

Crusader Connection

Croissant Park Elementary
Title I School



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BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, Mrs. Allison.....

The staff and I are pleased to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! This year our learning theme is "**Grow Where You are Planted!**", which focuses on providing adequate and appropriate support (roots) to ensure that our students are at their BEST academically, socially, and emotionally. We hope this newsletter is helpful in providing you with the information needed to have the BEST start to the school year. Thank you for taking the time to read through and assist us in providing a safe, secure, supportive, and orderly learning environment for our Crusaders!

We ask that everyone follow the district guidelines and policies implemented to better secure our campus. Once the school day begins, all perimeter gates and doors must be locked. Parents visiting our office during the day should expect it to take a few minutes to gain access. Please help us to keep our students safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus:

At the front office, you will need to press the buzzer, show your ID & announce the reason for your visit on our video intercom so you can be provided access to enter the office. While on the campus, please keep your visitors badge visible and be prepared to share your purpose for being on the campus with our staff members.

Please be on time to drop-off & pick up your carpool student. It is likely that your wait time to gain admission to the office will increase if you are late. Dismissal delays for the first few weeks of school will incur. Please plan accordingly.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient, nonetheless necessary. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. With anticipation, we appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe!

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

Class assignments will be shared with parents via phone call from your child's teacher. Please ensure your phone numbers are updated in our system by contacting the front office.

First day of school is Tuesday, August 16th.

Only parents of PreK and K grade levels will be permitted to escort their children to their classrooms for the first day of school.

After walking your child to the classroom door, please say a quick goodbye to help your child ease into the class. Join us for **Tissue and Treats** in the media center – ALL PreK & Kindergarten parents are invited.

Remember to take a quick first day of school picture!

Thank YOU.

Complete all Back-to-School forms online!

<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>

**Croissant Park Elementary's
Student Pledge**

I pledge:

I will be respectful and kind to others.

I will always keep a positive mindset and attitude.

I will be responsible for all my actions.

I will be cooperative with my teachers and peers.

I will be honest and truthful in all that I do and speak.

I pledge to be a Crusader Scholar!



PARKING ON CAMPUS

Due to limited parking, all parents must utilize the carpool lanes for student drop-off/pick-up times. Parking space in front is reserved for parents who are coming into the office for meetings and/or assistance.

Please remember not to leave your car in the FIRE LANE designated areas on all sides of our school. If you arrive at school for other purposes, please park in the lot on 17Street. This is important so emergency vehicles can access our campus as needed.

Monday, August 15th- Title 1 Parent Meeting & OPEN HOUSE

Pre-K @ 1:00pm

K and Gr 1 @ 2:00pm

Gr 2 and Gr 3 @ 3:00pm

Gr 4 and Gr 5 @ 4:00pm

Upper School: 12-2:30pm

Wednesday, August 16th - First Day of School

**Wednesday, August 31st - SAC/SAF Meeting
7:30am**

Monday, September 5th – Labor Day, No School

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Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **Be On Time!** Entering our school at 8:00 is considered late! The instructional school day begins promptly at 8:00 am. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00 am. Please refer to the Student Handbook found online for further information regarding attendance and early dismissal procedures.
- ❖ **We Need You!** To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take up to 2 weeks. <https://www.browardschools.com/page/32043>
- ❖ **Stay Connected!** We utilize the Parent Link robo-call system to provide you with important information from Broward Schools and Croissant Park Elementary. If you are not receiving them, please contact the office to update your contact information.
- ❖ **Dress for Success!** Croissant Park Elementary follows the Student Dress Code policy as stated in the Student's Code of Conduct for Broward County Public Schools. Appropriate dress and grooming can help to create a positive learning environment. Other attire may be allowed for special school activities with the approval of the school administration. Possible consequences for violating the dress code are found in the Discipline Matrix.
- ❖ **We are Prepared!** Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct safety drills monthly. In the event of an actual emergency, Croissant Park Elem will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using the Parent Link recorded system. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the office.

Arrival

Back Gates open at 7:00 am. Students eating breakfast should be dropped off at the back gate since it's closer to the dining room and is supervised. ALL CAR RIDERS and WALKERS are to enter through this gate. Breakfast is served at 7:15am.

Dismissal

We ask for your continued patience during this period. All students must be escorted to their designated dismissal areas. The following procedures are in effective for the 2022-23 school year.

- PreK and ASD will be dismissed at 1:45pm from the front gate.
- Bus Rider and Afterschool students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm from the front gate to bus loop.
- Car riders will be escorted to car loop at 2:05pm. Please remain in your cars. **DO NOT** walk up to car loop. Cars should have car tags displayed. Students will be called and loaded. Please follow directives of staff.
- Walkers will be released at 2:10pm from the side gate next to bike rack.

Weather permitting, students will be dismissed at their designated assigned areas. However, in the event there is lightning we may have to delay dismissal. The safety and well-being of our children is our #1 priority, so we ask for your understanding and grace.

ATTENTION Parents– Read our detailed Arrival and Dismissal Procedure on our website

HB 1557: Parental Rights In Education (Some Highlights of House Bill)

Entire bill can be found: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1557>

- **Schools must adopt Procedures for Notifying a Student's Parent if there is a Change in the Student's Services or Monitoring Related to the Student's Mental, Emotional, or Physical Health or Well-being.**
 - **May Not Discourage or Prohibit Parental Notification of and Involvement in Critical Decisions Affecting the Student's Mental, Emotional, or Physical Health or Well-Being**
 - **Classroom Instruction by School Personnel or Third Parties on Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity May Not Occur in Kindergarten through Grade 3**
 - **Must Be Age-Appropriate or Developmentally Appropriate in Accordance with State Standards**
- **In accordance with Florida House Bill 1557, Parental Rights in Education, School District Responsibilities, requires each school district, at the beginning of the school year, to notify parents/guardians of each health care service offered at their child's school and provide parents the option to withhold consent or decline any specific service. The following healthcare services are provided in Broward County Public Schools.**
- **Care and treatment for illness and injury**
 - **Vision screening • Hearing screening**
 - **Growth and development screening (body mass index)**
 - **The form titled Parent/Guardian Consent for School Health Services requires a parent/guardian signature before any health-related services or health screenings can be provided to your child. Please be sure to return this form to your child's school as soon as possible.**

SECURE THE NEXT GENERATION

August 23, 2022



Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is presenting voters with a referendum renewal that will appear on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot.

The new Secure the Next Generation Referendum would increase voters' investment in education from a half-mill to one mill to continue securing funds for all public schools – and will now also include charter schools – to:

- Recruit and retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff by increasing compensation supplements
- Maintain and enhance school resource officers and school safety staff
- Maintain and enhance essential programs, such as mental health services

Why does BCPS need to renew the referendum and increase to 1 mill?

- The funds from the ½ mill referendum that voters approved in 2018 are set to expire. Those funds support over 500 school safety personnel, 100 mental health professionals, and approximately \$82 million in salary supplements for teachers and eligible staff, to compete with neighboring school districts.
- On April 26, 2022, the School Board approved to, once again, present this referendum on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot, with an increase to one mill, for voters to consider investing in Broward County Public Schools.
- This renewal would provide BCPS with the ability to compete with neighboring school districts (Miami Dade County Public Schools, presenting an increase from the current .75 mill to one mill, and the School District of Palm Beach County Public Schools is currently at one mill), and to account for new legislation that now requires the District to share nearly 20% of these funds with charter schools.

TITLE I NEWS:

Croissant Park Elementary is a school-wide Title I school. Title I, Part A is intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. Funding is used to provide additional staff, professional development, extended-time programs and/or other strategies for raising student achievement in high poverty schools.

The Title I Parent Compact for this school year must be signed and returned to school with all first day documents. The Title I Parent Compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL TIMES:

- 7:15 Breakfast opens & student arrival begins
- 7:50 Breakfast closes for K-5
- 8:00 Breakfast opens for PreK
- 7:45 First bell rings
- 8:00 Tardy bell

****Students who arrive after the tardy bell must be accompanied into the office by a parent or adult family member***



FREE Universal Breakfast & Lunch provided to all students!

Visit broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice for:

- Free/Reduced Meal Application
- Meal Menus
- Payment Information
- Prepayment for Meals
- Some teachers may permit students to bring a healthy snack
- Ice cream sold on Wednesdays starting in September

PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSITION

This year instead of having code red, yellow, black, etc. we will transition to standard response protocols. Please see the changes below. We will introduce and practice them with the children throughout the school year.



ALL visitors must be processed through the Raptor System. ALL visitors will be asked to provide a valid ID. Everyone on campus is required to wear an ID badge (including visitors).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A suggested Supply List for your child's grade level is posted on our school website and available in our office.

For parents who are able to donate, your child's teacher may post a Wish List of items that students use throughout the year for special activities.

