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Norcrest Elementary - *A Title I School*

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Meet and Greet

We will having a Meet and Greet for students and families to meet their teacher on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Students will be able to pick up their class assignment cards on the front walk by the West Parking Lot.

Pre-K, Kindergarten and Autism Special Programs
8:30 a.m. – PTA in Cafe
9:00 a.m. – Classrooms

Grades 1-3
10:30 a.m. – PTA in Café
11:00 a.m. Classrooms

Grades 4 & 5
12:30 p.m. – PTA in Café
1:00 p.m. – Classrooms

- Uniforms & Friday Spirit Shirts will be sold
- Aftercare registration available

Parent and Visitor Access to Norcrest Elementary Campus

Maintaining a safe campus is our priority here at Norcrest Elementary. New guidelines and policies are being implemented districtwide in an effort to better secure our campuses. The District has mandated that **once the school day begins, all perimeter gates must be locked except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. This gate must be monitored at all times by school personnel. If personnel are not available to dedicate to this post, the gate must remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school's office to gain entry to the campus.** At this time, Norcrest Elementary does not have any extra staff to dedicate solely as a monitor for the front entrance gate. We are in the process of securing a Campus Monitor to assist us. Until a permanent Campus Monitor can be hired, we will be rotating staff to monitor the gate. There may be times throughout the day locking it may be necessary. Please help us to keep our campus safe by adhering to the following expectations for arrival, dismissal, and access to the campus.

- The parking lot that accesses the front of the school will be open and be monitored for drop off beginning at 7:15 a.m. for students going to breakfast and at 7:30 a.m. for all other students **until 8:30 am. DO NOT** drop off your child prior to these times. There is no supervision!!! The Southside and Northside entrances will also be open and monitored for student arrivals. **The Southside and Northside gates will remain locked and secured from 8:30 a.m. until dismissal.**
- The gate to the front parking lot of the school **will be closed and monitored beginning at 8:30 a.m. If the monitor is not available, the gate will then be locked and secured.** If you need to access the campus, **you will need to call the school at 754-322-7250.** We will then send someone to open the gate. Please understand that this may take some time, so please plan accordingly.
- The gate to the front parking lot will be **reopened and entry will be monitored beginning at 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** and will be monitored to allow for dismissal and pick up from the aftercare program.
- When entering the campus, please be prepared to share your purpose or need for entry to the campus with staff members. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures and will reciprocate with the same!
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, laptops, etc.

We recognize that these safety procedures may be inconvenient. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children safe.

2018-19 Evaluations

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Norcrest Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations many contact our office at (754) 322-7250 by April 12, 2019.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

It is very important that your child/children know exactly how they will get home each and every day. Please do not make changes, as it is best if students have a regular dismissal routine. If you must make a change, we require a note to be sent to the teacher. Remember that all Kindergarten students will receive wristbands and backpack bands, indicating how they will get home. Please leave the band on the backpack all year and on the wrist for two weeks.

All ASD Special Program students, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students (and their siblings) will use the new SOUTH LOOP near the back of the cafeteria. Parents will enter the SOUTH LOOP on NE 16th Terrace. When you exit the loop you must make a right turn on NE 39th Street. Please use the same drop-off/pick-up area for both arrival and dismissal.

All other car riders in grades 1st – 5th grade students will use the WEST ENTRANCE.

We have issued green wristbands to all WEST SIDE WALKERS who must enter and exit our campus using the west-walking gate on NE 40th Street. This will be safer for the students because they will cross the street with the crossing guard at NE 15th Avenue and NE 40th Street.

Parents are **NOT permitted** to stand in the sidewalk areas **within** the campus in the front or back of their school and wait for their children. Please remember that it is dangerous to drop off your children on the street. We appreciate your support, patience and suggestions as we continue to improve our arrival and dismissal procedures.

8:00 is late!

Entering the school's front gate at 8:00 is late! The instructional school day begins promptly at 8:00 am. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00. Please refer to the Student Handbook in the first day packets and online for further information regarding attendance and early dismissal procedures.



To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several days.

<http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/application-note>

Complete all Back-to-School forms needed on line!

<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>

Emergency Preparedness

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. This year the District has mandated that "code red" lock down drills be every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Norcrest Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parent link and remind. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.

Unified Dress Code

The results are in on our Unified Dress Code Vote. 309 of our families voted to continue the use of mandatory uniforms. This falls short of the 424 votes needed to continue under the unified dress code mandate. Therefore, Norcrest Elementary will not be considered a mandatory unified dress code school for the 2018-2019 school year. The use of a uniform will continue to be encouraged, yet not mandatory. All students will need to be dressed in compliance with the Broward County Student Code of Conduct booklet.



August 14th
Meet & Greets

August 15th
First Day of School 8am

Boo Hoo Breakfast

August 29th
Open House
Pre-K -2

September 5th
Open House Grades 3-5

September 11th
PTA & Title 1 Annual Meeting



Have a question, need an answer? Who's who at Norcrest:

Kyna Duarte,
Principal

Frederick Robinson, Assistant
Principal

Dr. William Nicholas,
School Counselor

Kathy Kusmich, ESE
Specialist

Margaret Marigold,
Autism Coach

Maria Reitberg,
Literacy Coach

Mindy Leonard,
Math Coach

Bernice Alvarez, Office
Manager

Open House

Open Houses will be held on the following days at 6:00 p.m.:
Wednesday, August 29 for Grades Pre-K – 2
Wednesday, September 5 for Grades 3-5

Student ID Badges

Beginning this school year, all students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Coral Park will provide your child will receive an ID badge and breakaway lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear ID badges, as well.

PTA

We are blessed to have a very active PTA here at Norcrest Elementary. Please take time to review their informational sheets included in our first day packets. Also, join us on September 11th at 6:30 p.m. at their first PTA Meeting to meet our amazing team:

- Margaret Hedelund – President
- Danielle Burns – Vice President
- Heather Murphy – Treasurer
- Kelly Guida – Yearbook Editor
- Greg Jackson – Awards Chair
- Kim Eisenmann-Byerly – Secretary
- Jodi Caldarazzo – Special Events Coordinator

Stay Connected

Parent Link– These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Norcrest Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact Ms. Alvarez at 754-322- 7250. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

Title I Information & Updates

The School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement is located at 701 NW 31 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311. For more information please contact Dr. Daniel at 754-322-5850 or visit www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/ (or call 754-321-1425).

The District Parent Involvement Policy <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>

LEA plan <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement-lea-plan.asp> and

SPAR <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm> can be found at the respective links.

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Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.