

Student Council will be collecting items for the Broward County Humane Society. There will be a bin in the cafeteria at Open House, and continue in your student's first hour class until August 31st. Items which are in great need, include can food, gently used wash cloths/towels, toys, treats, gently used/new food bowls, disinfectant wipes, and paper towels. We appreciate your donations to help our community's furry friends in

6th Grade Opportunity Tequesta Trace 6th grade teachers will be hosting a technology night this fall. Parents will learn how to help their children have a successful school year by utilizing technology tools such as myHRW, USA Test Prep, Canvas, and vocabulary.com. More information will be distributed by the 6th grade math teachers.

TTMS has great events planned for this year for both Chorus and Band. Looking ahead we have Spirit Nights at Western and Cypress Bay, Winterfest of music, Panthers night, holiday concert and much more to get ready for!

New incoming band students, we have an instrument fitting in the first 3 weeks of school where you will have the opportunity to try playing several instruments that interest you. Parents, please look out for information, contacts and updates about this and other band questions at <http://www.tequestaband.org>.

Back-to-School Forms Online

As part of the District's commitment to improve parent communications, parents/guardians will have access to the online Back-to-School forms at: www.browardschools.com/bts (<http://www.browardschools.com/bts>). The system will be available on Monday, August 6, 2018