

Earthkeeper's Voice

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Message from the Principal,
Mrs. Katherine Good, Principal

Happy Fall Earthkeepers,
The holidays are right around the corner. Our students are just progressing day by day and we love to see the academic growth. Our students VPK-5th will be testing this week and next wee. .We look forward to continued academic success. Our theme this year is “Road to Success”. It is a true pleasure to be the principal at Fairway Elementary. We are planning some great things for our road to success. Our teachers and students will be working hard on their commitment to academic excellence. Their dedication to student achievement will be the primary focus for the entire Fairway community. **Please remember that our school hours are from 8:10 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.** Please make sure you are on time for arrival and dismissal.

Our goal this year is to continue to increase our student achievement, promote character education with our students and to assist our struggling students with additional resources. **Parents can help us achieve this goal by attending parent meetings, joining the SAC/PTO organization and ensuring that students come to school every day on time.** Research has shown that when schools develop strong partnerships with parents, students reap the benefit academically and socially.

Please don't forget that we are a uniform school. All students must be in uniform daily. Take the opportunity to purchase Fairway t-shirts to be worn on fieldtrip days for safety and easy identification. Students may also wear the t-shirts on Fridays to show their school pride. Please help us to enforce our uniform policies. Uniforms help us recognize our students in case of an emergency. It also allows students to concentrate on academics instead of the latest fashion trends.

Title I News:
Please know that you can view our updated School Improvement Plan on our website after September 1, 2023. Please make sure that you sign your Parent Compact Plan. Please know that you can access the Fairway’s Parental and Family Engagement Plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/fairway> under School News.

Your proud principal,
Mrs. Katherine Good

Fairway News/PTO



PTO is always looking for Volunteers and parents that want to be on PTO board. Our next PTO meeting is Thursday, December 7th. Our PTO, President is Mrs. Shanay Ford.

Important Date(s) To Remember



December/January Dates

6th-Title 1 Math Night

7th-PTO meeting

23-January 7th-Winter Break

January 8th-Classes Resume

How to Work With Your Child’s Teacher

1. **Let to know your child’s teacher(s)**, and the earlier the better. Don't wait for a special program if there is a problem or if your child has any special needs. It helps teachers to know everything they can about your child.
2. **Share important information** that can make it easier for teachers to understand your child. Sometimes things that happen at home can affect how children learn.
3. **Find out what’s expected.** Ask about homework and other special assignments.
4. **Join the parent-teacher organization.** Be sure to volunteer for at least one thing during the year. That way, you'll be making things better for your childand for all children in the school.

Parents have the opportunity to provide input to the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input in writing by April 30, 2024

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Procedures and Rules

Arrival & Dismissal- Students need to arrive at school NO LATER than 8:05 a.m. Students need to be picked up no later than 2:10 p.m. at assigned dismissal areas.

AGENDA BOOKS: Agenda books keep your child aware of important dates/homework assignments, and are used as a communication tool between the teacher and the parent. Please check your child’s agenda booklet daily.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance at school often determines pupil progress. Students should attend school daily and arrive on time. In the event of an absence, a call is required beginning with the first day and continuing with all subsequent days. Remember, the IMT (Information Management Technician must be notified of your child’s absence within 48 hours of the absence. Please make sure you call 754-323-5650-Mrs. Ducksworth.

CONFERENCES: Conferences ensure better understanding among the teachers, students, and parents. A parent or teacher may request a conference at any time. Please call the school to arrange for a convenient time to talk to your child’s teacher.

DROP OFF/PICK UP AREAS: For the safety of our students, parents are asked to pick up primary students (K-2) on the west side of the school, (entering from Fairway Blvd). and intermediate students (3-5) on the east side of the school (entering from Harbor Blvd.).

Students may be dropped off from 7:40- 8:10 in the primary or intermediate areas. Dropping off students in the Bus Loading Zone is prohibited.

GATES CLOSED AND LOCKED:

The gates in the bus loop will be open from 8:10-8:30. In the morning the gates will be locked at a.m. If your child arrives late to school, the child must be escorted by an adult and signed in, If you need to enter the campus any time after 8:10 a.m. the campus monitor will assist.

The gates in the afternoon on both Primary and Intermediate car loops will close

EARLY DISMISSAL/SIGN OUT: According to School Board Policy, students are not permitted to be picked up 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day. The last 30 minutes are very critical. Teachers are conducting final review of lessons, distributing important school information, or giving homework assignments. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

EARLY RELEASE DATES: Early Release Days are designated by the School Board of Broward County. On the following days students are dismissed at 12:10 pm:

October 23, January 19, February 14, March 21, May 24, and June 10

HOMEWORK: Children are encouraged to study at home. Setting aside a definite time each evening for homework will develop good work habits. Routine study time is an excellent plan, particularly if it is done with a parent in a relaxed and positive setting. The classroom teachers will assign homework.

INTERIM REPORTS: An interim report is sent home half-way through a reporting quarter to notify parents of progress. If you want to request a conference, or if the teacher requests a conference, please call the school to arrange a convenient time. Please sign the interim report and return it to the school immediately. Interim dates are as follows:

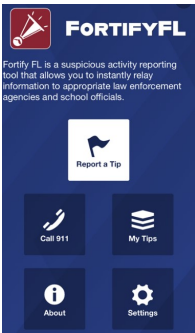
PARENT-TEACHER Organization (PTO): We welcome and encourage your assistance in providing guidance and service to our students, staff and community; including your attendance and participation at PTO meetings, School Advisory Council, and many more activities to come.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE: School Uniforms are MANDATORY at Fairway Elementary. It is very important that students are in their uniforms every day. Students MUST wear an ID badge every day. Parents will be notified if your child isn’t in compliance with the dress code policy.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Safety is a major priority at Fairway. We have established policies to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and visitors.

It is important to understand that everyone’s safety is compromised when the policies are not followed.

- All visitors are required to report to the front office prepared to show I.D. before entering the school for any reason. Everyone must go through our STAR system. Masks are highly recommended.
- Parents are required to show I.D. before entering the school for teacher-parent conferences, academic awards or graduation events.
- Early Childhood parents must show ID
- Students are not allowed in the school building before 7:30 am. If your child would like breakfast he/she must be in the breakfast line from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
- Any change in a student’s usual dismissal procedure must be reported to the student’s teacher in writing prior to the change taking place.
- Please note that we will be conducting monthly fire drills and LOCKDOWN Drills. They are a part of our district safety mandates.



SBBC App! If you see something say something!

Guidance & ESOL Updates

Mrs. Mobley is our guidance counselor, she is always willing to assist with any services for children She is also our ESOL coordinator. Please feel free to contact her for anything. She can be reached at 754-323-5650.

Character Trait for the December

“Kindness”

Family Newsletter is attached. Enjoy!

October 3, November 28, February 13, & May 7

Procedures and Rules (Continued)

As of WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22nd, the front parking lot and Kindergarten parking lot will close at 8:10 a.m. and students will be dropped off utilizing their regular drop off procedure outlined above. If you feel your child needs some assistance please use the parking lot off Harbor Blvd. You can walk your child to the gate where safety patrols and staff can assist walking your child to the cafeteria. **No parents will be permitted to walk their child to class after 8/22.**

As a reminder, no parent may access the front drop off. Any parent escorting their child must leave their child at the front door or kindergarten side of the school and your child will enter the school on their own. There will be staff on post as of 8:10 a.m.

*Parents who have scheduled conferences with teachers or need to speak to a member of support staff or administration may do so by going directly to the front office. Administration is always available. **Your driver’s license or passport** is required when you enter, as all visitors must be scanned through our Raptor system in the front office to ensure our students’ safety at all times.*

We will be continuing our practice of using email alerts to keep in constant contact with our parents. Special events, field trips, and other reminders and announcements will be sent to you via email, phone, and through the Broward Schools App and Parentlink. All Back to School Forms will be completed ON-LINE at www.browardschools.com/bts. Fairway Elementary will be collecting hard copies of emergency contact forms which will be in your child first day packet. If you need assistance filling out forms on-line, please stop by the front office and we will be happy to help you.

Further, Fairway communication will be via parentlink, remind and social media, follow us on Instagram, and Twitter for up to date information.

Please make sure that all free and reduced lunch applications are submitted on–line as soon as possible. Breakfast and lunch are free however the applications still need to be filled out. The website is www.applyforlunch.com. If you need any assistance in completing the application, feel free to come to the school and we are happy to help you. Please remember that families that are not approved for free or reduced lunch benefits will be paying full price for lunch until approved. However, we will never leave a child without having a lunch. It is very important that parents check their child’s account balance regularly as we want to ensure that all students receive a full lunch every day.

As a reminder, Fairway Elementary has universal free breakfast for all students. Breakfast is served daily from 7:45 - 8:25 a.m. in the cafeteria. Students must arrive in the cafeteria no later than 8:20 a.m. in order to be served. If children arrive after 8:20 a.m. they will get a “grab and go breakfast.”

Our school theme for this year is “Learning is Out of this World”. We know the 2022-2023 school year will be FANTASTIC! It is truly an honor to serve the parents and students of Fairway Elementary. I am truly PROUD to be the principal. I look forward to another year leading this amazing school. As always, feel free to email or call me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at 754-323-5650 or Kathy.good@browardschools.com See you soon; I can’t wait to hug all of my earthkeepers!!!

Proud to be an Earthkeeper,
Katherine Good, Principal

START NOW!!! Remind your child the importance of coming to school prepared to learn; good nights sleep, a healthy breakfast, and words of encouragement from parents are an excellent beginning to every day!



Kindness is the character trait for December. Kindness is being helpful, thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and considerate.

Family Newsletter

Dear Parent:

A caring person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous. A caring person takes into account how decisions, words and actions are likely to affect other people. Remind your child that they have the power to brighten another person's day through a simple act of kindness.

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Participate in a community service project with your child, which allows the family to show kindness towards others.
- As a family, discuss what you could do to show that you care about the environment, such as cleaning up a street, picking up trash, or starting a recycling program.
- As a family, identify things that you can do together to make a difference in someone else's life.
- Catch your child being kind and acknowledge how important that behavior is. This is a simple opportunity to reinforce how important being kind is in your family.
- Watch a television program together and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted uncaring or caring towards one another.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn. You are powerful role model for your child. If you are kind and helpful to other people that is what your child will learn from you.



Character Education: Elementary

December



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Character Check

- Do your friends encourage you to do right?
- In what ways do you feel you are a good friend to others?
- What are three ways you can become a better person to the people in your life?
- Do you show compassion and concern for others?
- How do you show the qualities of a good friend to people in your life?
- Do you show kindness for people who are different from you? How?

Once a week at a family meal,
have family members tell about
one thing they enjoy about one
person in their life.



*When we do
good things,
our self-respect
grows.
~ Abraham J. Heschel*