

# Welcome Back Newsletter

## Larkdale Elementary School

2019 - 2020

**Highlighting the Pathway  
to Excellence**

Dear Larkdale Parents and Guardians,

I want to officially welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. It is with great pleasure I can serve as your proud principal of Larkdale Elementary. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

Through our commitment and dedication to our students and community, Larkdale Elementary will continue to build a strong academic foundation for our students. With your continued support, we are confident that we'll continue to reach our school-wide goals. This year's school theme for the 2019-20 school year is, "Highlighting the Pathway Towards Excellence." Every month our school will highlight students, teachers, staff, and community members that are making a difference at Larkdale Elementary.

This year, I'd like to invite you to participate in our home-school connection initiative. We encourage you to take an active role and become involved in our parent groups or as a volunteer in our school. You can complete the application on the Parents, Business & Community Partnerships website at [www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com). Remember, you can make a world of difference in your child's education! I would also like to invite you to visit our school's website <http://larkdale.browardschools.com>. This will serve as a resource tool for all upcoming events, student/parent handbook, important reminders and you can catch up with all the wonderful things our students and teachers are doing.

In closing, we would like to once again welcome you back to school and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at our Open House.

Sincerely,

Carla D. Hart, Proud Principal

**New School Hours**  
**PreK-5th: 8:25 am - 2:55 pm**  
**Headstart: 8:25 am - 2:25 pm**

**Meet and Greet**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

Headstart at 9:00 am in the Cafeteria.

**Pre-K to 5th Grade**  
from 12:00 (noon) to 3:00 pm



**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

Parents of all grade levels, Pre-K through 5th will be permitted to escort their children to their classrooms. We will need all adults to leave the campus no later than 8:30 am.

**School Spirit Shirt**  
School shirts are on sale for

**\$8.00**



**Please support your school.**

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**  
**Cafeteria**  
**5:30 pm**



## Back to School Online Forms

To expedite the beginning of year paperwork, you can access the Back to School Online Forms portal at:

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

and fill in the forms. To ensure you have completed every step, **the final page you receive needs to be printed, signed, and returned to the school.** This form has a code that will enable us to access the information and roll it in to our database, so please bring in the signature page as soon as possible.

## Attendance

It is imperative your students are on time to school daily. **New School hours are from 8:25 am - 2:55 pm.** Students should be seated and ready to learn by 8:25 am each day. Don't forget to set your alarms and arrive on time. If your child is going to be absent, call the Attendance Hotline at:

**754-322-6602**

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.

[www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

## Drop Off and Pick Up

This is a friendly reminder that parent should stay in their cars while dropping and picking up their children. Please have your child exit on the passenger side closest to the curb. Also remember to pull all the way up behind the car in front of you before letting the student exit the car. Remember safety is everyones responsibility.



## Parent and Visitor Access to Larkdale Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Larkdale Elementary. New guidelines and policies are being implemented district wide in an effort to better secure our schools. The District has mandated that **once the school day begins, all perimeter gates MUST BE LOCKED** except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. **This gate must be monitored at all times by school personnel. If personnel are not available to dedicate to this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the school MUST CALL** the school's office to gain entry to the campus. Due to budgetary constraints, Larkdale Elementary does not have any extra staff to dedicate to solely monitoring the front entrance gate, therefore, we will need to close and lock the gate. Please help us keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

- The gate to the front parking lot of the school **will be locked and secured at 8:45 am.** If you need access to the campus, you will need to call the school at 754-322-6600. We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly.
- To allow Headstart students pickup, the gates to the NorthWest side of the school and the front parking lot **will be open and entry will be monitored again from 2:15 to 2:30 pm.**
- The gates will be **locked and secured again from 2:30 to 2:45 pm** and will be reopend and entry will be monitored beginning 2:45 to 6:00 pm by Afterschool Staff to allow for dismissal and pick up from the aftercare program.
- All faculty and students will wear ID badges always while in school. To keep the student badges safe, the classroom teacher will hand out and collect them daily. If your child comes home with the badge, please return it to school the following day. We will have one back-up ID per student. Thereafter, a charge may be imposed.

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

## Who's Who at Larkdale Elementary

We are here to serve and meet your academic, social, and emotional needs. If there is anything you need, please contact one of our amazing team members:

- Mrs. Hart, Principal
- Mrs. Woods, Intern Principal
- Mrs. Yassen, Reading Coach **(New)**
- Ms. Vaughn, Math/Science Coach
- Mrs. Grosvenor, ESE Specialist
- Ms. Berger, Psychologist
- Mrs. Marshall, Guidance Counselor
- Mrs. Davis, Campus Monitor
- Mrs. Auguste, Social Walker **(New)**
- Mrs. McIntosh, Community Liaison
- Mr. Franklin, Community Liaison



**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

**SAC Meeting**

**Media Center**

**5:30 pm**

