

# Earthkeeper's Voice

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*Message from the Principal, Mrs. Katherine Good*

## **Welcome Back Parents and Students!**

It is hard to believe we are entering December and the Holiday Season. I want to continue to thank all parents for all their patience and assistance with our e learning platform. Our teachers and students have successfully transitioned to e learning face to face from school and home. However, our students, teachers and staff have done a fantastic job thus far with navigating the e-learning platform. This is a lot of hard work so please be patient.

Please remember how important daily attendance is on the TEAMS live sessions, as that is how attendance is determined. Children must log into Canvas to see classwork and then click on TEAMS live sessions to join subject area sessions.

As we continue to transition to do Virtual Events we are doing things to ensure the safety of everyone on campus. We are working hard to maintain the academic rigor and standards-based instruction for all students even on the e learning platform. Our teachers and students will be working hard to maintain commitment to academic excellence. In addition, the dedication to student achievement will be the primary focus for the entire Fairway community.

Our goals this year are to increase student achievement, promote character education and assist struggling students with additional resources. Parents can help us achieve this goal by attending parent meetings, joining the School Advisory Council or Parent Teacher Organization and ensuring that students attend school every day on time. Research has shown that when schools develop strong partnerships with parents, students reap the benefits academically and socially.

Please don't forget that we are a uniform school. However, we are making exceptions due to the covid pandemic, we just ask that children that can wear uniform do so if not that they dress appropriately and follow school board policy with dresswear.

**Parents we are also asking parents to please make sure they are doing daily health checks with children. If they do not feel well do not send them to school, they can do e learning from home. Please don't forget to report any positive COVID cases to the school. The school has many things to follow up with when it reported.**

Parents we ask that everyone please continue to fill out the Student Code of Conduct and Back to School forms online. Please don't forget to visit our [School Canvas Course](#).

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns at 754-323-5650.

## **Winter Break**

*December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**\*\*January 4<sup>th</sup>-students report back to school.**

**\*\*Stay tuned if we go into PHASE 3\*\***



## **Effective October 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Front Gate closing **PROMPTLY** at**

**8:10 a.m.**

**and 2:25 pm**

## **Effective November 30<sup>th</sup>-Cameras ON-School Board Policy**

**All students must have cameras on at**

**ALL TIMES during live instruction.**

**This is also required for attendance  
purposes.**

**Please make sure that your child has  
an appropriate background as well.**

**Thank you,  
Administration.**

## **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

- 1** Welcome Back / Open House
- 2** Procedures and Rules

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director of Equal Opportunities at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the American 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:** 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. Attendance at the moment is based on attendance to live sessions in TEAMS.

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:** At the moment conferences will be done over the phone or through TEAMS. 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. At the time during virtual learning the hours are 7:40 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for conferences.

**DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREAS: PHASE 2-**Students arriving on campus walking or by car will come through the main entrance. Parents will NOT be allowed to come out of their cars and will not be allowed to come onto campus.

For the safety and to minimize many entrances and exits students, parents are asked to enter and exit on the east side of the school, (entering from Harbour Blvd.)

Late drop off-will be off Fairway Blvd and must check in with campus monitor before parking.

Students may be dropped off from 7:45 - 8:10 a.m. Grab and Go breakfast will be provided if needed.

Dropping off students in the Bus Loading Zone is **prohibited**.

**GATES CLOSED AND LOCKED:** (This will be the process when we return to campus)

The gates in the bus loop will be open from 7:45 -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 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 12, 16<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>,  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, & June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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. However, at this time all homework will be done virtually with the teacher prior to 2:00 p.m.

**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.

**Interim Dates: September 11<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>,  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, & April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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:** (When face to Face) 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 RAPTOR system.
- Parents are required to show I.D. before entering the school for teacher-parent conferences, academic awards or "Moving On" ceremonies.
- 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 7:20 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.

## How to Work With Your Child's Teacher

1. **Get to know your child's teacher(s).** The earlier the better for transparent communication. 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.** This can make it easier for teachers to understand your child. Sometimes things that happen at home can affect student learning.
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



Be a *Star Volunteer* in  
Broward County Public Schools

Apply on - Line Today!  
Go to:

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

Your personal information is protected.

Please sign the interim report and return it to the school.

### **Procedures and Rules (Continued)**

#### **Technology Issues or Laptop Requests:**

Please continue to call the school and ask to speak to our Micro-Tech, Mr. Horvath for any technology issues. We still have laptop devices for distribution. If you need one, please call the school to schedule an appointment for pick-up.

#### **Laptops for e-learning on Campus:**

**PRK-Second Grade**-Students will be asked that they bring their devices and leave it at school to be charged overnight for daily use. Please

**Third-Fifth Grade:** Students will have the option to leave at school or bring back and fourth as needed for academic reasons.

#### **Parentlink:**

We will continue to implement our practice of constant contact via Parent Alerts. Please ensure that contact phone numbers and emails are updated, so that you will receive all important information from the school. Parentlink only calls the main number listed on registration. Special events, field trips, and other reminders and announcements will be sent to you via email, phone, and through the Broward Schools App.

#### **Back to School Forms:**

All Back to School Forms should be completed ON-LINE at [www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts). Fairway Elementary will be collecting hard copies of emergency contact information. If you need assistance filling out forms on-line, please stop by the front office and we will be happy to help you.

#### **Free and Reduced Lunch**

Apply for Free and Reduced priced meals at [myschoolapps.com](http://myschoolapps.com). Families are encouraged to pay online for student meals through [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). Broward County Public Schools offers Universal Free Breakfast for all students. Lunch prices will be based on each student's meal eligibility status.

Elementary Middle High Breakfast FREE FREE FREE

Reduced Lunch \$0.40 \$0.40 \$0.40 Lunch \$2.00 \$2.35 \$2.50

Adults/Non-BCPS enrolled children Breakfast \$1.80 | Lunch \$2.75.

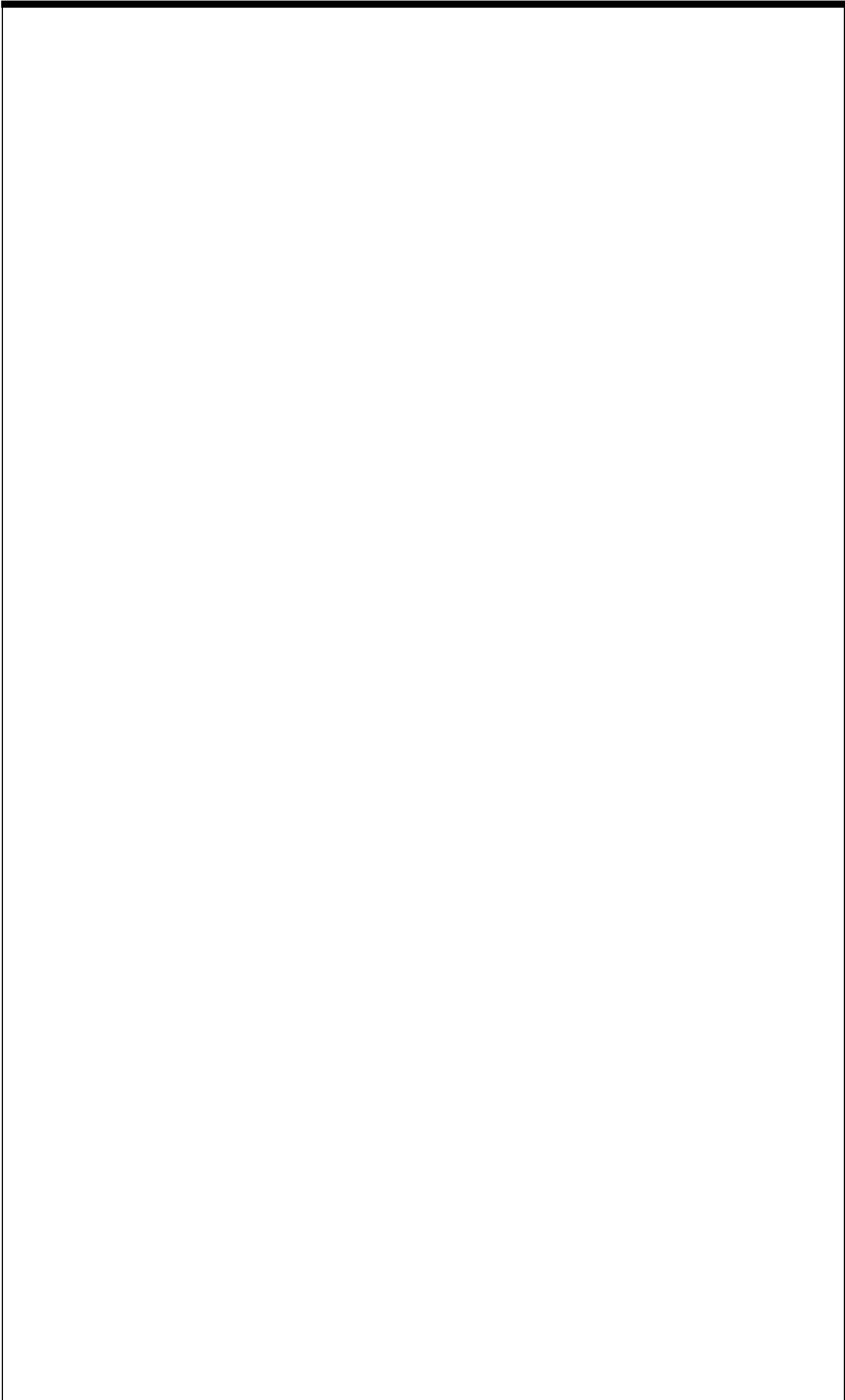
#### **Grab and Go Meals**

Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Fridays students be given meals at dismissal. Students or their parents will be able to pick up multiple meals at a time by driving to the Intermediate Car Pick-up area (at the large aluminum gate). It is strongly recommended that students or their parents pick up student meals at their home school for ease of service. Parents must have identification for their student to pick up meals if the student is not present. Recommended forms of identification include student ID's, report cards, and birth certificates. Identification must be present at each meal service. Broward County Public Schools offers Universal Free Breakfast for all students. Meal prices for lunch will be based on each student's meal eligibility status.

Our school theme for this year is "Every day Heroes"...preparing for academic success We know the 2020-2021 school year will be FANTASTIC!

As I enter my 17<sup>th</sup> year as an administrator, I look forward to being a part of this Miramar Community. 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 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](mailto: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



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