



LAUDERHILL PAUL TURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



August 10, 2018

Dear Lauderhill Paul Turner (LPT) Family,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2018-2019 School Year as a “B” School!! The only “B” school in Lauderhill and the Boyd Anderson Zone!! I hope each of you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and are prepared for a fantastic new school year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you and introducing you to a few new members that have joined our LPT Family. Upon arriving to campus, you may notice a few differences implemented to ensure we maintain safety as our number one priority.

This letter will also serve as our first Community Newsletter, as **there will be some very important changes this school year that will need your immediate attention.** Please read the remainder of this in its entirety as it contains very important changes to the way we do things at LPT.

In the aftermath of the February 14, 2018 Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy, **safety and security procedures** have been updated.

Effective immediately: All faculty and students will wear ID badges while in school. To keep the student badges safe, your classroom teacher will hand out and collect them daily. If your child comes home with their badge, please ensure its safety and return it to school the following day. Students will incur a charge for re-printing if their badge is lost.

- All visitors must be processed through the STAR system (**parents and caregivers must bring ID**)
- All perimeter gates will be locked by 8:15am
- All open gates will be monitored by a staff member
- All classroom doors will remain locked at all times

If you attempt to enter the campus and the gate is locked with no staff member near the gate please contact the front office at (754) 322-6700 and a staff member will come out to allow you onto campus. If your child has a doctor's appointment, please consider calling ahead to prevent any unwanted delays in the early dismissal process. During the early dismissal process parents are still expected to bring their ID and sign their child out. **Students will not be released to anyone who is not on the registration card as an authorized pickup person.** I apologize for any inconvenience these processes may cause you or your family. Please understand these measures are necessary to ensure the safety of all students and staff at LPT.

- Parents with students participating in our Head-start, ESE PRE-K program or the ASD K-5 classes will have further instructions from their teachers during the Meet and Greet and first three days of school.
- School Supervision begins at 7:00am. Please do not drop off students prior to that time.
- **As always, you will be allowed to walk with your student to class on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the first week. Please be reminded that this is NOT the time to engage teachers in conversation, as they will be supervising their classrooms prior to 7:45am. Please drop off your child at class, say goodbye, then exit the school and enjoy your day. On Monday, August 20th, students will begin their independence by walking to class themselves. Parents will be stopped at the front doors.**
- Please pay very close attention to traffic patterns during drop-off and pick-up. Students are to be dropped off in the car lane closest to the building; the other is a thru-lane, stopping to let off your child puts them in danger of being hit and you in danger by causing a potential collision. Students should exit the car from the door closest to the sidewalk, not from behind the driver. Please DO NOT drop off your child in the parking lot as cars are constantly in motion, and it is unsafe.
- In addition to the monthly fire drills, we will now be conducting monthly code-red (lockdown) drills. I will inform the community the day of the drills, so **please make sure that all phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, and emergency contacts are up to date with the school. The hardest part of our job can be the inability to reach a parent during a crisis.**
- Broward County Schools practice two (2) fire drills, one (1) tornado drill, and now one (1) Code Red Lockdown drill during the first two weeks of school.
- LPT has a Mandatory School Uniform policy. Please have your child dressed in the appropriate school uniform as compliance will be monitored daily and consequences will result for students out of uniform (unless it is a “dress down” day). There is information in the front office regarding our uniform policy.
- Please understand that our commitment to safety and security is not only priority, it is state statute; and we will only be as strong as our own personal commitment to ensuring these are implemented with fidelity. This year is going to be extremely critical, and I am asking for your patience, understanding, commitment, and willingness to keep LPT as safe and secure as possible.
- In order to make your school year most productive, please access the **Broward School Parent Tool Kit** at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41096>. Here you will find a wealth of information regarding back to school, in addition to general information that relates to students and families. Please read all about volunteering at school at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32043>. You can also register online from this link.

*****IMPORTANT***** To expedite the beginning of year paperwork, you can access the **Back to School Online Forms** portal at <https://scaweb.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 brought to school and given to our IMT (Mrs. Allen). This form has a code that will enable our registrar to access the information and roll it in to our database, so please bring in the signature page as soon as possible.

I want to leave you with some general information that will positively assist you in navigating Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary.

- Websites
 - Broward County Public Schools – <https://www.browardschools.com/>
 - Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School
<https://www.browardschools.com/lauderhillpaulturnerelem>
 - Student Single Sign On (SSO) – <http://browardschools.com/sso> (see p. 6)
 - Online School Payments – <https://estore.browardschools.com/OSP/default.aspx>

- Students have at home all the online educational resources they have in school, including online textbooks and the *iReady* program, our online learning tool that supports the Florida Standards. Students access their own SSO Launchpad at <http://browardschools.com/sso>. I HIGHLY encourage you and your child to utilize iReady at home for Reading and Math. Please contact your teacher for more information.

- In accordance with Florida Statute 1012.34, Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Lauderhill Paul Turner’s Elementary School's instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 322-6700 by April 12, 2019.

- ***“Secure the Next Generation” initiative seeks a 1/2 mill increase for school safety, retaining quality teachers and expanding educational opportunities for students***

In an effort to address the lack of funds from the Florida Legislature for school safety officers (school resource officer) and teacher and school-related staff compensation, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) seeks a 1/2 mill referendum on the August 28, 2018, primary election ballot.

Like all school districts in Florida, BCPS is required to comply with the new Florida law, Senate Bill 7026, which now requires every school to have a school safety officer. The state legislature did not include or provide a way for school districts to fully fund the extra expenses for compensation and benefits associated with this increased staffing.

To learn more about the “Secure the Next Generation,” initiative and the 1/2 mill referendum, visit browardschools.com/secure.

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, August 14, 2018 - Meet and Greet**
 - 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Wednesday, August 15, 2018 - 1st day for students**
 - 7:45am – 1:45pm (doors open at 7:00am)
- **Wednesday, August 29, 2018 – OPEN HOUSE**
 - 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- **Monday, September 3, 2018, Labor Day, No School**

I look forward to the year ahead and with your support, we will accomplish our theme for the year which is: **LPT is on our way, to the "A"!!**

Educationally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Garrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "G".

Richard M. Garrick
Principal

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

ACCESSING SINGLE SIGN-ON (STUDENT)

- 1 – Enter <http://browardschools.com/sso> into the URL bar
- 2 – Find the purple tab titled Register Now / Login
 - Click link to be directed to login page
 - USERNAME – 10-digit student number beginning with 06
 - PASSWORD – Pmm/dd/yyyy
 - ex. Birthdate of Jan 1, 2004 = P01/01/2004

ACCESSING DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS

- 1 – Log into SSO as STUDENT (same directions as above)
 - USERNAME – 10-digit student number beginning with 06
 - PASSWORD – Pmm/dd/yyyy
 - ex. Birthdate of Jan 1, 2004 = P01/01/2004
- 2 – Find the APP titled – ONLINE STUDENT TEXTBOOKS
 - Click on app
- 3 – Find the tab on the left side of the screen titled HOME
 - Below HOME is ELEMENTARY – click on ELEMENTARY
- 4 – You should now be on the webpage that is titled ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOKS
 - At the bottom of the screen is Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
- 5 – Click on the subject area you want – then scroll below to find your child’s grade level
 - Click on the student book link

AM / PM CAR LOOP PROCEDURES

This serves as a friendly reminder about our procedures for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up in the main car loop. To be proactive and ensure that everyone knows the procedures and we create the safest environment possible, please adhere to the following:

AM DROP OFF:

- **Please drive through the loop slowly as people are continually crossing the street from the parking lot to the school**
- Please use the car lane closest to the school for drop off and pick up; the outer lane is a thru-lane for the parking lot – stopping to let off your child puts them in danger of being hit and you by causing a potential collision. Students should exit the car from the door closest to the sidewalk, not from behind the driver
- Upon arrival, please pull to the end of the driveway, or up to the car in front of you
- **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING YOUR CELL PHONE / TEXTING WHILE IN THE CAR LOOP**
- DO NOT EXIT the car; your child should be the only one exiting
- Please do not drop off students in the parking lot
- Please refrain from conversations as this is the time to drop off only; if you have a concern, or need to assist your child with something (i.e. sign an agenda), please park in the lot – DO NOT

remain in the car loop as this stops traffic. Please walk your child across the parking lot to school – do not let them walk alone.

- Do not weave in and out of the lanes unless directed to do so – this will eventually end up in a collision
- After your child exits, please exit the car loop in a safe fashion and have an excellent day ☺

PM PICK UP:

- Please use the car lane closest to the sidewalk for pick up
- Upon arrival, please pull to the end of the driveway, or up to the car in front of you
- **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING YOUR CELL PHONE / TEXTING WHILE IN THE CAR LOOP**
- DO NOT EXIT your car; we will assist your child if needed
- Please refrain from conversations as this is the time to pick up only; if you need to speak with the teacher, please park in the lot – DO NOT remain in the car loop as this stops traffic
- After your child enters the car, please exit the car loop in a safe fashion and have an excellent day ☺

If we follow the procedures set forth, LPT will continue to remain a safe and secure school, especially during our drop off and pick up times.

Thank you very much for your assistance!! ☺

PROCEDURES FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Please provide proper ID for the STAR process.
- This celebration is to provide a sweet treat for your child and his/her class. Please do not bring lunch food (i.e. pizza, Chick-Fil-A, etc...) to feed the class.
- **Items given out to children must be store bought and brought to school unopened.**
- Please provide either cupcakes, donuts, or cookies. Sheet cakes and ice cream are not permitted. Also, please provide plates and napkins for the students.
- Do not bring candles, balloons, games, and goodie bags.
- Students that are in your child's class are the only recipients of the birthday treat.
- Privacy is highly protected, so please do not take pictures of other students, as it is a direct violation of the FERPA law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). Please visit <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html> for more information.

UNIFORM POLICY: MANDATORY UNIFIED DRESS CODE

Tops: White, yellow, navy or light blue polo-style. Students may also wear LPT spirit T-shirts.

Bottom: Navy or Khaki slacks, plaid, khaki, or navy shorts, skorts, or jumpers. **Regular blue jeans on Fridays only.** (No baggy or oversized jeans).

Shoes: Athletic shoes are recommended, however. Students must follow School Board Policy regarding footwear. Students may not wear backless shoes.

Belts: Required for pants or shorts with belt loops.

As per school board policy no backless shoes, no hats, bandanas, or other head coverings, no sunglasses. Please see the student code of conduct for clarification.

On Cold Days:

Dress code must be adhered to everyday including cold days. Students may not wear sweat pants, jogging pants or another non-uniform pant. Uniform shirt still need to be worn, sweatshirts and jackets are allowed. During the cold weather season jeans may be worn, but you will be given a parent link or note from the school. Long sleeve shirts may be worn under a short-sleeved uniform shirt.

Waivers for sincerely held religious beliefs only, may be requested during the first 10 days of school.