
August 2022

NEWSCHESTER



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(754) 322-8900

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(754) 322-8902

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(754) 322-8927

Principal's Message

Wildcat Families!

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a fun and exciting summer! I also hope that you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. I am incredibly happy that you are a part of our wonderful learning community. Our theme for the 2022-2023 school year is "Little Hands Can Change the World in a Big Way!" We are always focusing on the social and emotional well-being of our students and with this theme, we will continue to emphasize to our students that they are all special and can accomplish anything they set their minds to!

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families and available to answer your questions.

Please be sure to visit browardschools.com to view the Student Code of conduct and to complete the online Back to School forms. You can also visit us at www.browardschools.com/westchester or follow us on **Twitter @newschester** or on **Instagram @WestchesterElementary**. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 754-322-8900.

I look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Fondly,

Mrs. Geraine



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Westchester Elementary PTA

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August 15: Meet and Greet

- **K-1: 9:00 – 9:30**
- **Grades 2 - 3: 10:00 – 10:30**
- **Grades 4 - 5: 11:00 – 11:30**

August 24: Open House Grades K – 2

August 31: Open House Grades 3 – 5

- **Open House times TBA**

September 5: Labor Day; NO SCHOOL

September 13: Interim Reports

September 26: NO SCHOOL



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office and must have I.D. to gain access to our school.
- All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- Dismissal consistency is important, please alert the teacher and the office ASAP of any changes.
- Early student sign-outs end at 1:30 p.m.

Student Placement 2022-2023

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. Westchester is eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. We appreciate you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.



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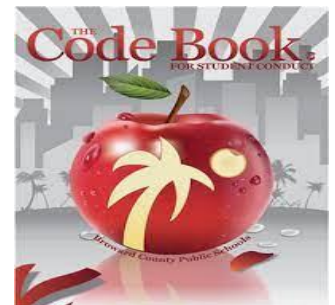
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IMPORTANT

All parents/guardians must fill out the required back to school forms along with our Code of Conduct. You can access the forms at <https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/> data is protected and secure. For Back to Schools Forms and more, visit the Back-to-School online toolkit at <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool>

BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE FORMS



2022-2023 School Year Registration

We are continuously taking registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. During the school year, our office is open for registrations Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Items needed for registration: Two proofs of residence, original birth certificate, and health/immunization record. If you have an incoming kindergarten student, they must be five years old on/or before September 1, 2022.

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Arrival & Dismissal

- The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. each morning.
- On campus supervision begins at 7:30 a.m.
- Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. All students are invited to eat breakfast at no charge.
- It is vital that all students arrive to school on-time.
- K-2 students are dropped off and picked up in the front of the school, at the main entrance.
- 3 - 5 students are dropped off and picked up at the rear of the campus on 123rd Avenue. If you have more than one child, use the drop off and pick up for the youngest child.
- Please do not park or leave cars unattended in the Car Rider Loop.
- Dismissal is 2:00 p.m.
- Early Release Day dismissal is 12:00 p.m.

For the safety of our students, we ask that parents in the arrival car lane abide by some simple safety rules:

- No cell phones when dropping off your child.
- Parents, please remain in your car
- Please make sure your child is prepared to exit your vehicle when you pull into the car line.
- Children are to exit the car from the right side (sidewalk).
- Please stay in one lane, the outside lane is for those cars that are parking or exiting
- Pull all the way up. The safety of your children is our top priority.





See Something, Say Something

 Be a Broward Buddy. Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip using our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (no download required). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical description, school name, or all media handles, etc.

[Browardschools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)





Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our Teamly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500



Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTops@browardschools.com



FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (no download required) or download the app for your device. Use FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.

[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)





FORTIFYFL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.




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Our awesome and much-appreciated PTA is all set to welcome our families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We would love for you to join our PTA and become a member of a hard-working and dedicated community. For more information about our PTA, visit WestchesterPTA.com

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. <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NDgyMDplbi1VUw==>



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