

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

August 2019

Welcome Back!!



Paul Micensky, Principal

Principal's News

Hello Tequesta Trace Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year! The first annual newsletter serves as a reminder and provides up to date information on school procedures and important school event dates.

We pride ourselves in continued traditions and fostering a family environment. In order to keep to these traditions, I ask for your support in maintaining the integrity of the structures we have in place to ensure we remain steadfast in our commitment to the children.

I am here to serve you and appreciate you having the utmost confidence in my leadership ability. Looking forward to a **FANTASTIC** 2019-2020 school year!

Proud Principal ~ Mr. Micensky

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 ID badge the first day of school, and then a photo ID badge after school pictures are taken. After the 4th request of an ID badge, students will be charged a \$5.00 obligation. All obligations must be paid online. 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 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

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 outside of the Cougar's Den at a pre-determined time to be escorted by that teacher.

*Parents and visitors will be allowed to enter campus beginning at 8:10AM when the doors are unlocked. Our single point of entry is known as the Cougars' Den. It is the 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.

Students are dismissed at 3:40PM and will exit through the bus circle area. Car riders will walk through the bus circle and across the walkway to the front of the school. They will remain at the car rider line until picked up. Bike riders please use bus circle to exit campus. Additionally, you are to wear your helmet at all times and walk your bike off school grounds.

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 school-wide Code Red drills prior to 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, sweat pants, leggings or athletic shorts are permitted (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 fill in two different forms and submit prior to tryouts. All paperwork must be submitted online. No student can attend any TTMS practice without completing this process. No papers will be accepted by Coach or Athletic Director.

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 9, 2019

6th grade: 8:00—10:30am

7th/8th grades: 1:00—3:15pm

Upcoming Events

9/5 PTA Breakfast 9:15am	9/24—2 6th grade Health Screenings
9/10 Student Council 8:30am	10/4 PICTURE DAY
8/30 ALL FORMS DUE TO SCHOOL	10/8 SAC
9/2 No School	TBA 6th grade Dance sponsored by PTA
9/11 School Advisory Council Meeting 8:10am	10/17 Early Release
9/13 Interim Reports	10/18 No School—Teacher Planning
9/30 No School	
9/16-9/20 Book Fair	

Tequesta Trace Summer Reading Challenge

Students still have time to join our summer reading program! TTMS is participating in the Scholastic Read-A-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge. All students are encouraged to log into the site and record the minutes they have 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 of reading for fun! Our reading challenge runs from May 6, 2019 to September 6, 2019. Visit our school’s website to find out more information.

Our current leader is A. Verma, but N. Menasche and D. Gonzalez are about to catch up to that leading number of minutes read! Our feeder elementary schools are also doing an awesome job supporting this important initiative.

Physical Education

We look forward to a great year in Physical Education for the 2019-20 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 30th. 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 need.

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.

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 Tuesday, August 6, 2019