



The Panther Scoop

Pasadena Lakes Elementary

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August Newsletter



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Upcoming Dates

8/16 – School Starts, 8:10 am

8/16 – Parents of PreK, K & ASD may walk student to class. You cannot linger in the classroom or at the door. No exceptions.

8/16 – Independence Day

8/23 – Student ID Badge Photos & Yearbook Pictures, PK – 5

9/5 – Holiday, Labor Day: School Closed

August 9, 2022

Dear Pasadena Lakes Family,

Welcome to Pasadena Lakes Elementary School! I am humbled and grateful for another year to serve as your Principal. Our theme this year is **Where Great Habits, Lead to Great Leaders!** We will seize every opportunity to excel, continue setting high expectations for all our students and ensure they have every opportunity for success. Please remember that safety is our top priority and can be an inconvenience. I am delighted to say that we enter this new school year with an A, however this A is not displayed as we await our appeal decision from the Florida Department of Education. The reason for this appeal is due to The United Parcel Service (UPS) losing our 5th Grade Math Test box. It's unfortunate that because of their negligence, our 5th- students will not receive their FSA Math scores. The current data in addition to a simulated data analysis show significant learning gains and proficiency for each grade level. Our students and teachers have worked very hard, and we are all waiting for a decision from the state. Please click on the link to see the letter from UPS and our district. In the meantime, we will continue to operate as an A school.

My belief is that all students can learn, and education is the avenue in developing citizens that will lead society. It is our goal to afford every child a differentiated learning experience and provide them with a foundation to equip them beyond their elementary school years.

I strongly believe in the home-school connection and you are encouraged to communicate often with your child's teacher. As a school, we will always keep you updated with information, activities and important dates via Parent Link, our website, upcoming events tab (on our site), Twitter, Facebook, flyers, etc. We also welcome you to become involved in the school by volunteering and participating in PTA, SAC (School Advisory Council) or SAF (School Advisory Forum). This year, we will be adding Remind as another layer of our school-wide communication. Please stay tuned for those instructions.

Our school spirit t-shirts will be available soon at a cost of \$10.00 for all students. It is extremely imperative that you purchase as soon as they are available. For the safety of your child, this shirt **must** be worn on **all** field trips.

Again, we look forward to serving you and our doors are always opened. We are going to have an unequivocally amazing year!

Sincerely,

Janet C. Williams

SAFETY PROCEDURES AND UPDATES

Parent and Visitor Access to Pasadena Lakes Elementary Campus

Our District is focused on maintaining safety for students, staff, and visitors at every Broward County Public school. Below are updates to safety procedures that will be in effect the first week of school to ensure all our students are safe. These procedures are aligned to Broward County School's safety for all campuses.

Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal and access to the campus. Beginning Wednesday, August 18, 2021, all the gates surrounding the school will be closed and locked at all times, with the exception of student drop-off and pick-up times. Gates will be **locked** after student drop-off at **8:30 am** and before student pick-up beginning at **1:45 pm**. Student drop-off begins at 7:40 am, unless your child is enrolled in our Panther Before & After Care and are dismissed beginning at 2:10 pm.

Ms. Morant our Campus Monitor, monitor visitors coming on and off campus. When entering the campus, please have your ID ready for access to our single point of entry. Be ready to share your purpose or need for your visit with our staff upon entering. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same! When you leave, our campus monitor will reopen the gate, so you may exit.

To assist us please ensure that your student arrives to school BEFORE 8:10 am every day. As always, students are not to be dropped off earlier than 7:40 am as no adult supervision is available prior to that time. If you are in need of morning child care, we do offer our Panther Care, which is our on-site Before and After Care Program. Please call our Panther Care office at 754-323-6922 to register. If parents need assistance with Panther Care, scholarships are available once the initial payment is made.

For our Pre-K AM/PM Program students and parents, the front parking lot gates will be open, and entry



will be monitored from 10:50 am to 11:20 am for pick-up, drop-off and other school business.

Parents who have scheduled conferences or need to speak to a member of support staff or administration may do so by going to the front office, after being granted access to the campus. Your driver's license is required when you enter, as all visitors must always be scanned through the front office using our RAPTOR System to ensure our students' safety.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather we kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

FortifyFL App

The FortifyFL App and website (<https://getfortifyfl.com/>) is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Please download the Pursuant to School Safety Awareness Program Statute App to your mobile devices and bookmark the website on all computer devices. Here are the 5 ways to report.



Anonymous Tip Submission via www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips



Call the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500 (reporter can remain anonymous)



Email to SecurityTips@Browardschools.com (reporter can remain anonymous)



FortifyFL at www.GetFortifyFL.com -NO DOWNLOAD Required



SaferWatch -DOWNLOAD REQUIRED a free mobile app that can be used as a mobile duress alarm (available in the Apple Store or Google Play Store)

OPEN HOUSE DATES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. PLEASE STAY TUNED.

MEET & GREET

Meet & Greet is on Friday, Aug. 17th. Please note our times for Meet & Greet are: PreK, KG & 1st grade will be held from 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM. 2nd & 3rd Grade will be from 1:45 PM – 2:15 PM. Grades 4 & 5 will be from 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM. Feel free to drop off your child's supplies on that day as well. Parents with multiple children may choose a session that best fits their needs.

SCHOOL STARTS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022.

On the first day of school only parents that have a Pre-K, Kindergarten or students in our ASD Special Program are permitted to walk your child directly to class on Wednesday, 8/18th ONLY.

Any student arriving after 8:15 AM will be escorted to class by a Pasadena Lakes staff member.

If your child in those grades mentioned above does not attend school on August 18, they will be escorted to class by a staff member to begin their first day of school. No parents will be permitted to walk their child to class after 8/18/2021.

ALL STUDENTS are always required to wear their student ID DAILY when they are in school.

Students will be issued temporary badges until new photo identification badges are received from our vendor photographer. Classroom teachers will issue and collect students badges at the beginning and end of the regular school day.



2022-23 Evaluations

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Pasadena Lakes Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 323-6900 by April 8, 2021.

We Are a Uniform School and Will follow a Unified Dress Code

Pasadena Lakes Elementary is a uniform school. Students are to adhere to the dress code as stated in the Code of Student Conduct Handbook.

For dress code information please read below.

UNIFORMS INCLUDE:

SHIRTS:

Solid color "Polo Style" Shirt (short or long sleeve)

Colors: Teal, Gray, Black, Navy Blue or White.

PANTS OR OVERALLS:

Long or knee length short pants (no jeans)

Colors: Navy, Blue, Black or Khaki

SHORTS:

Knee length (no jeans or basketball style shorts)

Colors: Navy Blue or Khaki

JUMPERS, SKIRTS, SKORTS OR CULOTTES:

Knee length, pleated or unpleated tennis skirts with shorts attached

Colors: Navy Blue or Khaki

SHOES: As per the Broward County School Board Dress Code Policy.

Items may be purchased at any locations that sell standard uniforms.

In addition, all students are always required to adhere to the dress code requirements as stated in the Broward County School Code of Conduct.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Violations of the uniform program shall be subject to the same consequences as violations of the dress code section of the Code of Student Conduct.



Pasadena Lakes Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival - Students may arrive to school in one of 4 ways:

Please be advised that visitors are not permitted to park or drop off in the fire lane in front of the building from 7:30 am – 8:10 am, so that buses may unload students.

The Instructional Day BEGINS at 8:10 am. If you arrive after 8:10 am you are LATE.

- Please be advised there is no supervision of students before 7:40 AM. Parents MAY NOT drop off their child before this time, unless enrolled in our Panther Care Before and After Care.
- Students participating in our Universal Free Breakfast program may arrive beginning at 7:40 AM.
- **Parent Drop off & Pick-up Lot (Gate #2)**- Students are dropped off in the car line and enter the building through the main gate of the lot.
- Parents that wish to park and walk their child to the gate will park and walk up to the gate. Please be advised that the gates to this lot will be closed at 8:10 am daily and remain closed until dismissal.
- **Biker/Walker- (Gate #3 & Gate #6)** Students walk up to the school along the designated sidewalk.
- **Bus Rider**- Students arrive to school on a bus and proceed to breakfast or their classroom hallway through the main entrance.
- **PreK and ASD Special Program Students ONLY**
 - **Pre-K and ASD Special Program parents** will enter through the Main Gate (#5), park on east side of the school and walk students to the cafeteria doors. You will receive a parking pass, to allow you entry through gate #5. If you do not have a pass, you will be asked to go to Gate #2. You will then park and walk your child to the cafeteria. No exceptions.

Dismissal – Students may be dismissed from school in one of 4 ways:

Please be advised that visitors are not permitted to park or drop off in the fire lane in front of the building from 1:40 pm – 2:20 pm, so that buses may load students.

- Any student who walks off campus MUST be dismissed as a walker from Gate #3 or Gate #6.
- Bus Riders will be escorted by a school staff member to the cafeteria to wait on their bus
- Panther Care (Aftercare) students will be escorted or dismissed from their classrooms to their counselors
- Day Care and Private Transportation students will be dismissed class and escorted by school staff to the benches in front of the school.

Dismissal Definitions

- **Car Riders**
 - Stay in your car and provide the staff member the name of the child(ren) that you are picking up
 - No child will be permitted to cross the car lane traffic without an adult
- **Walkers/Bike Riders** (2 dismissal locations):
 - Gate #3 (for students who must cross **Pasadena Blvd. or Douglas Road**) and cross with the crossing guard.
 - Gate #6 (for students who live on the north side of **Pasadena Blvd.** and will not need to cross the street).

School Security Badges

We have a single point of entry system at

Pasadena Lakes

Elementary along with the RAPTOR system that is in use in all Broward County Public Schools. The RAPTOR system is a security tracking method that screens school visitors against state and national databases.

Visitors to our site MUST bring identifications (driver's license, passport, state I.D., etc.) and register into the system. Individuals are given a badge to wear on campus on the date of the visit. The badge must be



returned to the front office before leaving. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

PLE Parent Handbook

The 2022-2023 Parent Handbook can be found on our school's website, under Quick Links. The weblink is: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/33096>

- **Buses**
 - Buses will enter at Gate #5 and exit at Gate #4.
- **Day Care and Private Transportation Vans**
 - Day Care and Private Transportation Vans will enter at Gate #5 and pull into parking lot on the east side of the school
 - Students will be escorted to their designated transportation service

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

- Students who arrive to school after 8:10 am, must be escorted into the school and signed in by a parent.
 - A parent must sign out their student requiring an early dismissal **BEFORE 1:40 PM (11:40 am on Early Release Days)**
 - Per School Board Policy, all early dismissals must be done more than 30 minutes before Pasadena Lakes' regular dismissal time.

School Forms are Now On-line

All school forms will be completed online can now submit on-line in your language of choice at www.browardschools.com/bts. The on-line wizard replaces the paper Emergency Contact Card and Code of Conduct forms.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

Please make sure that all free and reduced lunch applications are submitted on-line as soon as possible. The website is [Free and Reduced Lunch](#) If you need any assistance in completing the application, feel free to come to the school and we are happy to help you. Please remember that families that are not approved for free or reduced lunch benefits will be paying full price for lunch until approved. It is very important that parents check their child's account balance regularly as we want to ensure that all students receive a full lunch every day.

Download the www.myschoolsapps.com to apply for Free and Reduced Price Meals. Check out www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account and to see what they have eaten.

Emergency Preparedness

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. This year the District has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Pasadena Lakes will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parentlink and remind. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.



Traffic and Parking Safety Alert

Please help us make car rider morning drop off and afternoon pick up run more smoothly. Drivers are asked to please review and adhere to the following information.

Tips for the morning:

- Pull all the way forward to the stop sign, leaving no gaps (except for the crosswalks). Please do not stop in front of the student drop off/pick-up let your student exit or enter. Students will walk down to the car.
- **NEVER** allow a student to exit the car from the driver's side. The oncoming traffic in the pass-through lane (if open) is a hazard.
- Stay in your vehicle at all times. If you need to help your student with anything please park in the parking lot as to not impede traffic. Please be sure hugs, kisses, paperwork signing, hair brushing, etc. are done prior to entering car line.
- Pay attention for pedestrians in the crosswalks.
- Additionally, pedestrians are asked to not step out into traffic.
- **NEVER** move the safety cones or drive around them, on them or over them! The pass-through lane may be congested in the morning so be sure to arrive before 7:40am for conferences.

Tips for the afternoon:



- Please place the name hanger on your rearview mirror. Staff members will call for your child.
- Pull all the way forward, leaving no gaps (except for the crosswalks).
- Do not stop at the grade level groups, your student will come to your car.
- **NEVER** allow a student to enter the car from the driver's side. The oncoming traffic in the pass-through lane is a hazard.
- Stay in your vehicle at all times. Continue pulling forward until your student comes to you. Do not exit to look for your student unless you are in a dedicated parking space.
- Pay attention to the staff members' instructions.
- Pedestrians are asked to not step out into traffic.
- **NEVER** move the safety cones or drive through them, on them or over them!
- Please ONLY park in dedicated parking spaces (do NOT park in handicap spaces without proper authorization). There is NEVER parking in the pass-through lane.

Most importantly NEVER use your cell phone at any point in the car line!



Tips for parking:

- When extra parking is needed for special events, the gates at the corner of Douglas Rd. and Sheridan Street will be opened. NEVER park in a handicap space without proper authorization and hanging tag.
- NEVER park in the pass-through lane or exit the vehicle in the pass-through lane to pick up your student.

If everyone works together during the morning and afternoon rush, our students will be safer and the car line will operate more quickly. Thank you for your support!





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 several days.
<http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/application-note>

**Panther Care
 Before and Aftercare Registration**

Looking for a fun, safe, and reliable aftercare provider? Look no further than Panther Care! Our aftercare is open each day that students are in school and offers a variety of activities to keep your student busy. From structured homework time to playground time and fun activities, Panther Care (Before and Aftercare) has it all. We even provide snack and dinner to take one more thing off your plate at the end of a long, busy day. Scholarships are available to help with the cost of Aftercare!

If you are interested in Panther Care, please speak to Ms. Tinerino or Ashley Moore at 754-323-6900

Illnesses

Please remember to keep your student home if he/she is ill. Sick students can easily infect others. If a child becomes ill at school, and after a period of rest in the clinic, cannot return to class, you will be notified to pick up your student. Children cannot remain at school when ill. Any student having or suspected of having a communicable disease will not be permitted to attend school. Any student returning to school after having a communicable disease must provide a doctor's note indicating that return to school is safe.



Retirements from 2021-22

We are going to miss **Hansa Dagly (ESP)**, **Sue Petrucci (ESP)** & **Rosa Arias (ESP)**! These awesome women have started a new chapter and we wish them well!



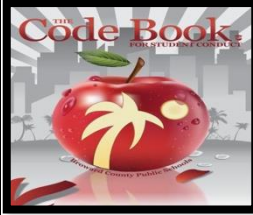
Meet our Campus School Resource Officer (SRO) & Campus Monitor

The City of Pembroke Pines has provided Pasadena Lakes with School Resource Officers to assist with campus security as well as to build positive relationships with our students. You will be able to see Officer Melvin Seguin during arrival and dismissal.



Mr. Terry Larkin is an experienced Campus Monitor and is ready to assist with campus security as well as build positive relationships with our students. You will be able to see him at our main gate and front door.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them and thank them for their service to our school community.



2022-23 Code of Conduct

Parents and students, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms online. It's quick and easy!

Online forms can be found here:

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

Online Code of Conduct book can be found here:

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



The School Board of Broward County Title I for Parent Involvement Center is located at 701 NW 31 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311. For more information please

contact Dr. Daniel at 754-322-5850 or visit

www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/ (or call 754-321-1425). The District Parent Involvement Policy

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>, LEA plan

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp>

Mrs. Lisa Morrow is our Title 1 Coordinator. Please feel free to contact her at the school for school specific information.

Is It Your Child's Birthday?

Celebrations are best recognized when celebrated by families at home. We are not celebrating student birthdays at school, but students can be recognized by their teacher and classmates.



Parents will be allowed to send in store bought cupcakes, donuts or cookies to celebrate their child's birthday. These will be distributed during lunch or recess by a school staff member, as not to detract from instructional time.

Please do not send in cookies, donuts or cupcakes containing peanuts. Do not send in drinks, balloons, flowers, prizes, gifts, etc. We appreciate your cooperation.

Welcome New Staff

We are pleased to introduce our new staff members joining the PLE family this school year!

PreK Team

Taylor Koss
 Lina Shafiq
 Perry Persico

Fourth Grade Team

Jessica Engram

ASD

TBD

New Positions from within...

ESE Support Facilitator

Jessica Taylor

Information Update

Has your phone number changed recently? Please remember that it is the parent's responsibility to provide the school with a working phone number. It is imperative for the safety and well-being of your child that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please submit all phone number changes to the front office or your child's teacher.



Online Textbooks

Did you know you can access your child's textbooks at home? Students can log in using Broward's Single Sign-On Launch Pad located at:

<http://browardschools.com/ss0>

Logging into Single Sign-On Launch Pad: Student login credentials are: Username: Student ID# (10-digit student number)

Password: Pmm/dd/yyyy (birthdate preceded by a capital 'P')

Parents login with student credentials



The Leader in Me & Kids of Character

PLE utilizes social-emotional and leadership concepts from the "Leader in Me". The program teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture where students can feel empowered in learning that there is a leader in each of them. It also teaches the students social-emotional, responsibility, accountability, problem solving, adaptability, communication, initiative, self-direction, creativity, cross-cultural skills and the importance of teamwork.

Kids of Character will begin in September and the first character trait is Cooperation.

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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.

