

PROWLS & GROWLS

December 2020

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents of Phase II Face to Face students, please be sure you perform the Daily Health Self-Assessment Checklist on your child(ren) PRIOR to sending them to school.

Students who do not feel well or who cannot answer NO to all questions are NOT permitted to come into school.

Thank you for your cooperation. See checklist attached to this newsletter on **page 5**.

Also please be sure to review the District's new attendance policy on **page 6**, requiring the use of student cameras for instruction and attendance.

Happy Holidays

Ms. Nicole Ortega, Principal
Ms. April Wyche, Asst. Principal



If you are interested in submitting a School Choice application for your child for a magnet program, Nova School or school reassignment for the 2021-2022 school year, the School Choice Phase 1 application window is from:

December 1, 2020
through
February 8, 2021

You may apply online beginning December 1, 2020 or you can learn more about the application process by visiting www.browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

All applicants in School Choice Phase 1 who were not awarded a seat will be considered before applicants who submit an application during School Choice Phase 2.



December Events

December 2-5 - Holiday Shopping Give Back @ PIZAZZ

December 5 - EdTalk 2020/21 - 9am-Noon

December 7-11 - Inclusive School Week

December 7-11 - Holiday Shop

December 7-13 - COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK HOUR OF CODE (*visit browardschools.com*)

December 11 - Annual Health Screenings

December 14-18 - Holiday Spirit Week (see flyer on page 3)

December 15 - Holiday Car Parade @ 6:30 pm

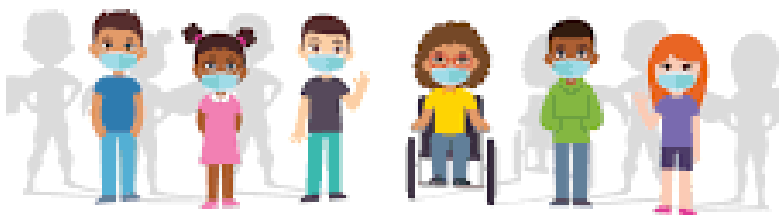
December 21 - January 1 - Schools Closed - HAPPY HOLIDAYS

January 4 - School Resumes



BE A SUPERHERO!

HELP TEACHERS & CLASSMATES
STAY SAFE FROM COVID-19



Make wearing a mask fun.

Let kids choose from two appropriate options when they pick out their clothes.

Pack an extra mask.

Put an extra mask in a zip-top bag in case the one they are wearing gets wet or soiled.

Be a role model.

Practice with your children and wear a mask when appropriate.



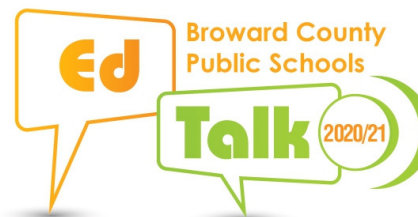
Mask Update

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the purpose of face coverings is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control.

However, face coverings with one way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. This type of face covering does not prevent the person wearing the face covering from transmitting COVID-19 to others.

Therefore, CDC does not recommend using face coverings if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

NEW NORMAL SOCIAL DISTANCING



You Are Invited!

A public forum designed to engage the community in discussing educational strategies and next steps for the District.



Make your voice count by attending.



Students earn community service hours.



Engage with School Board Members, Superintendent and Senior District Leadership.

Presented in English, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Spanish.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020
9 a.m. to noon

Register at browardschools.com/edtalk

Deadline: Friday, December 4

This is a virtual event. The Microsoft Teams meeting link will be sent during the week of the event.

FREE EVENT

For more information, contact the Office of Communications at 754-321-2300 or bcps.pio@browardschools.com.



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FORTIFYFL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

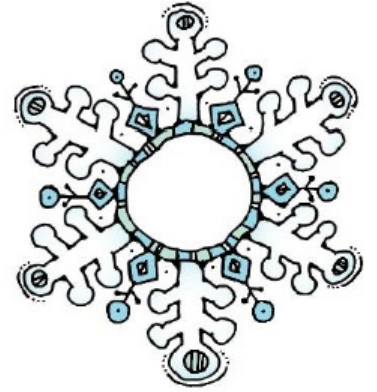
QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.



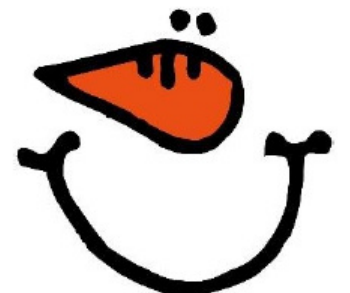
Country Hills Elementary

Holiday Sprit Week!



December 14th- 18th

Merry Monday	Wear Flannel or Plaid and be Merry!
Twinkle Tuesday	Shine like the star you are! Wear accessories that TWINKLE!
Wacky Wednesday	Wear your Holiday Ugly Sweater!
Cozy Thursday	Get cozy in your favorite PJs.
Festive Friday	Wear your favorite Holiday Attire...don't forget your hat!





Broward Remote Instructional Assistance... "Ask BRIA"



Broward's districtwide evening academic assistance is now available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Students can find a link in their Canvas courses entitled "Need Assistance With Schoolwork-Ask BRIA". By clicking on the link, students will be guided to a live Teams session with a certified teacher to receive academic support. We encourage our Panthers to take advantage of this free resource to receive assistance!

Broward County Public Schools Celebrates INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK
December 7-11, 2020

the time for **INCLUSION** is now
2020 INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Broward ESE 1h
Inclusive Schools Week-Celebrate First Week of December!
Resources to Promote Awareness, Build Knowledge and Influence Others to Effect Change

... and for our differences to be embraced as strengths.



Technology Support

If you have questions or concerns, please call Country Hill's main number - 754-322-5950 Monday through Friday from 7:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. for assistance.

Remember, students need to shut down or restart the school laptops or personal devices daily. The district is constantly sending out agents to clean viruses and updates. Students must log out daily and then sign in through sso.browardschools.com to show as in attendance. Students must sign in with their student number and password to get to their personalized Clever Single Sign-On Launchpad. Next, click on the Canvas image, then use the "Courses" button on the left blue navigation bar to access their courses.



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PARENTS APPLY NOW!

- Florida Students
- Pre-K through 12th Grade
- Reapply Every School Year

WHY USE THE HEIKEN PORTAL?

- Faster Processing
- Confidential and Secure

601 SW 8th Avenue • Miami, Florida 33130
(305) 856-9830 or 1 (888) 996-9847
www.floridaheiken.org

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GIVE BACK

HOLIDAY SHOPPING





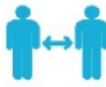



@ Pizazz - Wednesday, 12/2, through Saturday, 12/5
Open from 10am-6pm
10724 Wiles Road Coral Springs
In-store purchases only and must show either a digital or printed flyer

AT HOME DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

Broward County Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of our students, our staff and our community. The District has instituted enhanced cleaning schedules, staggered work schedules and continues to reduce the number of people in our facilities to promote physical distancing.

In order to enter Broward County Public Schools facilities, all students, parents/caregivers, and employees should answer the following self-assessment questions at home each morning prior to coming to school:

DAILY HEALTH SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS:

-  Do you feel warm, have a fever or elevated temperature (100.4), or have the chills?
-  Do you have a persistent cough, runny nose or sore throat?
-  Have you recently had a loss of taste or smell?
-  Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?
-  Have you been in close, unprotected contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
(spent longer than 15 minutes within six feet of someone who was sick with a fever and cough or confirmed/suspected of having COVID-19)
-  Are you feeling sick or ill today?
-  Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?
-  Have you been told to self-quarantine or self-isolate by a doctor or the Florida Department of Health?



If your child can answer “NO” to all of these questions, they may proceed to school.



If your child answered “YES” to any of these questions, you must contact the school nurse for further guidance.



VIII. DISTANCE LEARNING DUE TO EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

I. ATTENDANCE: During a time when school buildings must be closed due to environmental conditions related to public health and/or safety, schools may be required to operate instruction through distance learning. The rules listed below will apply for student attendance during distance learning.

A. Recording student attendance during distance learning:

1. Teachers will record student attendance in their online attendance book. Attendance will be based on the student's presence in the digital classroom.
2. During distance learning, the use of student cameras is required for attendance and instruction. Students will be counted in attendance in the learning environment during their scheduled class time. Teachers should be flexible and consider any extenuating circumstances of individual students who may be unable to turn on a camera. Teachers may consider other evidence of attendance for individual cases.
3. **Students will be counted as absent** when no evidence of the student's online presence can be observed by the teacher during their scheduled class time.

B. Excusing an absence:

1. **Parent Responsibility:** Parents will be notified within 48 hours of a reported absence via automated notifications. It is the parent's responsibility to communicate a reason for absence by phone or through the online form available on the school's website or the BCPS Mobile App.
2. **School Responsibility:** The attendance clerk, designated by the principal, is responsible for monitoring and updating excused absences reported to the school's attendance hotline and the online forms submitted by parents from the school's website.

C. Excused Absence due to a Communicable Disease:

Students who are participating in any model of instructional delivery (100% face-to-face, 100% eLearning, or a hybrid model) and have, or are suspected of having a communicable disease should not attend school in the brick and mortar setting in-person until they no longer present a public health hazard (F.S. s. 1003.22). Students suspected of having a communicable disease or are quarantined due to a possible exposure to the communicable disease who are not experiencing a health-related barrier to participation are encouraged to engage in eLearning if it does not impede the child's health. Parents of students who are unable to connect online or attend school in-person due to having, or suspicion of having a communicable disease, should report the reason for absence to the child's school to be excused. Students and families are encouraged to observe precautions for communicable diseases outlined by local public health authorities and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to protect the safety of their family members and the school community.

NEW WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

Broward County Public Schools is pleased to announce that as of Monday, November 23, 2020 all schools have water bottle filling stations available for student and staff use.

Each school location has a minimum of three bottle filling locations. Additional stations will be added to some schools as additional students return for face-to-face instruction.

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, schools will no longer provide bottled water and all students will need to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day.

Additional information about the procedures for these new bottle filling stations is included below.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE BOTTLES:



STANDARD HYGIENE:



DO NOT
touch the faucet
spout with the bottle



DO NOT
touch surrounding
surfaces with hands



Wash hands with
soap and water
after use



OR
Use alcohol-based
hand sanitizer
after use

The District has a limited supply of reusable water bottles available for students in need. Please contact your school Principal for additional information.