GATOR RUN ELEMENARY

Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year!

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are excited to greet our students and families for the start of what is going to be an amazing year. Our Meet and Greet event will take place this Friday, August 9th. Please see the last page of this newsletter with each grade level's specific time period. Please know that Meet and Greet is not the time for individual conferences. You will be able to meet the teacher, explore the classroom, and drop off supplies. Our teachers will go in-depth with academics and expectations during our Open House events (please see the specific dates below). Teachers will be calling families by the end of the day this Wednesday (8/7/24) to introduce themselves. If you have not received a phone call or email by the end of day on 8/7, please contact the front office.

FOCUS

Broward County Schools is using the software application, FOCUS, this year. FOCUS centralizes all applications used by parents into one districtwide system, incorporating attendance, grade book, scheduling, report cards, transportation, and communication. For detailed information, Focus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and translated directions for parents and guardians to register for the Focus Parent Portal, visit https://www.browardschools.com/focus.

Bus Riders

If your child is eligible to ride a Broward County School bus, you must Register to Ride at https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride/. Please contact Ms. Saba (ashley.saba@browardschools.com) with any questions.

Important Dates

Meet and Greet - August 9

First Day of School - August 12

PTA General Meeting - August 21, 8:30 AM

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Open House - August 21, 6:30 PM

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Open House - August 28, 6:30 PM

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Message from Mr. Peters

This is my 12th year as the Lead Learner of Gator Run Elementary, and I am thrilled to work alongside you to ensure that all our students are successful. #GatorCULTURE is our school's ethos. It describes both the qualities we believe that we are known for, but also the feeling you get when you walk onto our campus. We take great pride in being a welcoming school in which everyone (students, staff and families) demonstrates and models the character traits that make up a quality individual.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you this Friday! Let's make this year the best ever!

Keith Peters
Lead Learner
Gator Run Elementary
#GatorCULTURE (Collaboration, Unity, Lifelong Learning, Trust, Uniqueness, Responsibility, and Equity)
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Additional Important Information

The first day of school is Monday, August 12. Please know that we permit parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students to walk their child to class on the first day only. If you are a parent of a Pre-K or Kindergarten student and will be walking your child to class, we ask that you exit our campus by 8:00 am so that we can secure our facility and begin our first day! We appreciate your support in ensuring everyone's safety.

There are many forms that parents need to complete at the start of each school year. Teachers will make you aware of all of the needed forms. Please ensure that you and your child have reviewed the Student Code of Conduct. The Annual Back to School Forms can be found on FOCUS this year. Here is a link with information on how to access them - https://tinyurl.com/2w2msc4n

GRE will utilize the CurbSmart carpool tag system again this year. You will get your carpool tags during Meet and Greet this Friday. CurbSmart numbers have changed this year. You MUST have your new yellow car tag in your car window in order to pick a child up from the carpool lines. Please make sure you have your tag by the start of the first day of school. The front desk can assist you.

You will also receive a backpack tag at Meet and Greet. Please make sure you attach this to your child's backpack before the first day of school. These tags are helpful to us in making sure that students get to their appropriate classroom.

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Meet & Greet

Meet the teacher and visit your classroom

Friday, August 9th

8:30 PreK, VPK & K
9:15-9:45 1st Grade
10:30-11:00 2nd Grade
12:00-12:30 3rd Grade
1:15-1:45 4th Grade
2:30-3:00 5th Grade