

DOLPHIN BAY ELEMENTARY

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS 2021-2022

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

As principal of Dolphin Bay, it is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to a great year as we Set the Stage for Success. We are excited, eager, and ready to welcome our students and families back into our school. Dolphin Bay teachers are busy planning engaging activities for your children as we begin the year. I am blessed to serve as the principal of Dolphin Bay. It is a privilege to be a part of a community that comes together to support each other, build relationships, and support students' academic and social growth. ~Sandra L. Nelson

SAFETY & HEALTH PROCEDURES

In preparation for this year, please know that the safety and security of our students will be our top priority at Dolphin Bay and across the district. Please read carefully as the following safety and security related non-negotiables will be implemented this year:

- All students/staff must wear their ID badges at all times.
- Students, staff and visitors must **wear approved face coverings/face masks** while on campus, except when eating or playing outdoors. We will follow procedures required by Broward County Public Schools.
- Students will sanitize their hands before entering the school building daily. Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the main entrance, the bus loop, and throughout the school.
- Students will wash and/or sanitize their hands frequently throughout the day. Soap and hand sanitizer will be readily available.
- Students, staff and visitors will follow physical distancing guidelines. We will follow procedures required by Broward County Public Schools.
- Miramar Police Department provides a School Resource Officer for our school. Additional security staff will be monitoring campus.
- **Parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten and ASD Cluster students** will be allowed to **walk their children to the door of their classroom on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 18.** Students should be in class by 7:50 am to begin their learning day as instruction begins at 8:00 am. On the first day, **parents of students in 1st – 5th grade will drive through the car loop and remain in their car** to drop off their children for school. Staff will assist students in the hallways. **Beginning on Thursday, August 19, ALL students will walk to class independently with the assistance of staff. All parents need to drive through the car loop and remain in their car.**
- At dismissal time, students will be one of the following as determined by their parents: Sunshine Aftercare, Private Bus, School Bus, Car Rider, or Walker/Bike Rider to Nautica or Walker/Bike Rider to Miramar Pkwy. **For car riders, parents will remain in their cars and drive through the car loop to pick up car riders.** Parents will not be permitted to stand on the sidewalk in front of the school to wait for dismissal and/or pick up their children.
- Walkers/Bike Riders will be walked to the gates, where parents can wait, to pick up their child. Parents will not be permitted to enter the walker/bike rider gates during arrival or dismissal.
- All student car riders, Pre-kinder through 5th grade, will be dropped off and picked up at the main car loop on Miramar Pkwy. Parents will remain in their cars for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Pre-kinder parents will see Pre-kinder teachers for additional information for Pre-kinder dismissal procedures.
- No students are permitted to be dropped off prior to 7:30 am.
- All parents/visitors/volunteers/guests are required to enter through the main office and present a valid driver's license, state issued identification card or passport. Parents/visitors/volunteers/guests shall have their identification in hand, will be admitted from the front gate, will enter the office and will be signed in using the electronic visitor management screening system. Only one guest will be admitted to the office at a time. School visits should be pre-arranged except in the case of an emergency. Individuals without valid identification are not permitted on campus.
- We will be conducting monthly state-required safety drills.
- Students are required to wear uniforms Monday through Friday. On Fridays, students are permitted to wear PTA spirit shirts, which can be purchased through PTA with jeans or uniform bottoms. Students must abide to the Broward County Public Schools dress code detailed in the Code of Student Conduct. Uniform guidelines are khaki or black bottoms; white, gray, purple, teal, or black polo shirts or crew style shirts; Uniform clothing can be purchased at inunisonkids.com

Prioritizing the safety, security and health of our students and staff is paramount. We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you communicate the importance of these procedures to your children

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Safety and health concerns should be reported immediately. School staff, our School Resource Officer and nurses are available to respond to your concerns. Additionally, there are various methods for reporting safety concerns. Links to these reporting resources are available on our website at

www.browardschools.com/dolphinbay . Two apps are available for reporting suspicious activity: FortifyFL and SaferWatch. These FREE apps are available on your app store via your cell phone provider.

ONLINE FORMS

All parents are requested to complete Back to School forms online at <https://www.browardschools.com/BTS>. Once you have completed the online forms, please print return the Forms Submission Confirmation and two (2) copies of the Emergency Contact Form. We request that all this be completed by Friday, August 20.

VOLUNTEERING/CHAPERONING

The District is pleased to welcome back our volunteers to school campuses for the 2021/22 school year. All volunteers are asked to complete a **new application** for the upcoming school year at <https://browardschools.com/volunteerapplication>. Volunteers must be officially cleared by Broward County Public schools before volunteering in school or chaperoning field trips. After you are officially cleared, volunteering and chaperoning MUST be scheduled and preapproved by Dolphin Bay Elementary teachers/staff. If you are considering volunteering or chaperoning, please complete an application as soon as possible.

Please note, the health and safety of our students and employees are the District's highest priorities. BCPS continues to work closely with federal and local health experts on COVID-19 protocols. Volunteers who are officially cleared by BCPS and scheduled to be on campus must follow school guidelines and procedures at all times.

POWER UP! SCHOOL MEALS

FREE meals are available for students at Dolphin Bay Elementary and in all Broward County Public Schools. Breakfast meal service begins at 7:30 am daily and lunch is served during your child's school day. A healthy breakfast fuels the students for their learning day. Daily menus are posted on the **FREE Meal Viewer To Go** App available on your app store via your cell phone provider.

Parents must apply for free or reduced priced lunch each school year. Apply online at www.myschoolapps.com If you need assistance or do not have access to the internet, please visit or call our main office and we will assist you with the application.

*We are looking forward to another amazing year as we
Set the Stage for Success with our students!*

MEET & GREET

Tuesday, August 17

PreK, K, & ASD	8:00 – 8:30 am
Grade 1	8:30 – 9:00 am
Grade 2	9:00 – 9:30 am
Grade 3	9:30 – 10:00 am
Grade 4	10:00 – 10:30 am
Grade 5	10:30 – 11:00 am

Child and One Parent

Face Coverings/Face Masks Required

IMPORTANT EVENTS

2021-2022

First Day of School:	Wednesday, August 18
Free Breakfast:	7:30 am – 7:50 am
School Hours:	8:00 am – 2:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE & TITLE 1 PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, August 25, 2021
6:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Classes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:00 pm PreK, K, All ASD
Classes 1st, & 2nd

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