

# Earthkeeper's Voice

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Title 1 School

September 2022

### Message from the Principal,

Mrs. Katherine Good, Principal

Welcome Back! Parents, September is here and we are excited the students have had a great start. It is a true pleasure to be the principal at Fairway Elementary. Fairway Elementary is climbing towards academic success. Our teachers and students will be working hard on their commitment to academic excellence and 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. Please note that all gates will be closed at 8:10 a.m. We want to start instruction promptly.

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 1 News:

Please know that you can view our updated School Improvement Plan on our website after September 1, 2022. 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.

**FSA 2022 News**-You may access all FSA scores and report cards for 2021-2022 on Virtual Counselor.

Your proud principal,  
Mrs. Katherine Good

### Title 1 OPEN HOUSE



September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

More details to follow

#### Be a Partner in your child's education

**Title 1 OPEN HOUSE** is your chance to meet the school staff and other parents in a relaxed setting. It is not a time for a formal parent-teacher conference. However, you are encouraged to set up an appointment to discuss your child's academic progress.

#### 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 child .....and 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, 2023

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**Procedures and Rules**

**MASKS**-Highly recommended. 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 754-323-5650-Mrs. Duckworth.

**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:**

The gates in the bus loop will be open from 7:40-8:10 for buses ONLY. In the morning the gates will be locked at 8:10 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 at 2:25 p.m. You will have to come sign them out if you are late. Please note that families that are consistently late will be spoken to be administration and referred to the social worker.

**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 20, January 12, February 14, March 16, April 20,

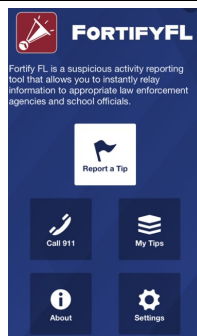
**PARENT-TEACHER Organization (PTO):** We welcome and encourage your assistance in providing guidance and service to our students, staff and community; including your attendance and participation at PTO meetings, School Advisory Council, and many more activities to come.

**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-Highly recommended .
- 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!

**Important Date(s) To Remember**



**Open House**  
September 14, 2022  
**NO School/Holidays**  
September 5th, & 26th

**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 13, November 29, February 14, & May 2nd**

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

**Parents please make sure you are following all traffic rules in the morning.** Please DO NOT park in the swale areas or in driveways of residents in the area. Please do not get out of your cars, as that stops the flow of traffic. As a reminder, no parent may access the primary car loop. If you feel you need to walk your child, please use the entrance off Harbor Blvd and park your cars and you may walk to the intermediate car loop gate only. Staff, safety patrols, and volunteers will assist children and walk them to the cafeteria.

*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](http://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](http://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](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


**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!**



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August 29, 2022

Dear Parent(s) and or Guardian(s); 

We will be starting a new safer dismissal process for **car riders on September 6, 2022**. Please be reminded that we start dismissal with our PREK students at 2:00 p.m. **We need for all cars to have a car tag that includes their LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, GRADE and TEACHER.** We will have staff members that will be entering the information on our school TEAMS dismissal channel. All students PREK through fifth grade will be inside the buildings and will be listening and looking for their names. The students will then be released from the following areas:

**PREK/Headstart/VPK- Cafeteria**

**Kindergarten- Art Room** (located in Building 1-2 near Primary Car Loop)

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Hallway** (Located in Building 1-2 near Primary Car Loop)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom** (Located in Building 1-2 near Primary Car Loop)

**3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Cafeteria**

If students have siblings in PREK or 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, then all siblings will come to the cafeteria. Parents that are walking up to pick up their children will need to follow the same process of giving Fairway staff members their information to enter into the dismissal TEAMS application.

Please be patient and flexible as we try this new dismissal process that we feel will be safer and better for all involved. We appreciate working together.

Sincerely,



Fairway Administration



THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Education**

**CS/CS/HB 1557 — Parental Rights in Education**

by Judiciary Committee; Education and Employment Committee; Rep. Harding and others (SB 1834 by Senator Baxley)

The bill (Chapter 2022-22, L.O.F.) reinforces a parent's fundamental right to make decisions regarding the care and upbringing of his or her child in the public school setting. The bill requires each district school board to adopt procedures for notifying a student's parent if there is a change in services or monitoring related to the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. All procedures adopted under the bill must require school district personnel to encourage a student to discuss issues related to his or her well-being with his or her parent.

The bill prohibits a school district from maintaining procedures that require school district personnel to withhold from a parent, or encourage a student to withhold, information related to a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. School district procedures may authorize school district personnel to withhold information only for a reasonable belief that disclosure would subject the student to abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

The bill prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students.

At the beginning of each school year, a school district must notify parents of all healthcare services offered at their student's school and provide parents the opportunity to individually consent to, or decline, each service. Additionally, schools may not administer a well-being questionnaire or health screening form to a student in kindergarten through grade 3 without first receiving consent from the student's parent.

The bill requires each school district to adopt procedures for a parent to notify the principal of concerns regarding the provisions in the bill, and the process for resolving concerns within seven days of the complaint. The bill specifies that, if the complaint is not resolved by the school district after an additional 30 days, a parent may:

- Request the Commissioner of Education appoint a special magistrate who meets qualifications established in the bill. The special magistrate must recommend a resolution to the State Board of Education (SBE) within 30 days. The SBE must approve or reject the recommendation between 7 and 30 days after the recommendation. The school district must pay the costs of the special magistrate.
- Bring an action against the school district to obtain a declaratory judgment that the school district procedure or practice violates the provision in the bill and seek injunctive relief. A court may award damages and must award reasonable attorney fees and court costs to a parent who receives declaratory or injunctive relief.

The bill requires all school district student support services training to adhere to guidelines, standards, and frameworks established by the Department of Education (DOE). By June 30,

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**FAIRWAY ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL TSHIRT PRE-ORDER SALE  
SHOW YOUR EARTHKEEPER PRIDE!**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Color Grey Only	XS	S	M	L	XL	
Quantity						
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Color Grey Only	S	M	L	XL	XXL +2.00	XXXL +3.00
Quantity						
<b>Total #</b>						

For Office Use Only

<b>Total Amount for Spirit Shirts</b>	
Quantity Ordered #	Amount Paid \$

Online Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

**Order form and payment due by  
WEDNESDAY, August 31, 2022**

**Cash, Money Orders *(made out to Fairway Elementary)* or  
Online Payments are accepted!**

# FAIRWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO 2022-2023

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & VOLUNTEER FORM

“Learning is out of this world”

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You are key to the success of school activities. PTO depends on you to become an active participant in your children's education. Whether you can volunteer once a week or only for special events throughout the year, we need you be involved! Please JOIN US for a successful 2022-2023 year.

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I'd like to be a PTO Member    AND/OR     I'd like to Volunteer with PTO *(see back)*

Contract # Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address *(required to receive PTA communication)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobby/ Interest/ Profession *(optional)*: \_\_\_\_\_

- Child's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_
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Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Other Family Members who would like to be a PTO Member or Volunteer  
 I'd like to be a PTO Member    AND/OR     I'd like to Volunteer with PTO

Name/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobby/ Interest/ Profession *(optional)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_



- Please make checks payable to Fairway PTO*

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *(\$7 per member)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



# Family Newsletter

## Dear Parent:

Cooperation is the character trait of the month of September. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of cooperation. Learning how to cooperate will help with success in school, in relationship with friends and in life over all. It is essential to remember that cooperation is a basic life skill that assists us in working together so that collaboration and creativity will ultimately bring about success.

### Ideas to Do as a Family

- Have your child share with you about times they worked with someone else to make or do something. Emphasize that working together requires compromise and listening to others' ideas.
- Share with your child about something you did that required cooperation. Explain how you worked together with others.
- Schedule household chores at a time when all members of the family can work together to finish them.
- "Catch" your child cooperating and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation.
- Initiate a family project or activity that all family members can have a role.
- Select a hobby that interests the family and invite all family members to work together.
- Watch a movie or TV program together and discuss how the characters cooperated with each other.
- Volunteer as a family to do a community service project together.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn.



Character Education: Elementary

September



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 Email:  
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### Character Check

- What do you have to do so that you listen carefully to others?
- Can you name a time that you compromised during conflict?
- How can you encourage your child to do the very best?
- Ask yourself; is my child able to get along with others? How can I help him/her approve?
- Observe or ask the teacher whether your child participates well in-group activities.