



The Panther Scoop

Pasadena Lakes Elementary

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August Newsletter

We are an...



School and District!

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Upcoming Dates

8/09 – Open House

8/12 – School Starts, 8:10 am

8/13 – Independence Day

(Students walk to class without parents.)

8/12 – Parents of PreK, K & ASD may walk student to class. You cannot linger in the classroom or at the door. No exceptions.

8/12 – Boo Hoo party for Pre-K & Kindergarten parents (optional)

8/12 – Temporary student ID issued.

11/25 – Student ID Badge Photos & Yearbook Pictures, PK – 5

9/2 – Holiday, Labor Day: School Closed

August 2, 2024

Dear Pasadena Lakes Family,

Welcome to Pasadena Lakes Elementary School! I am humbled and grateful for this year to serve as your principal. Our theme this year is **You Are Remarkable! Be Your Own Hero!** 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**. Our students, teachers, and staff have all worked feverishly, and we are proud of everyone for all of their efforts.

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. At Pasadena Lakes, we believe in providing all of our students a world-class education so that they can thrive and be all that they are created to be.

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 Parent Teacher Association (PTA), School Advisory Council (SAC) or School Advisory Forum (SAF). I cannot stress the importance of staying informed when information is disseminated.

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. Each grade level will have a different color. 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. 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. Dismissal beginning at 2:10 pm.

****The First Week of School** – Please understand that traffic will appear to be moving slow during the first week. Ensure that student name tags are clearly visible in order for staff to read and call names. Please remember that safety is an inconvenience, and we are asking for patience as we are working feverishly to get all our students in their vehicles.

Mrs. Brown and Ms. Houghton are our Campus Monitors, and they will 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. You must also present your ID prior to entering the front office. 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 if it is closed, so you may exit. Please note that when personnel is stationed outside, the gate may be opened but you will be stopped to retrieve the required information.

To assist us please ensure that your student arrives to school BEFORE 8:10 am every day, so aim for 8:00 in order not to be late! 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 childcare, 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, or you may register online. If parents need assistance with Panther Care, scholarships are available once the initial payment is made.

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 and staff 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 campus safe.

Inclement Weather and Dismissal

During inclement weather, PLEASE, please, please expect delays. If there is lightning, we must wait until the lightening passes by. If it is raining hard, students will be indoors waiting for their names to be called. We must follow the safety guidelines and your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

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 devises. Here are the 5 ways to report.



Anonymous Tip Submission via
<http://www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips>



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



Email to <mailto:SecurityTips@Browardschools.com>
(reporter can remain anonymous)



FortifyFL at <http://www.GetFortifyFL.com> -NO DOWNLOAD Required





2024-25 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.



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)

MEET & GREET and OPEN HOUSE

Open House and Meet & Greet are on Friday, Aug. 9th. Please note our times for Meet & Greet are: PreK, KG & 1st grade will be held from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM. 2nd & 3rd Grade will be from 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM. Grades 4 & 5 will be from 3:00 PM – 3:45 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 MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024.

On the first day of school parents are permitted to walk your child directly to class on Monday, August 12th ONLY.

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

If your child does not attend school on August 12th, 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 8/12/2024.

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.

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.



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 2024-2025 Parent Handbook can be found on our school's website, under Quick Links. The weblink is:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/33096>

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 #7 & #8)-** 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 #4 & Gate #9)** 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.
- **Opening and Closing Car Doors –** Staff **WILL NOT** open and close car doors. Students of Kindergarten and first graders will need to practice opening and closing the car door at home. Thank you for your cooperation. Students in second through fifth grade have been practicing this skill and we thank you parents.
- **PreK and ASD Special Program Students ONLY**
 - **Pre-K and ASD Special Program parents** will enter through the Main **Gate (#12 & #13)**, 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 **#12 & #13**. If you do not have a pass, you will be asked to go to Gate **#7 & #8**. You will then park and walk your child to the entrance gate (there will be an adult or Safety Patrol) in that lot. 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 #4 or Gate #9**.
- 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 #9 (for students who must cross **Pasadena Blvd. or Douglas Road**) and cross with the crossing guard.
 - Gate #9 (for students who live on the north side of **Pasadena Blvd.** and will not need to cross the street).
- **Buses**
 - Buses will enter at Gate #12 & #13 and exit at Gate #10 & #11.
- **Day Care and Private Transportation Vans**
 - Day Care and Private Transportation Vans will enter at Gate #12 & #13 and exit at



Gate #10 & #11

- 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 in your language of choice through the new Parent FOCUS portal at <https://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/>. The on-line portal replaces the paper Emergency Contact Card and Code of Conduct forms.

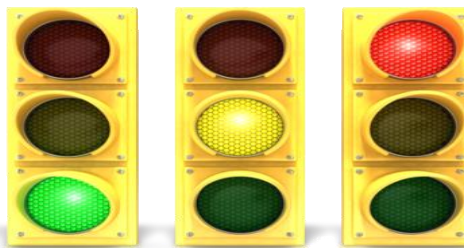
[Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#)

Free and Reduced Lunch Information

We are a CPE School and therefore, breakfast and lunch are free, but parents are encouraged to complete the free/reduced forms at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> to help us maintain our status.

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, tornado and lockdown drills strategically throughout the school year to help students practice what to do in the event of a real emergency. 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 space 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!



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Thank 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 several days.
<https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>
[Volunteering at Broward Schools](#)

**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 at 754-323-6900



The Focus Parent Portal is your gateway to staying connected with your student's educational journey in Broward County Public Schools. For the first time, parents/guardians with multiple students will be able to access all their students in one place. The portal will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress, stay informed of upcoming school and district events, and allow you to communicate directly with your student's teachers.

To create a new Parent Portal account, you will need a valid email address. Connecting each of your enrolled students will require the following information:

- Student's full name
- Student's ID number (begins with '06')
- Student's date of birth

If you need assistance with creating an account or connecting your student to your Parent Portal account, please contact your student's school.

For a mobile friendly version, please download the BCPS Connect app from the Apple App Store at <https://www.apple.com/app-store/> or Google Play Store at <https://play.google.com/store/games?device=windows>.



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

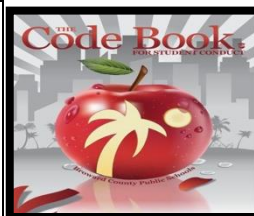
The City of Pembroke Pines has provided Pasadena Lakes with School Resource Officers to assist with campus security as well as to build positive relationships with our students. You will be able to see Officer Melvin Seguin during arrival and dismissal.

Mrs. Catina Brown & Ms. J. Houghton are our Campus Monitors and is ready to assist with campus security as well as build positive relationships with our students. You will be able to see them 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.

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.



2024-25 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>

Retirements from 2024-25

Cathy Jacobs – Office Manager

Lucille Haygood – Teacher Assistant

We will miss the both of you, but we are excited for your new and exciting journey of retirement! We love you both!



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 visit [Title I Services](#) (or call 754-321-1400). The District Parent Involvement Policy can be found at [Title I, Migrant & Special Programs](#)

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

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

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37523> 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, cookies, or water to celebrate their child's birthday. These will be distributed during lunch or



Welcome New Staff

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

Kindergarten Team

Jade Lane

First Grade Team

Royelle-Joan Collier

Fifth Grade Team

Kristina Arnaiz

ASD

TBD

Speech

Myia Lewis

Teacher Assistant

Jonelle James

Katherine Calvo

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/ssu>

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

Password: Each classroom has a unique password.

Parents login with student credentials



<p>recess by a school staff member, as not to detract from instructional time. <i>Please do not send in cookies, donuts or cupcakes containing peanuts. Do not send in drinks, balloons, flowers, prizes, gifts, etc.</i> We appreciate your cooperation.</p>	<p><u>New Positions from within...</u> <u>Office Manager & Confidential</u> Briseida Lero</p> <p><u>Literacy Coach</u> Jacinta Damasco</p> <p><u>Behavior Technician</u> Tradia Williams</p>	<p>The Leader in Me & Kids of Character</p> <p> PLE utilizes life skills 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.</p> <p>Kids of Character will begin in September and the first character trait is Cooperation.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact our School Counselor – Meagan Thomson 754-323-6900 for any questions relating to counseling, academic success, wellness or social emotional.</p>
<p>The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District’s Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321- 2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158</p> <p>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.</p>		

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