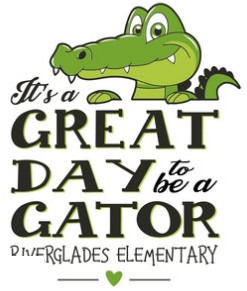


APRIL 2023



# GATOR GAZETTE



## April

- 5: PTA Meeting 9:00 am  
(Join virtually or in person)
- 7: No School - Good Friday
- 11: STEM Night (K-2) 5:30 pm  
(Be sure to register online)
- 12: ESOL Night 6:00 pm
- 13: STEM Night (3-5) - 5:30 pm
- 14: Report Cards go Home
- 20: Full Day - No Longer Early Release
- 20: Creative Arts Night 5pm
- 21: No School - Ramadan
- 24: SAF / SAC Meeting 9:00 am
- 24: Parent Academic Night
- 26: Kindergarten Round Up 6:00 pm
- 27: Take Your Child to Work Day (Ages 8-18)
- 28: Volunteer Breakfast at 8:30 am

## May:

- May 1 - 5: Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week
- 12: Mother's Day Cakes
- 18: North Area Advisory Meeting  
6:30 PM Monarch High School
- 22: SAF / SAC Meeting 9:00 am
- 24: Pre-K Graduation
- 29: No School Memorial Day



In an effort to improve System Practices, Broward County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey.

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. The surveys will be available online only in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey. In order to complete the survey, go to:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/216528/p568>



**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY. CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AT 754-322-8200.**



Congratulations to Deputy Eric Blake on his retirement. Deputy Blake has worked for BSO for 26 years. He has served as a dedicated School Resource Officer for the past 3 years. Over the past 3 years, Deputy Blake has built so many positive relationships with students, staff, and the Parkland Community. He will be missed. We will be planning a Deputy Blake Day in April for the students to celebrate and wish him well in retirement.



We are excited to welcome Deputy Lauren Botta. She will be our School Resource Officer for the remainder of the school year. She is a certified School Resource Officer. She has covered for Deputy Blake and Deputy Gerry when they have been out. She also worked as an SRO for MSD.



Yee-Haw!

Riverglades is having our 2nd Kindergarten Round Up on April 26th at 6:00 pm. Families will learn about programs, the registration process, and take a tour!

Incoming students are welcome to attend!



Happy 60th Birthday Parkland!

Congratulations to Friends of Riverglades Dual Language! They won Best in Show for their parade float at Parkland's 60th Birthday Celebration on March 11th. We had over 200 participants, 3 decorated vehicles, and a Mariachi Band!



April 27, 2023 is Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day from students ages 8-18. Permission slips will be sent home on April 17th and must be returned by April 26th. Please see the link below for additional information and the field trip packet.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/44552>



## DATES

### Kindergarten

Week of May 8 - 12

### 1st Grade

May 10 & 11

### 2nd Grade

May 16 & 17

### 3rd Grade

May 16 & 17

### 4th Grade

May 18 & 19

### 5th Grade

May 9 & 10 Science

May 18 & 19

It is important students get a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast on testing days. Make sure you plan accordingly so students arrive on time.



Thank you to everyone that donated to The American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge. Riverglades' students and staff raised over \$49,000!!! That is unbelievable!

As promised, Mrs. Seltzer will wear the dragon costume on April 11th. Slime Day will be Thursday, April 20th.

## SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Visit the website below to learn more about the search for the next Broward County School's Superintendent.

**The search for the next superintendent of Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is officially underway.**

The SBBC has hired an independent search firm, McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C, to coordinate a national search for the District's next permanent superintendent.

Check out the website below for regular updates throughout the search process. You can also view the [Superintendent of Schools Job Description](#) and the [Superintendent Search Overview](#).

Please complete a short survey to provide input in the selection process for the new superintendent.

All responses must be received by Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

<https://www.browardschools.com/supersearch>



We are excited to announce we will be celebrating Autism Acceptance and Awareness during the month of April. We have chosen a shirt that is available for anyone to order on Amazon. It comes in adult and children's sizes. During the month of April, we will celebrate by wearing these shirts every Monday. If you would like to order the shirt for you or your student, please go the link below. Our focus this year will be on RESPECT, LOVE, SUPPORT, INCLUSION and ACCEPTANCE!

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BTZW14PC?ref\\_cm\\_sw\\_r\\_apin\\_dp\\_2GE0R5RG009WBDCN0KMY](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BTZW14PC?ref_cm_sw_r_apin_dp_2GE0R5RG009WBDCN0KMY)





PTA Board Elections for the 2023-2024 school year will take place at the PTA meeting on April 5th at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. You must be present to vote.

It's that time of year again! Time to celebrate Creative Arts Night - April 20th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Join us to see hallways transformed into an art gallery with student artwork displayed, student talent performances, games, photo booth, balloon artists, basket raffles, face painting, and more.



**ARTS NIGHT**

Additional information can be found at [Rivergladeselementarypta.com](http://Rivergladeselementarypta.com)



**STEM NIGHT!**

Presented by  
**CODE NINJAS**

Join us for a night of coding, robotics, and other STEM fun! You won't want to miss it!

**APRIL 11**  
5:30PM  
Grades K-2

**APRIL 13**  
5:30PM  
Grades 3-5

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. SCAN BELOW OR GO TO  
<https://bit.ly/stemnight23>  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

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**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**

We love our volunteers and appreciate all they do for the students and staff at Riverglades.

We would like to celebrate and honor YOU for BEEING Incredible!

Volunteer Breakfast  
April 28th  
8:30 AM



## **Register2Ride Process**

### **2023/24 School Year**

### **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Last year the district changed its method from providing transportation to all eligible Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students to **only** transporting eligible and registered student riders. This new plan, which began during the 2022/23 school year, mitigated driver shortage; leveraged online tools; created more efficient and effective routes; minimized daily route coverage and bus overloads; and improved arrival times. The initiative called, Register2Ride reduced route changes and PTWEB bus stop requests workload for school staff.

#### Key Points:

- Registration and additional information is available at [browardschools.com/Register2Ride](https://browardschools.com/Register2Ride), by calling the Register2Ride customer service line at **754-321-4499**, or by emailing [register2ride@browardschools.com](mailto:register2ride@browardschools.com).
- **Routes for the 2023-2024 school year will be developed based on Register2Ride submissions.**
  - Registration for the 2023/24 SY opens March 13, 2023. It is continuous throughout the school year. However, any registrations after July 7, 2023, will not be guarantee a bus assignment on the first day of school (August 21, 2023).
- Registrations after July 7, 2023, through July 21, 2023, will be routed by the second week of school. Registrations after July 21, 2023 will be routed expeditiously.
- **Students who registered to ride last year but did not ride must register using their student accounts (06 accounts).** BCPS employees (Administrators, transportation staff) will not be able to register students who did not ride last year but registered for transportation.
- Remind students registration for a bus is required.
- Ensure the students will be riding the bus prior to registering the student.
  - Eligibility for each school year is based on Florida Department of Education and Broward County Public Schools guidelines. Below is the timeline for registering to ensure a bus seat for the 1st day of school.

## **REGISTER2RIDE TIMELINE**

- Register by **July 7, 2023**, guaranteed a bus seat by **First day of school**.
  - Registration between July 8, 2023-July 21, 2023, bus seats will be assigned no later than the second week of school.
- Any registrations after July 21, 2023, will be routed expeditiously in the order in which they were received.

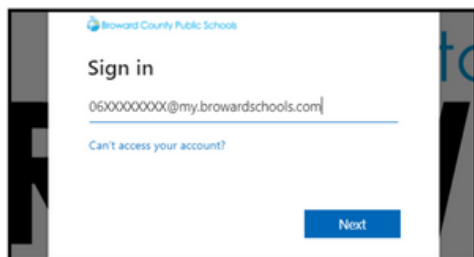
**NOTE:** Transportation registration processes for programs such as ESE, 504, Foster, Homeless, and Teen Parent has not changed and will continue.

\*Unregistered students waiting at a bus stop without a parent/guardian present, will be transported to school and turned over to an administrator. Unregistered students will not be transported home after school. This will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. \*

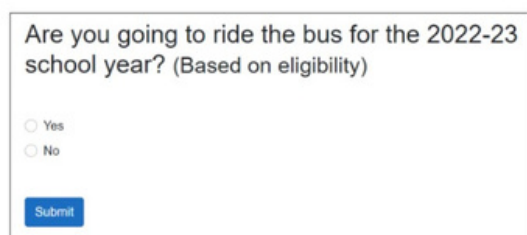
## Register 2 Ride Instructions (New and Current Riders)

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- 1.) Navigate to <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride>
- 2.) Log in with a student account, i.e.: [06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com](mailto:06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com)

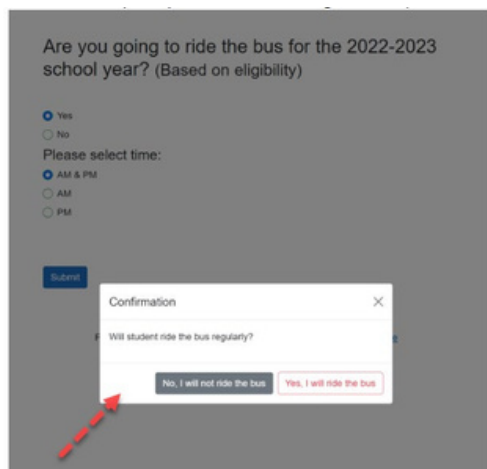


- 3.) Answer the corresponding question(s), press submit to complete:



- 4.) Answer the corresponding question.

You may return to the form at any point before the deadline to update your answer.



**Register by July 7, 2023**, be guaranteed a bus for the first day of school. After registration, contact your assigned school for an effective bus assignment date.

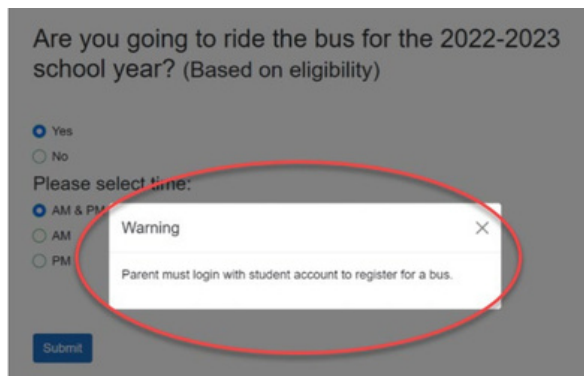
**After July 21, 2023**, may not get a bus until the second week of school, bus assignment timelines will vary. You must register to ride. After registration, contact your assigned school for an effective bus assignment date.

## Register 2 Ride Instructions (Registered last year, but did not ride during FTE Survey 3)

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Current students who did not ride the bus can only be registered by the parent login with student 06 account. When BCPS staff tries to register student who did not ride the bus, a warning message will display advising parent must register student.

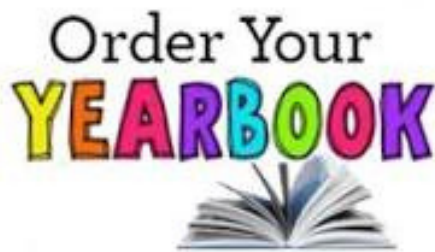
- 1.) Navigate to <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride>.
- 2.) Follow the steps as above for steps (2-4).
- 3.) Parent/Student must register to ride.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Are you going to ride the bus for the 2022-2023 school year? (Based on eligibility)". It has radio buttons for "Yes" (selected) and "No". Below this is a section "Please select time:" with radio buttons for "AM & PM" (selected), "AM", and "PM". A red circle highlights a white warning box that says "Warning" and "Parent must login with student account to register for a bus." with a close button (X). A "Submit" button is at the bottom left.

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Order by May 5th!  
Visit the  
[Rivergladeselementarypta.com](http://Rivergladeselementarypta.com)

Riverglades is excited to partner with schoolstore.net. to raise funds for our school. Riverglades will receive money back from purchases you make at so many stores online. Some of the stores include Macy's, Walmart, Best Buy, and so many more.

Go to schoolstore.net and sign up using our school code 278265.

You can share the code with family and friends.

Sign and return the envelope with a prize code and your child will receive a prize. (Envelopes were sent home this week)



Ice cream sales in the cafeteria is back! The cost is \$1.00 and will be sold on Tuesdays. It will start on April 11th and be sold during your child's lunch period.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROHIBITS ANY POLICY OR PROCEDURE WHICH RESULTS IN DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF AGE, COLOR, DISABILITY, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, GENETIC INFORMATION, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, RELIGION, SEX OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE SCHOOL BOARD ALSO PROVIDES EQUAL ACCESS TO THE BOY SCOUTS AND OTHER DESIGNATED YOUTH GROUPS. INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO FILE A DISCRIMINATION AND/OR HARASSMENT COMPLAINT MAY CALL THE DIRECTOR, EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES/ADA COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT & DISTRICT'S EQUITY COORDINATOR/TITLE IX COORDINATOR AT 754-321- 2150 OR TELETYPE MACHINE (TTY) 754-321-2158 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008, (ADAA) MAY CALL EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES/ADA COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT AT 754-321-2150 OR TELETYPE MACHINE (TTY) 754-321-2158.