
SILVER SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



August 8, 2018

Dear Silver Shores Family,

It is with the greatest enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2018-2019 School Year. Our team has dedicated the summer to professional learning, and what we have experienced has truly impressed and humbled us. We take great pride in rolling out the new school year to such a dynamic group of people – both young people and adults. We, too, bring unique experiences and great passion for this work to our new year.

Despite our current school grade, which is a C for the 2017-2018 school year, we will continue to be champions of student achievement, creativity, voice and leadership. As Principal, I take no greater pride in watching our students step into their roles as both leaders and learners; taking responsibility for themselves and our community. I believe there is no limit to what we can and will achieve at Silver Shores Elementary School. We are committed to making every day important and better than the last. We will learn from both our successes and our failures, to become a community of learners that reach the highest expectations.

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 The Shores.

First and foremost, in the aftermath of the February 14, 2018 Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy, **safety and security procedures** have been updated and with everyone's unconditional participation, will only strengthen our school's procedures.

- All faculty and students will wear ID badges always 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. We will have one back-up ID per student. Thereafter, a charge may be imposed.

- All visitors, volunteers, school-board employees, etc. must enter the school through the main office and present proper ID for the STAR (Security Tracking and Response) machine. Once cleared, you will be given an ID badge and buzzed in to the main hallway. You must wear your ID badge in a visible location while in school. Parents with students participating the ESE PRE-K program or the InD K-5 classes will have further instructions from their teachers during the Meet and Greet and first three days of school.
- The main office door into the school's main hallway has an electric strike. The only way in is by buzzer, so please be patient while waiting your turn to enter.
- Silver Shores will allow parents to accompany their students to breakfast. Please arrive at 7:30am, as you will need to go through the STAR process before entering. Upon finishing breakfast, your child will go to class; you will drop off your ID badge in the front office before exiting school. Parents will not accompany their child to class after breakfast. Silver Shores will also allow birthday celebrations (see p. 9). Please review the procedures carefully.
- School Supervision begins at 7:30am. Please do not drop off students prior. If you need to drop off early, we offer a Before-Care Program. Please speak with Ms. Franki Pasquale, Before and After Care Coordinator.
- **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 8:00am. 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 (see pp. 7-8). 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.
- Due to the heightened safety and security measures, we are changing our afternoon ways students go home (see p. 8-9). Silver Shores park will no longer be an option for student pick up as the park gates will remain locked at all times. If you utilized the park in the past, your options are to either pick your child up in the car loop as a car rider, or you may park your vehicle at Silver Shores park and walk to the school's front entrance to pick up your child. We will refer to these students as "walk-up walkers," which will replace "Pedestrian Pick-Up."
- 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. 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. If all goes according to plan (weather permitting), these are the dates for the drills
 - Fire Drill #1: Friday, August, 17, 2018
 - Fire Drill #2: Tuesday, August 21, 2018
 - Tornado Drill: Thursday, August 23, 2018
 - Code Red Lockdown Drill: Friday, August 24, 2018
- Silver Shores has a Mandatory School Uniform policy (see pp. 9-10). 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 and In Unison, our school uniform supplier. Please visit the front office with any questions or clarifications needed – I would rather answer questions and provide up-to-date information than consequence students. In Unison, our school uniform provider, will be on campus Friday, August 10, 2018, 8:30am -11:30am.

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, and willingness to commit to keep Silver Shores Elementary as safe and secure as possible. When one feels unsafe, the focus for learning is lost.

Second, Silver Shores Elementary will receive **Title I** funding for the 2018-2019 school year. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of Title 1 funding, “is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.”

The basic principles of Title 1 state that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting students' educational goals. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 52% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, Silver Shores Elementary School had 58% of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. There will be more information soon regarding Title I.

The School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement is located at 701 NW 31st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. For more information, you may contact Dr. Daniel at 754-322-5850 or visit www.broward.k.12.fl.us/titleone/ or call 754-321-1425.

Third, there have been a few **personnel changes in my leadership team**. Mrs. Julie Martin, our Literacy Coach, has relocated, and our new Literacy Coach is Ms. Jessica Abraham. Mrs. Luisa Mercado, our Office Manager, has also relocated and our new Office Manager is Mrs. Nicole Lawson. Mrs. Anna Diaz, our Head Facilities Person, has retired and our new Head Facilities Person is Mr. Omar Tunon. Although we will deeply miss Julie, Luisa, and Anna, we wish them all the best as they begin new journeys in life.

Fourth, 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 registrar. 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.

Fifth, I want to leave you with some general information that will positively assist you in navigating Silver Shores Elementary.

- Websites
 - Broward County Public Schools – <https://www.browardschools.com/>
 - Silver Shores Elementary School – <https://www.browardschools.com/silvershores>
 - Silver Shores Elementary’s Before and After Care – <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/15456>
 - Silver Shores Elementary’s School Improvement Plan – http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/school_sip.asp?school_number=3581
 - Student Single Sign On (SSO) – <http://browardschools.com/sso> (see p. 6)
 - Online School Payments – <https://estore.browardschools.com/OSP/default.aspx>
 - Follow us on Twitter: @SilverShoresEL; Like our Silver Shores Elementary School Facebook page

- Silver Shores Support Team
 - Principal – Dr. Jonathan Leff (jonathan.leff@browardschools.com)
 - Assistant Principal – Mrs. Lisa Monroe (lisa.monroe@browardschools.com)
 - Guidance Counselor – Mrs. Christine Coschignano (c.coschignano@browardschools.com)
 - ESE Specialist – Ms. Mary Verrastro (mary.verrastro@browardschools.com)
 - Literacy Coach – Ms. Jessica Abraham (Jessica.abraham@browardschools.com)
 - Office Manager – Mrs. Nicole Lawson (nicole.lawson@browardschools.com)
 - School Psychologist – Ms. Caroline Hejja (caroline.hejja@browardschools.com)
 - School Social Worker – Ms. Raziela Boylan (raziela.boylan@browardschools.com)
 - School Registrar – Ms. Dee Degroff (ddegroff@browardschools.com)
 - School Resource Officer – Officer Dora Chalk, Miramar Police Department (tford@miramarpd.org)

- Students have at home all the online educational resources they have in school, including online textbooks (see p. 7) and the *iReady* program, our online learning tool that supports the Florida Standards. Students access their own SSO Launchpad at <http://browardschools.com/sso> (see p. 6). I HIGHLY encourage you and your child to utilize iReady at home. Please contact your teacher for more information.
- In accordance with Florida Statute 1012.34, Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Silver Shores Elementary School's instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 323-7550 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:

- Friday, August 10, 2018, In Unison Uniforms sales at school, 8:30am – 11:30am
- Tuesday, August 14, 2018 - Meet and Greet
 - Pk-2nd, InD K-5th: 9:00 -10:00am
 - 3rd-5th: 10:30 -11:30am
- Wednesday, August 15, 2018 - 1st day for students, 8:00am – 2:00pm (doors open at 7:30am)
 - Before Care hours: 7:00am–7:30am (See Ms. Franki Pasquale, Before and After Care Coordinator)
 - After Care hours: 2:00pm–6:00pm (See Ms. Franki Pasquale, Before and After Care Coordinator)
- Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 6-8pm - Pk-2nd, InD K-5th Open House
- Monday, September 3, 2018, Labor Day, No School
- Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6-8pm – 3rd-5th Open House

I look forward to the year ahead and many more to follow, and your generosity in continuing to have faith in The Greatest Corner in the Universe.

Every day - my very best,



Dr. Jonathan Leff

Your VERY PROUD 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 drive through the loop slowly and have your name tag displayed to expedite your child's pickup**
- Please use the car lane closest to the school 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, Silver Shores Elementary will continue to remain a safe and secure school, especially during our drop off and pick up times. If you have any questions or ideas to better streamline our procedures, please feel free to call me at (754) 323-7578 or email me at jonathan.leff@browardschools.com.

Thank you very much for your assistance!! 😊

STUDENT DISMISSAL – HOW WE GET HOME

Parents have a few options regarding regular afternoon pick up (2:00pm on regular school days, and 12:00pm on early release days). You must let your child know how they are getting home as we have internal tags that assist us in ensuring your child goes home the correct way. If at any time during the school year you must alter your child's dismissal, please let the front office know ASAP, and we will inform the teacher of the change, and provide the student with the appropriate tag. The following are the different dismissal scenarios:

- **Car Rider** – student is picked up in front of the school in the car. Parent remains in the car and drive through the car line. Parents will not exit their vehicle.
- **Bike Rider** – student rides their bike to and from school. There is a bike rack in the front of the school that students will use.
- **Walkers** – students will exit the school from the front door and walk home.
- **Walk-up Walkers** – Due to heightened safety and security measures, Silver Shores park will no longer be an option for student pick up as the park gates will remain locked at all times. If you utilized the park in the past, your options are to either pick your child up in the car loop as a car rider, or you may park your vehicle at Silver Shores park and walk to the school's front entrance to meet and pick up your child. This will now be referred to as "Walk-Up Walkers" and replace "Pedestrian Pick-up."
- **Bus Rider** – students that are pre-approved to ride the Broward County School Buses. These students should have received a bus pass from the district.
- **After-Care programs (Non-Silver Shores)** – students that attend other after-care programs may have private transportation, or they are met by adults and walk to their destination

- **Private Transportation** – certain students have private transportation that parents pay for if they are unable to pick up their child on time. This scenario is not the responsibility of Silver Shores Elementary School. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are utilizing a private service.

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES FOR BIRTHDAYS

- Please provide proper ID for the STAR process. Once approved, you will be buzzed in, and are to report directly to the cafeteria. Please do not go to the student’s classroom.
- 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.
- Please refrain from bringing candles, balloons, games, and goodie bags.
- Students that are in your child’s class are the only recipients of the birthday treat. Please **DO NOT** give out to other students in other classes.
- 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: Hunter green, white, navy or light blue polo-style with emblem. Students may also wear non-collared shirts with emblem and the Silver Shores spirit T-shirt.

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 need to be plain with no writing on them. During the cold weather season jeans may only on Fridays and must be accompanied by a uniform or spirit shirt. Long sleeve shirts may be worn under a short-

sleeved uniform shirt. In addition, sweatshirts and jackets may be utilized but must be plain with no writing or pictures on them.

On cold mornings, school doors are opened at 7:15 am to allow students into the cafeteria.

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

Silver Shores Elementary Students, Parents & Staff



**IN UNISON SCHOOL APPAREL, YOUR UNIFORM
SCHOOL VENDOR, HAS MOVED,
WE ARE NOW OPEN AT A NEW LOCATION:**

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LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA 33351

**NE corner of University and 44th street
next to Crafty Crab Restaurant**

Questions? Call us 954-749-3340

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