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## Welcome to the First Edition of The Thompson Times!



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### Welcome to the First Edition of the Thompson Times!

I'm excited to share the inaugural issue of our District 2 Newsletter! My hope is that this becomes a space where I can highlight exciting events and resources across our district, share updates from our incredible schools, and keep you informed about what's happening not only in our community, but throughout Broward County Public Schools.

Since taking office in November, I set a personal goal to visit all 27 traditional public schools in District 2 within my first 100 days—and I'm proud to say I did it! I've been truly inspired by the amazing work happening in our schools every day. There's so much to celebrate, and I look forward to shining a brighter light on the successes we don't talk about nearly enough.

For example—Panther Run Elementary's Kids in CAPES program was invited to Pembroke Pines City Hall to receive a Women's Month Proclamation for being the first all-girl board. Flanagan High School's Performance Ensemble World Guard recently finished competitions 5th in the Nation and Walter C. Young's Robotics class took 1st place in the 1st quarter District Drone competition and 2nd place in the 2nd quarter District Drone competition! The class was also interviewed by representatives from Google. There are 50 students that have passed industry certifications this year and the number is still growing!

We are so proud of all of these accomplishments!

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# FEATURED SCHOOLS

As part of the District's multi-year initiative to "Redefine Our Schools," I'm excited to share that the School Board recently approved changes to three District 2 schools. Apply Today at [browardschools.com/schoolchoice](https://browardschools.com/schoolchoice).

## CORAL COVE ACADEMY OF THE ARTS



Coral Cove Elementary School will become **Coral Cove Academy of the Arts** beginning in the 2025/2026 school year.

The "A"-rated school will add grades 6 through 8 and strengthen its focus on providing a world-class education by offering a rigorous curriculum anchored by its Cambridge Program. In addition, the Academy will provide middle school acceleration, giving students the opportunity to earn high school credits in middle school.

The school is also building on its successful PATH to Success Innovative Program known for its well-received staging of full theatrical productions. It will expand its menu to include a Full Arts Program offering Music, Art, Physical Education, and Media.

Coral Cove Academy of the Arts is dedicated to educating the whole child and nurturing their inner creativity. It empowers students to be "STARS" by providing an outlet for their creativity and passion while embracing what makes each unique.

## SILVER SHORES STEAM ACADEMY K-8 is Taking Off!

Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, Silver Shores Elementary will become Silver Shores STEAM Academy K–8—a dynamic STEAM Magnet School where Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation, and Math take center stage.

At Silver Shores STEAM Academy K-8, we inspire a lifelong passion for learning and empower students to think critically, innovate boldly, and collaborate effectively, preparing them to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Through Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation, and Mathematics, we nurture creativity, resilience, and leadership, shaping the next generation of problem-solvers and global citizens.

Silver Shores STEAM Academy is committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where young minds can soar and develop the skills and confidence to lead and succeed in a rapidly evolving world.

**SILVER SHORES STEAM ACADEMY K-8: Where Curiosity Leads, and Innovation Follows.** Seats are open - Apply Today at [browardschools.com/schoolchoice](https://browardschools.com/schoolchoice)



## PINES COLLEGIATE ACADEMY 6-12



Pines Middle School will become **Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12** beginning in the 2025/2026 school year.

*The Home of the Panthers* will continue its focus on academic excellence by expanding its world-renown Cambridge International Program to grades 9-12. Middle School students are eligible to earn credits towards High School courses, and students in grades 9-12 can earn an Associate of Arts Degree 100% FREE and qualify for the Cambridge Diploma, which provides full college scholarships through the Bright Futures program.

In addition to its stellar Cambridge Program, Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12 offers a full slate of highly sought-after electives in many in-demand careers including Aeronautics, Information Technology and Coding, as well as popular Art and Music programs, Dance, Theater/Drama, Speech and Debate, Culinary Arts and Television Production.

All students must meet minimum eligibility requirements and seats for incoming 9th grade students are limited.



# LATEST NEWS IN DISTRICT 2

## FEATURED SUMMER CAMPS

Location	Operated By	Grade	Phone
Chapel Trail Elementary School	After School Programs, Inc.	K-5	954-596-9000
Coral Cove Elementary School	Sunshine After School Child Care	K-5	954-236-8850
Dolphin Bay Elementary School	Sunshine After School Child Care	K-5	954-236-8850
Hawkes Bluff Elementary School	Broward County Public Schools	K-5	754-323-6100
Miramar High School - LEAP	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	9-12	954-964-8884
New Renaissance Middle School - Youth Force	South Broward Hospital District	6-8	954-276-0820
Pembroke Lakes Elementary School	Broward County Public Schools	K-5	754-323-6951
Pines Middle School - Youth Force	Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	6-8	954-964-8884
Sea Castle Elementary School	Sunshine After School Child Care	K-5	954-236-8850
Silver Palms Elementary School	Broward County Public Schools	K-5	754-323-7465
Sunset Lakes Elementary School	Broward County Public Schools	K-5	754-323-7693
Sunset Lakes Elementary School - Cluster	YMCA of South Florida, Inc.	PK-5	954-727-9622
Walter C. Young Middle School	Firewall Centers, Inc.	6-8	954-530-1871
Walter C. Young Middle School - Cluster	YMCA of South Florida, Inc.	PK-12	954-727-9622

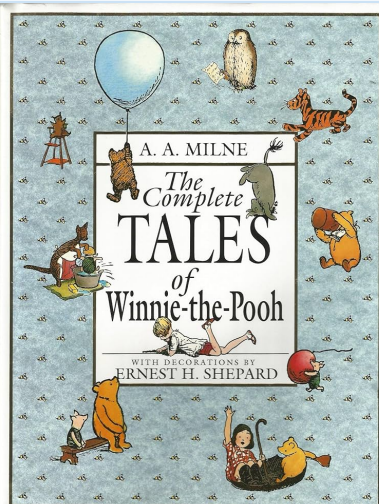
With summer fast approaching (and many parents starting to stress about plans), I wanted to spotlight some affordable and educational summer camp opportunities happening right here in District 2.

Many of these camps offer flexible weekly payment options to better fit your schedule and needs.

You can explore and apply for these programs by visiting <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/78824>, or by contacting the individual camps directly using the phone numbers listed on the adjacent chart.

Feel free to reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns.

## STORYTIME SPOTLIGHT



Growing up, my dad instilled in me a deep love of reading—and I'm thrilled to see my own children following in our footsteps. Right now, my four-year-old daughter Ellie and I are reading *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh* by A.A. Milne. She delights in all of Pooh's silly adventures, and we get to snuggle up together every time Heffalumps are mentioned (they're "a little scary," she says).

These shared reading moments are some of my favorites, and I hope they inspire a lifelong love of books in her, just like they did in me. I'd love to hear what you and your families are reading! If you have any favorite children's books—or recommendations for readers of any age—please send them my way. I'm always looking to grow our reading list and share great finds in future newsletters!