

Earthkeeper's Voice

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Title I School

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Greetings from the desk of Mrs. Good, Principal

May and we are deep into the 4th quarter and teacher and students are working hard as they dig deeper into learning with all standards. Testing season is upon us with primary testing and FSA. Students are well into their engaged learning and in deep with standards-based learning. We are working hard to maintain the academic rigor and standards-based instruction for all students. Our teachers and students will be working hard to maintain commitment to academic excellence. In addition, the dedication to student achievement continues to be primary focus for the entire Fairway community.

Please know that we will be having our final SAC meeting on May 18th at 2:30 p.m. **We will be going over our 2022-2023 school budget and vote on a few items so we need to meet quorum.** We are asking that all SAC team members be in attendance at this final meeting of the year.

Please make sure that if you want students to wear a mask to please provide your own mask. We have used our entire supply and are waiting for more masks to be shipped out to our school. Wearing masks are for everyone's safety.

Testing Reminders, please make sure that all 3rd through 5th graders get a good night sleep prior to testing and eat a well-balanced breakfast.

Parents please don't forget to encourage daily use of iReady for Reading and Math. All students K-5 need to be on for 45 minutes in each subject area. Our students that met those goals and have shown so much improvement.

Please don't forget that we are a uniform school. Students need to wear uniforms, ID badges and masks everyday.

Parents we are asking that if children show ANY sick symptoms, please keep them home. If a child does test positive for Covid please notify the school IMMEDIATELY.

Summer reminders: Parents please be reminded that all report cards, FSA scores and promotion information will be located on your child's virtual counselor page.

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

Your proud principal,
Mrs. Katherine Good

COVID UPDATES & Protocols

- **Masks are optional, however they are highly recommended.** Students who do choose to wear masks please provide your own. **If a child forgets we will give a mask if they ASK for one.**
- Parents please make sure that if your child presents ANY symptoms of being sick, please DO NOT send them to school.
- If a child test positive for covid please contact the school immediately. The school needs to be able to do close contact tracking.
- Students will need to quarantine for a minimum number of 5 days as outlined by the Department of Health if they are positive for Covid..
- Students that have to quarantine will have access to a laptop if needed to complete work on classroom Canvas course. Laptops will be assigned by the school micro-tech.

FortifyFL APP

Parents please know that the district does have a safety reporting app. It's called FortifyFL. You can download this app and report any suspicious activity on this app anonymously.

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.** 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.

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ESOL UPDATES

ESOL Contact-Mrs. Mobley 754-323-5650

If your child was identified as an ELL, which means your child can have instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs take an English language proficiency test every year. Testing helps teachers understand whether students have the language skills they need to fully participate in the classroom. Your child's teachers use ACCESS for ELLs test scores as they decide how best to teach your child. Test scores also help teachers track your child's progress in learning academic English and help schools decide what English language support services to provide. You can use test information to advocate for your child at school.

Guidance Corner/Character Education-April- Self Control

Tolerance is the character trait for April. Tolerance is recognizing and respecting differences, values, and beliefs of other people.

Title 1 Updates

Title 1 Liaison-Mrs. Dorvil 754-323-5650

Please note that SIP plan and SAC Budget is discussed every month at our SAC meetings that meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Next meeting **May 18, 2022**

Please note that FSA 2020 individual scores, interims, and report cards can all be viewed on Virtual Counselor.

We have our Kindergarten Round Up on May 19th at 8:30 a.m., 2022-Look out for Flyers

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 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

MASKS-Mandatory on throughout the day. Students do not have wear masks when they are outside, during lunch for PE or recess that is outside.

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 the attendance hotline at 754-323-5652 its available 24/7.

Quarantine: If you child has to quarantine because of a positive covid case in school the child will access the teacher's canvas course for classwork that needs to be completed. If a child is going to need a laptop, they must sign a laptop our through our Micro-tech Mr. Jan Horvath. Teachers will be working on TEAMS link for children to try and join live links.

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:

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 8:30 a.m. the campus monitor will assist.

The gates in the afternoon on both Primary and Intermediate car loops will close at 2:25 p.m. Students will be escorted to the front office area and will need to be picked up.

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 19, January 10, February 24, March 17, April 14, and June 9

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.

- ***MASKS***-Mandatory on throughout the day. Students do not have wear masks when they are outside, during lunch for PE or recess that is outside.
- We will follow all CDC protocols. We are following 3ft to 6ft apart.
- 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. They will have to wear ,masks as well.
- 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 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 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.

Important Date(s) To Remember



May

5th & 6th- Fourth and Fifth Grade-ELA FSA

10th & 11th-Third through Fifth-Math FSA

17th & 18th-Fifth Grade Science FCAT

30th-Holiday

June

9th-Early Release/Last School Day

10th-Planning Day

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:

September 20, November 19, February 11, & May 3rd

Procedures and Rules (Continued)

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 next year is "Learning is an Adventure" We know the 2021-2022 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.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments **Grade 3, 4, 5 ELA Writing/ELA Reading/Mathematics** assessments on:

3 rd Grade ELA/Reading	4 th & 5 th Grade ELA/Reading
April 5th & 6th	May 4th & May 5th

4 th & 5 th Grade ELA Writing	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Math
April 5th	May 10th & May 11th

5th Grade Science
May 17th & 18th

Students will participate in one session per day. All sessions are 80 minutes for each day that has two sessions. The FSA ELA Writing test is 120 minutes.

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html> under the “Paper-Based Practice Tests” tab:

- 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, smartwatches, and Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds, 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, 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, responses, 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. In addition, FDOE employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), 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 Fairway Elementary at **754-323-5654**. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <http://www.fsassessments.org/fsa.html>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2022 assessments.

Sincerely,

Katherine Good