

Tiger Tribune

Plantation Elementary
Sprouting STEM Museum Magnet School
651 NW 42nd Avenue * Plantation, FL * 33317

Teachers **Believe**
Scholars Achieve



PLANTATION ELEMENTARY UNIFORM POLICY

ALL STUDENTS
are required to wear
uniforms Monday
thru Friday.

Students can wear a
Plantation
Elementary spirit
shirt with jeans on
Fridays only.

HOME OF THE TIGERS



VISION STATEMENT:

To provide an equitable learning
environment conducive to learning
through STEM integration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/3 Report Cards Issued (Online)
- 2/9 Interim Reports Issued
- 2/9 Virtual Honor Roll Assembly
(3rd Grade thru 5th Grade)
- 2/10 Virtual Honor Roll Assembly
(K thru 2nd Grade)
- 2/12 Virtual Students Honor Roll Drive
Through (2:30 PM – 3:00 PM)
- 2/15 NO SCHOOL – President's Day
(All students dismissed at 12 PM)
- 2/17 Wear your African attire
- 2/18 Early Release Day



Important

There is NO ADULT SUPERVISION before 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is served between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. Students entering the cafeteria after 7:50 a.m. will not be served unless they arrive on a late bus. Be sure your children arrive at school on time and report absences by calling the attendance line 754-322-8002.

School Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scholars

FEBRUARY 2ND
RUTH-ANN WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 3RD
RAYVON DESHOMMES

FEBRUARY 5TH
JAMARI DILLEN

FEBRUARY 6TH
KATELYN MCKAIN
SKYLER PIERRE

FEBRUARY 7TH
MEKHI BRADHAM

FEBRUARY 8TH
NA'SHON SMITH

FEBRUARY 9TH
KHLOE SARJU

FEBRUARY 11TH
KENSLEY DYBERGE

FEBRUARY 12TH
ANN MARIE ALEXIS
CHLOE HENRY
NAHAMA JEAN BAPTISTE

FEBRUARY 13TH
AARON PIERRE

FEBRUARY 15TH
JAHNIYA DIXON
KAIDEN HIRSCH
KYLE HIRSCH

FEBRUARY 16TH
WILLIAM CESPEDES DONIS
CHOYCE CHISHOLM

FEBRUARY 18TH
KOURTNI COOPER
DOROTHY DESHOMMES
KAYCIA RUSSELL

FEBRUARY 20TH
MARIAH GILLESPIE
ANN-LORY JEAN
ETHAN SHUTTLEWORTH
LYRIK THOMPSON
A'LANA WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 22ND
SAVION TIMOLEON

FEBRUARY 23RD
JADA FORD
ETHAN JAMES
LOGAN PRINCE

FEBRUARY 26TH
AALIYAH BRENT HARRIS
AMINA ZACKERY

FEBRUARY 28TH
SARA MASIS SEGURA
MICHAEL PETERS





It's the Third quarter of the school year!! Unbelievable but true. One month has gone out of the New Year and we are already in February!

Parents, please make sure your scholars are in attendance every day but more importantly the week of February 8-12th, FTE week. This is when we receive funding for our students, so your scholar being present is important.

Our scholars in grades K-5 have just completed the iReady Diagnostic in Reading and Math. You may reach out to your scholar's teacher, if you want to know how your scholar did.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the newest members of Plantation Elementary staff, Ms. Heslop-Kindergarten, Ms. Leon ASD and Ms. Lundi, Kindergarten Support and Ms. Nesbitt, our Cafeteria manager.

On February 14th is the third year of the MSD tragedy. Plantation will be engaging in an active focused around kindness, we will be making cards for the essential workers at Plantation General Hospital.

Please be reminded that there should be no cell phone usage in the school zone or the car loop. You run the risk of being ticketed. Also no parking on the swale or in front of the school. When visiting the school, please utilize the designated visitors spot in the main parking lot.

Our school hours are 8:00 am-2:00pm. Instruction starts promptly at 8:00. Your scholar misses important skills by not being in class at the start of instruction. Students must also be picked up on time. **Early dismissal is at 1:30 am. However please bear in mind that due to social distancing, you need to be at the school the latest 1:15 to get your child. Only one person at a time is allowed in the one point of entry and then a Support Staff has to pick up your child to bring them to you.**

As we continue to navigate our new norm, I would like to remind parents of face-to-face scholars, to make sure your child has their mask for school each day. **No students should be dropped off prior to 7:30 am as there is no supervision.**

Parents of online students, please ensure that your child is logging on for school at 8:00am promptly, cameras on and remain engaged throughout the day. There are eLearning students, who are logging in, getting their attendance taken, putting up a background and disappearing for the rest of the day. Please make sure this is not your child. If the teacher contact you to let you know your child is not engaged, it means they are not.

Report cards were available on February 3, 2021. If you have not yet done so, you can access your child's report on Virtual Counselor.

Please be reminded that everyone must be wearing a mask to come on campus. Parents picking up walkers, must adhere to this practice as well.

I would like to thank all of the face to face parents for your patience at dismissal. By now you should have received your car hanger to display on your mirror with your student's name and grade. **Please do not park in the parking lot and walk across for your students.**

We are all part of the same team, committed to our scholar's success. Let's remember Safety first. Stay safe by wearing your mask, practicing social distance and wash hands frequently.

Dates to Remember:

February 9th – Interim Reports available on Virtual Counselor

February 15th- No school- President's Day

February 18th- Early Release Day- Dismissal at 12:00pm

February 22nd – SAC meeting @ 6:00 pm via TEAMS

Sincerely,

Judith E. Pitter, Principal





Good afternoon families:

It is hard to believe that we have been in school more than 100 days. Many of our primary classes celebrated the 100th day of school with various math and real-world activities. We will also be honoring many of our students in our virtual awards assemblies. Please encourage your student/students to try their hardest, so they can be honored at our third quarter awards. Interim reports for the third quarter are accessible in virtual counselor on February 9, 2021.

Parents, we are in our testing season. Our Kindergarten through Fifth grade students just completed the Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) in reading and math, and our fifth grade students also completed the BSA science. These tests give us an indication of how students will perform on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) at the end of the year. The FSA is used for promotion to the next grade level. Please be sure to check the newsletters and your child's backpack for all information concerning testing dates.

We need students to be on time every day, so they do not miss valuable instructional time. In addition, when children are late, they interrupt valuable instruction in the classrooms. Again, please make sure your child is on time and ready to learn.

Valentine's Day is a day of service. This day was approved by the school board to commemorate those lost in the tragedy at Stoneman Douglas High. At Plantation, our theme is Kindness Matters. Student and teachers will find quotes or make up quotes about kindness in our school and community.

Lastly, I would like to send a friendly reminder to parents to please dress children for the weather conditions of the day. The weather in south Florida in the winter is very unpredictable and can change very quickly. Thanks so much for all you do for our school!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Donald Brown".

Dr. Brown
Assistant Principal



Our Pre-K family here at Plantation Elementary are embracing diversity and unity through Celebrating Black History... It's American History." The Family Fun Focus of learning is for parents to assist their child in creating a poster of an African American Hero be it past or present. The student's creative projects will be due Monday, February 22nd. We will display at school and present on our daily Canvas E-Learning. This month's learning experience includes positive contributions throughout the curriculum.



The focus of instruction includes: Animal, Environment, Nature, Life Sciences, Spatial vocabulary, Feelings, letters and numbers. Our students will be engaged in read-alouds, language and literacy, math, nursery rhymes, calendar, virtual field trips, music and movement. Our students will be engaged in reading poetry to gain an awareness of rhyming words. In addition to our Pre-K ESE students, their instructional focus are the letters; Y, G, T, and S. Please provide jackets in their book bags, a blanket or towel weekly and change of clothes. Remember to read and talk to them daily, these interactions build success!



February is here! The 3rd quarter is in full swing and our kindergarteners are blossoming. As always, thank you for your continuous efforts in supporting your child as they journey towards a successful school year! We look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational endeavors.

ELA: Our kindergarteners have been busy exploring and identifying story structure and soon will explore the reading strategy of Asking Questions during reading. We are now reviewing concepts such as identifying characters and settings of a story. Currently our students are able to retell a story from the beginning to the end, explaining all major events, problems, and solutions! Our students are utilizing their brainstorming skills to narrate their own stories. The writing process is well underway! As always, we are incorporating daily foundational skills along with encouraging independent learning time from our young scholars! We want to remind all parents that it is extremely important that your child be on time and present each day. Also, please adhere to our school's strict uniform and mask policy as well. Parents, please continue reading with your child each evening for 20 minutes and allowing your child to identify their sight words and cvc words as they read. Remember, sight words should be memorized and recognized by sight.

Math: Our kindergarteners are currently working with the mathematical concept of addition, using expressions to represent addition within 10. Given a number from 0 to 10, students must find the different ways it can be represented as the sum of two numbers.

Science/Social Studies: Our students will continue to practice their observational skills by identifying the day and night skies and identifying the order in which events occur and change over time. Remember, making observations and collaborating with a partner to collect information is the key to success in reaching our scientific goals!



Greetings parents and guardians,

We are already in the 3rd quarter! All of our students continue working extremely hard to apply the skills taught in their classwork and homework. Students are adjusting well in face to face classrooms with social distance guidelines in place. Below is what we will be working on this month.



Reading- We will be working on comparing/contrast using visuals and words. We will also be identifying text features and working on poems.

Math-We will be working on addition and subtraction relationships learning to subtract by adding.

Writing- Along with continuing opinion writing, we will also learn how to use past and present tense verbs.

Social science- It is time to celebrate America with topics such as Groundhogs day, Presidents day and Black History Month. We will be learning the importance of maps and how to use them.

Reminders: Please continue to have your scholar read for at least 20 minutes each night, and record the books read on the reading logs. i-Ready reading and math are also expected to be done daily at home. Third quarter promotion criteria is BAS level H.



As we welcome in February, Second Grade is proud to take the opportunity to learn and celebrate important people during Black History Month. Through Informational Reading Standards, we'll read and discuss the contributions made by African American women and men, and see how they can inspire us to be our best. Our studies will also include work on a Black History Research Project.

In math we are developing our understanding of 3-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. We will be using these skills to do problem solving with word problems. In Science we are learning about Forces and Motion. During this area of study we will do investigations with magnets, pushes and pulls, and then learn about the effect of gravity.

Thank you for your continued support, and as ever, daily reading and talking about what has been read is always appropriate and helpful!



Hello Parents:



Welcome to the month of February. It has been a busy time on the third-grade block since last we wrote to you. We were busy learning new standards, reviewing standards taught before and completing Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) in Math and Reading. With that said, the third-grade teachers are in the process of conducting the 2nd parent/teacher conference. We are doing so by phone as well as face-to-face interaction. Please remember to reach out to your child's teacher for that one-on-one conversation as to how your child is progressing so far this school year.

With February being recognize as 'Black History Month,' third-grade students will be learning, researching and presenting projects on African Americans who have contributed or made an impact in the United States or across the world. Please be involved with your child in completing such projects.

As we dive into February, third grade students will be completing the reading standards focusing on comparing and contrasting characters, themes, settings and plot in two different stories written by the same author. We will be having fun analyzing an author's point of view on a topic and not to mention adding our own point of view on such topics as well. In Math, we will be slicing and sharing cakes, pizzas and chocolates as we learn about fractions. Even then, we will be telling time to the nearest minute. We are rubbing things together and learning about friction in Science. Through reading we continue to look at the world in Social Studies.

Join us through your participation in helping with homework daily as we continue to have fun learning.



Happy February 4th Grade Family,

“Love is in the air!” The love of learning that is. We have been working hard this past month. We will continue that momentum for this month as well. We have a lot going on in the upcoming weeks. Please make sure you ask your scholar for the information for the following important activity, Black History Project (information will be given on February 1st).



Main Focus

Reading: Craft and Structure of Nonfiction Text

Writing: 4 Paragraph Essay Structure

Math: Equivalent Fraction and Fractions with Unlike Denominators

Science: Energy

Social Studies: Influential African Americans

Project: Black History Project Due: February 26th

We encourage you to read with your scholars daily and help them with their homework. Please reach out to your scholar’s teacher to schedule a conference. We are getting closer and closer to FSA. Please make sure your scholar practices and memorizes multiplication facts up to 12. In addition to reading and logging it in on their reading logs. We know if we combine all three forces hardworking scholars, dedicated parents, and determined teachers, we know we will show growth and some gains.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Love your,

Dedicated Fourth Grade Team

Ms. Bedoya



Ms. Dorce



Mr. Foster



Ms. Griffin





We're on the move...

The 5th grade scholars are actively preparing to “knock it out the park” on the FSA. They are taking advantage of all tutoring opportunities on Saturdays (9AM-12 PM)!

Your Assistance is Needed.

Please continue to read with your child at every available opportunity and check all homework assignments on a daily basis.

Please do not forget that middle schools have started their application process. Please check their respective websites for further details. We look forward to seeing you at our 5th grade parent conference night.

THE READING NOOK



Creating a Love of Literacy

One of the best things we can do to ensure our children's later success is to help them fall in love with literacy. As parents, we want our children to believe that they are smart and good at what they do. Helping your child connect to text and interact with it, can contribute to your little literacy learner's view of him or herself as a skillful and literate person. There are so many wonderful ways to promote a love of literacy. Here are a few tips:

- **Make shared reading time together enjoyable.** Do read aloud in a quiet comfortable place where you can focus on each other and the text.
- **When you read** does not matter...bedtime does not work for everyone. Try bath time, audio books in the car, or reading outside under a shady tree after a picnic.
- **Some children like reading** things other than books. Try magazines for children such as Zootles or Wild Animal Baby, information online, poems, the Sunday comics, children's games, or emails.
- **Shoot for 20 minutes** of read aloud a day...and it does not have to be 20 minutes in a row. It can be book time, writing a letter to a cousin that lives far away, reading the signs on stores on the way to the library, even reading the labels on the products in the grocery store!





10 Ways to Keep Kids Healthy During the School Year

- I. Teach your child about proper hand washing.**
Hand washing is one of the most important ways we can prevent the spread of illness in the classroom and elsewhere.
- II. Boost your family's immune system health.**
Getting enough sleep, maintaining a healthy diet, managing stress, exercising, making time to laugh, and emphasizing hand washing can help reduce your child's risk of getting colds, flu, and other infections.
- III. Teach your child healthy habits to prevent cold and flu.**
Healthy habits such as remembering not to keep touching his eyes or refraining from sharing cups and utensils with friends are important to learn.
- IV. Set good sleep habits**
Sleep is important not only for a child's physical and emotional health but it can play an important role in how well she does in school.
- V. Be on the lookout for anxiety or stress in your child.**
Homework, tests, social pressures—kids can face a lot of stressful situations every day. Research shows that stress and anxiety can have a negative impact on kids' health, just like it can on the health of adults.
- VI. Give your child a brain boosting healthy breakfast.**
Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day when it comes to school kids. A balanced breakfast of protein and complex carbohydrates has been shown to be important for brain function as well as for maintaining a steady level of energy throughout the day.
- VII. Make kids' school lunch boxes fun**
Make healthy lunches more fun and enticing with ideas for yummy main dishes and sides dressed up in colorful combinations and shapes.
- VIII. Give your child healthy after-school snacks**
Kids are often ravenous after school. But you don't have to sacrifice good nutrition for convenience. Use ideas for quick, easy, and healthy after-school snacks.
- IX. Choose the right school backpack**
School backpacks today are heavier than ever, and using the wrong type of backpack and wearing it incorrectly can lead to back pain in kids. Make sure you prevent back problems in your child by following tips for choosing and using backpacks correctly.
- X. Learn about head lice prevention, symptoms, and treatment**
Children are in close contact at school and more likely to share blankets or other personal items. Learn the facts and myths about head lice and how to help your kids steer clear of this annoying yet common problem at school.

REMINDER

The peak of the cold and flu season is still upon us. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or severe cold symptoms.

Definitely keep your child home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth and your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees, by mouth for a minimum of 24 hours)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose



CORONAVIRUS HELPFUL INFORMATION



- I. Coronavirus Prevention**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/COVID19-4KeyPoints-Flyer.pdf>
- II. Use of Cloth Face Covering**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/Use%20of%20Cloth%20Face%20Coverings%20NEW.pdf>
- III. Parent Guide to the 2019**
https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/9826_02132020_Novel-Coronavirus-Parent-Guide.pdf
- IV. What you should know about Covid-19**
[browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf](https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf)
- V. What to do is you are sick with Coronavirus**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/CDC%20Quarantine%20Guide.pdf>
- VI. General Prevention**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/COVID-19%20General%20Prevention.pdf>
- VII. Stop the Spread of Germs**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/Stop%20the%20Spread%20of%20Germs%20-%20NEW.pdf>
- VIII. Protect Yourself and Others**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/Protect%20Yourself%20and%20Others%20NEW.pdf>
- IX. How to Safely Wear and Take off face mask**
<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/18451/cloth-face-covering.pdf>





Guidance:

Hello parents of the Scholars of Plantation Elementary School:

As we enter into a new month of the school year 2021, we are now getting closer to the end of the school year. The staff realizes that this has been a very difficult year. Economically, Emotionally as well as Educationally.

As a parent you have been torn between working and rearranging your schedules with family and friends so that children are attended to at home while they learn remotely. Some of you have had to cut your working hours and some have even taken their children to work with them. We want to let you know we recognize all these efforts. I as the School Counselor had to learn the technology that is involved in remote learning so that I could teach and Counsel remotely. Something I never had to do. As part of the Plantation Elementary staff I want to say " THANK YOU". Together we are weathering the storm. It's not over yet. Students are taking test to assess where they are academically. Yes we do acknowledge that they have not made the gains we wished they would have. We are asking you to stay with us until the end of this DIFFICULT race. Continue to assist as much as you can. Continue to encourage and reward your child/children for doing their best. Monitor them while they are on their computer. Check their work, communicate with their teachers, and most of all make this pandemic work for you and your family. Spend time with them. Play board games. Quiz them about important things going on in the world. Take walks and enjoy the environment, Trees, birds, clouds. Give them a sense of hope. Hope allows us to be positive. We need all the positivity we can get. Teach them to give it forward. Life is as good as you make it...Thank you for being a part of the Plantation Family. Your School Counselor...Ms. Rodriguez



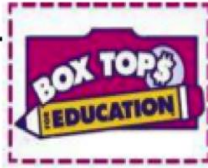
Sun Sentinel Kids of Character is a partnership with Broward County Schools and Publix Super Markets to honor students for doing exemplary deeds, at home, in school and in the community.

Each month, students are nominated for this award by their teacher.

JANUARY: RESPECT

HEAD START / PRE K	KINDER-GARTEN	FIRST GRADE	SECOND GRADE	THIRD GRADE	FOURTH GRADE	FIFTH GRADE
Alaysia Brown	Leviticus Bellus		Amy Spencer	Kayla Campbell	Zaara Rahaman	Mikayla Maldonado
Demetrius Williams			Jamilah Rodney	Kimora Singletary		
			Portia Pierre			





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Thanks for your support!



President: Deana Johnson
Vice President: Almena Gordon
Secretary: Patricia Williams
Treasurer: Tai Johnson
Adviser: Mrs. Gray-Williams

We need parents to help make Plantation Elementary the BEST it can be! Come join PTO today. Membership is \$10 per family. Help us help the students and school be successful. It's important, it's rewarding and it's fun.



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

For more information, call 754-321-1425 or visit www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/

The District Parent Involvement Policy 1165 can be found at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>

Title I information can also be located at our school website (above). In addition, the School Improvement Plan with the Title I addendum Florida Standards assessment (FSA) and Language Enrichment Activity (LEA) can be accessed for your review. Click on the link provided.

