

Earthkeeper's Voice

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May/June 2021

Message from the Principal,

Mrs. Katherine Good, Principal

Dear Parents,

WOW-May is here its hard to believe we are coming to an end of the 2021 school year. We are also in full swing of testing. We are in cruise control for all grade levels and focusing on grade level standards. Teachers are working hard to make sure that children are meeting proficiency goals in iReady. Third through fifth grade are in final plans as they prepare for the FSA test that is taking place this month. Please make sure that students are logging into iReady reading and math weekly for 45 minutes. We got some work to do between now and June. Teachers will be working on completing all end of year assessments for promotion or retention.

Our goal this year is to increase our student achievement through proficiency and learning gains, promote character education with our students and to assist our struggling students with additional resources. We are also digging deeper with learning by using "Thinking Maps". Parents can help us achieve this goal by attending parent meetings, joining the School Advisory Council, Parent Teacher 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. We are asking for children to make every effort to be in uniform.. 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.

Parents, please READ the very important letter about FSA testing that WILL BE FACE TO FACE. There will not be an option to take FSA Virtually. The letter is written with guidelines from the state and district about testing. We have also sent out a parentlink for students that will be eligible for a bus.

Warm Regards,

Proud Principal Mrs. K. Good

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, 2020

How to Work With Your Child's Teacher

1. **Get 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.** If interested please access the link below to become a volunteer. Then after being cleared as a volunteer join Fairway Elementary's PTO



Effective October 9th

Students Hours are 8:10 a.m. to 2:10

Front Gate closing **PROMPTLY at **8:10 a.m.**
and **2:25 pm****

Parent Survey:

Please encourage your parents to complete the parent BCPS survey. The link is below. **WE NEED 30 more surveys!!!**

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/158337/p568>

[eProve™ surveys](https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org)

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Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the American s with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Procedures and Rules

AGENDA BOOKS & Colored Communication Folders: 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. We are also using colored communication folders for important paper work between school/teachers and home

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: 754-323-5652.

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 Harbour Blvd.).

Students may be dropped off from 7:15 - 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 7:25 -8:10 for buses **only**. After 8:10 all gates will be locked.

If your child arrives late to school, he/she must be escorted by an adult and signed in at the front office. If you need to enter the campus any time after 8:10 please enter the campus from Fairway Blvd. where our Campus Monitor will be located.

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. Teachers are conducting final review of lessons, distributing important school information, or giving homework assignments. The latest a child can be picked up prior to regular dismissal is 1:30 p.m. All students must leave the school campus no later than 2:10 P.M., as there is no supervision after this time.

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 17, December 20, February 20, March 18, April 8, & June 9

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.

Interim Dates: September 13, November 19, February 9, & April 29

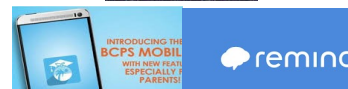
PARENT-TEACHER Organization (PTO): We welcome and encourage your assistance in providing guidance and service to our students, staff and community; including your attendance and participation at PTO meetings, School Advisory Council, and many more activities to come.

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.
- Parents are required to show I.D. before entering the school for teacher-parent conferences, academic awards or graduation events.
- Students are not allowed in the school building before 7:40 am. If your child would like breakfast he/she must be in the breakfast line from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 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 Code Red Drills as part of our district safety mandates.



Parents

Please make sure you download the Remind app as well as the BCPS mobile app for continued communication from Fairway Elementary and the District.

Important Date(s) To Remember;



May 21st-Virtual Kindergarten Round Up-9am-Flyer Attached
May 31st-Holiday-Day off

May 4th-28th-See attached letter for FSA Dates for grades 3-5

Parent Arrival and Dismissal Reminders:

Parents please make sure you are arriving to school on time. **Instruction begins promptly at 8:11 a.m. For the safety and security of the campus we ask that you exit the building promptly as all perimeter gates will be closed at 8:10 a.m.**

Please make sure that if you are late your CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by an adult. Parents at dismissal please make sure you arrive on time to pick up your children or make arrangements for pick up on time. We have many children that are being picked up past 2:30 p.m. and school ends as 2:10 p.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 STAR system in the front office to ensure our students' safety at all times.***

We will continue to implement our practice of constant contact via parent alerts. 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 should 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. 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 7:40 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Students must arrive in the cafeteria no later than 8:00 a.m. in order to be served. If children arrive after 8:00 a.m. they will get a **“grab and go breakfast.”**

Proud to be an Earthkeeper,
Katherine Good, Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments.

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. The Florida Department of Education (DOE) requires all students present during the testing window to participate in the assessment. Therefore, all students present on any testing or make-up testing days will be required to sit for the assessment. Furthermore, unlike some states, Florida has no "opt-out" policy for state assessments used as the required measures of student achievement for the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. Students not in attendance on day of their test(s) will be marked absent and standard absence reporting procedures will be in effect.

Please review the following testing dates for your child’s grade-level. *ELA Reading, Math and Science* assessments are broken down into *2 days of 80-minute sessions each*. FSA ELA Writing is only *1 session of 120 minutes*.

Grade	ELA Reading (2-Sessions)	ELA Writing (1-Session)	Math (2-Sessions)	Science (2-Sessions)
3 rd	April 13-14	X	May 12-13	X
4 th	May 4-5	April 20	May 17-18	X
5 th	May 10-11	April 21	May 19-20	May 25-26

The health and safety of all Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students and staff are among Fairway Elementary highest priorities. BCPS has deployed personal protective equipment, signage and electrostatic sprayers to all schools to assist with ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for students and teachers. **All students, employees and visitors are expected to complete a daily at home health assessment before leaving for school or work each day. In addition, all students, employees, visitors and vendors are required to wear face coverings, unless medically exempt.** Additional information about the District’s health and safety protocols can be found online at <https://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus>.

The goal of statewide assessments is to provide academic achievement and learning gains data to students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and district staff to measure progress and achievement for learners. While no single assessment is the sole determiner of promotion, statewide assessment results are considered for a variety of school-based decisions such as promotion, course placement, and acceptance into magnet programs. Students who do not participate in mandatory statewide assessments risk the possibility of being placed in remediation the following school year, and other consequences (such as retention) based on the district's Student Progression Plan. For further information on promotion criteria, please see School Board Policy 6000.1 Student Progression Plan.

https://web01.browardschools.com/sbbepolicies/docs/Policy%206000_1-Student_Progression_Plan_rev2020-2021_final.pdf. Final recommendations for promotion or retention will be made on a wholistic review of the student’s academic performance during this school year and their readiness for the following grade level.

For information regarding session lengths for Spring 2021 assessments, please see the [2020–2021 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet](#).

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>:

- Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Keys
- Student Presentations

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites.” Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Mrs. Shantai Mobley at Fairway Elementary. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2021 assessments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katherine Good, Principal

JOIN US AT FAIRWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR OUR



To register for Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020.



**Fairway Elementary School
Virtual Meeting
TEAMS LINK-CLICK HERE
Date: May 21, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
FOR THE
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**
Please provide the following document for registration:

Come join us virtually for an opportunity to be informed of enrollment procedure and expectations for all of our kindergarten students at Fairway Elementary.
Become a part of the amazing Kindergarten program!



BCPS SUMMER 2021

Get back! Get ready!
Reconnect!



Summer 2021 Helps Prepare Students for the Upcoming School Year

- Offers specialized programs and electives
- Make up missing coursework or credits
- Reconnect with friends and teachers

Takes place Monday, June 21 – Thursday, July 29

- Free for students in all grade levels
- Monday – Thursday, four hours each day
- Meals provided to all students
- Transportation available for eligible students



Summer 2021 Focuses on Student Success

- All classes are held on Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) campuses
- In-person instruction by BCPS certified teachers
- Health and safety protocols will be followed, including wearing masks, physical distancing, and more
- Morning and afternoon childcare, enrichment or sports-related activities are also available at most sites and may be fee-based

Extended School Year for students with disabilities, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten and Third Grade Reading Academy are also available to eligible students.



See you this summer!

To register, visit your student's school website.
For more information, visit
browardschools.com/summer2021.



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