

EVERGLADES ELEMENTARY

Principal Tillinger's Study

Dear Everglades Families,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Everglades Elementary School's Principal. My faculty, staff and I look forward to greeting our families on campus again very soon in the coming days. We celebrate the academic success at our school with the pride of past accomplishments and with continued anticipation of new and exciting learning opportunities, all in our warm and caring school.

As we approach the new school year, our teachers are excitedly preparing for an enriched and inspirational education. Our school shines brightly in student achievement as well as family involvement. We appreciate and are very proud of the strong bonds forged between our families and staff here at Everglades Elementary.

I look forward to a most meaningful and successful year with our students! If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at eliot.tillinger@browardschools.com or (754) 323-5600.

Educationally yours,

Eliot Tillinger, M.S. Ed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15 - Meet and Greet

Pre-K and K 8:15 am to 8:45 am

1st Grade 9:15 am to 9:45 am

2nd Grade 10:15 am to 10:45 am

3rd Grade 11:15 am to 11:45 am

4th Grade 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

5th Grade 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm

August 16 - First Day of School

August 24 - Open House

3rd through 5th @ 6:00 p.m.

August 31 - Open House

Pre-K through 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

September 5 - No School

September 19 - Individual Pictures

Schedule will be sent home.

Safety and Security

In order to ensure the safety and security of our students, the following will take place at Everglades Elementary:

- A School Resource Officer and Campus Monitors are on our campus from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The school works with the SRO and Campus Monitors to review and conduct emergency drills monthly, such as fire, tornado, evacuation, and lockdown.
- Students and Staff must wear their I.D. badges throughout the school day.
- Staff members will monitor any open gates. All gates will be locked after arrival and dismissal.
- The front doors of the school will be locked after arrival.
- All visitors including parents must check into the front office prior to going to any classrooms or any area on campus. An official photo ID is required such as your driver's license, Florida's official state identification card, or a passport.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

Emergency Preparedness

All Broward County Public Schools are required to perform monthly fire and lockdown drills to ensure all safety protocols and practices are adhered to by students, staff, and visitors to the campus. All parents/guardians will be notified via Parentlink once the drill is completed.

Stay Connected

Parent Link- These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Everglades Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact front office at (754) 323-5600. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

Volunteers

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided. Please be aware that this may take several days. Make sure you leave enough time to be cleared prior to an event.

Attendance

To report an absence or tardy, please call (754) 323-5600. The report must come from a parent and give the date(s) of the absence and the reason for it. Parents MUST report these absences within two days following the absences.

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival

Please be advised there is no supervision of students before 7:30 a.m. Parents MAY NOT drop off their child before this time.

- Car-line- Students are dropped off in the car line and enter the building through the front doors and single point of entry. Students should be picked up and dropped off at the car loop only. Parents wishing to park should walk their children to the front of the school. Parents should not park in the grass near the bus entrance on the North side of the school.
- Please label your "CAR TAG" First and Last Name and Teacher name clearly printed on it. Your child will be provided a car tag during Meet and Greet. Please keep the car tag visible until you receive your child and exit the carpool loop.
- Pull all the way forward in the line before you let your child exit your car.
- School staff will not remove a student from a car.
- While in the carpool line, stay in your car at all times. If your child will not exit the car by themselves, you will need to park and walk your child to the front of the school.
- No parent may enter the lobby of the school unless they have a scheduled appointment.
- Biker/Walker- Students walk up to the school along the designated sidewalk and enter through the front door.
- Bus Rider- Students arrive to school on a bus and proceed to breakfast or their classroom through the back door entry.

Any child arriving after 8:00 a.m. must be accompanied into the office and signed in by a parent.

Dismissal-

No one will be permitted to wait in the lobby of the school.

- Car Riders and walkers will exit through the front doors.
- Bus Riders will be dismissed from their classrooms to the bus area.
- After-Care students will be dismissed from the classrooms to their counselors.

There will be no early dismissals after 1:30 p.m. When possible, please send a note with your child the day of the early dismissal. Students will be released to the parents on the registration form and to any emergency contacts submitted by the parents/guardians. All students must be signed out through the school office with proper identification. Please limit dismissal changes to a minimum for safety reasons.

School Uniform Policy

All children should start wearing their school uniform on the very first day of school. Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

A Parent or Guardian may request by mail, or in person, an application for an exemption from the uniform program. Exemption waivers must be completed by the 10th day of the student's enrollment.

The Everglades Elementary Dress Code is detailed below. Items may be purchased through any store or catalog provided they meet the following specifications.

TOPS

- Students may wear blue, hunter green or white polo-style shirts. They may be short-sleeved or long-sleeved and the color of the collar must match the body of the shirt.
- Blue, hunter green or white turtlenecks may be worn during cool weather.

BOTTOMS

- Students may wear twill (cotton/cotton blend) or corduroy shorts, pants, skirts, capri pants, skorts, culottes, jumpers, shortalls, or overalls in solid navy blue or khaki. The length of shorts, shortalls, skirts, skorts, culottes, and jumpers must be longer than mid-thigh.
- Jeans, denim (blue or colored) and stretch bottoms are not permissible options.

SPIRIT DAYS and OFF-CAMPUS SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIPS

- Students may wear the blue Everglades or tie-died t-shirt available through the PTA on Fridays with any of the approved bottoms. Field trips require the blue Everglades t-shirt.

Supporting Your Child(ren) as they Return Back to Campus

The key to the health and safety of students is ensuring they are aware and engage in healthy practices. Here are some best practices to discuss with your child(ren):

- Review and practice proper hand washing techniques at home and explain to your child(ren) the importance of it.
- Develop daily routines before and after school – for example, things to pack for school in the morning (like hand sanitizer and labeled water bottle) and things to do when you return home (like washing hands immediately).
- Talk with your child about the new protocols put into place prior to entering the school:
 - Wash and sanitize hands more frequently
 - Reinforce the concept of physical distancing with your child
 - Avoid sharing objects
- Ensure your child(ren) are up to date on their immunizations and physicals to be prepared and support their general health.
- You can be a role model for your child by practicing self-care:
 - Take breaks
 - Get plenty of sleep
 - Exercise
 - Eat well

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