

Dear Palm Cove Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Palm Cove Elementary, Home of the Players and Coaches. Throughout the year you will hear the staff refer to the students as "The Players" and to themselves as "Coaches". If you are wondering why, that's because our school theme is baseball. We believe in the principles of teamwork and coaching. We strive to hit academic home runs with our players. Please join us in our effort to strive to be the best and hit home runs every time we come to the batter's plate. Please support our efforts, as you are "The Fans."

Moving forward in the 2018-2019 school year, we will introduce the Palm Cove Elementary Enrichment Model. This model will be called PCE Excels. These designated classes will focus on stretching our students to reach their full potential. We are extremely excited to bring this innovative approach to our school.

School Safety is our number one priority. See important arrival and dismissal information below. Please be flexible and understanding as it relates to changes to improve safety.

Sincerely,

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Davida S. Johnson Principal and General Manager

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please be advised there is no supervision of students before 7:30 AM. Parents **MAY NOT** drop off their child before this time. All students must be dropped off using the appropriate drop off locations. The only exceptions are walkers, bus students, and bike riders. Parking in the swale areas along Washington Street and 114 Avenue is prohibited. You will receive a parking ticket from local law enforcement if you park in these areas.

Front Car Loop - Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

The front car loop is designed for Kindergarten, First, and Second grade students only. Please follow our school procedures when using this lot. Please use the right turn lane, which is provided for you when entering the front lot. You may not make a left turn into this lot. Proceed all the way until you see staff personnel who will assist you and direct your child to enter the building. Your child(ren) should be ready to exit from the right passenger door(s). Please do not allow your child(ren) to exit from the left passenger door(s). When exiting the front lot, you will be making a right turn onto Washington Street. If you have an appointment with your child's teacher, please follow the traffic flow around and enter the designated parking area for visitors. If you are visiting the school, please use the crossing area marked with wide white lines to cross. Do not cross in any other area.

Back Car Loop - Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

The back-car loop is designed for all ASD students, Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students only. Please make a right turn only when entering this lot. You may not make a left turn into the lot. Please make a right turn only when entering this lot. Proceed all the way until you see staff personnel who will assist you and direct your child to enter the building. Your child(ren) should be ready to exit from the right passenger door(s). Please do not allow your child(ren) to exit from the left passenger door(s). When exiting the back lot, you can only make a right turn onto 114 Street. If you have an appointment with your child's teacher, you will need to park in the front parking area. Please park in designated visitor spaces. If you are visiting the school, please use the crossing area marked with wide white lines to cross. Do not cross in any other area.

Please Note: If you have a younger child and an older child attending Palm Cove Elementary and drop the children off you may use the car loop designated for the younger child.

K-2 grade Car Riders will receive a tag with child's last name, teacher and grade on it. Hang this tag on your rearview mirror so we can identify who you will be picking up in the front car loop. 3-5 grade Car Riders will receive a form with child's last name, teacher and grade on it please place it on your dashboard wo we can identify who you will be picking up in the back-car loop.

SCHOOL STARTS ON AUGUST 15, 2018 AND THIS FALLS ON A WEDNESDAY!!

Our School hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please make sure to mark your calendars. Meet & Greet/Open House-Title I Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14 there will be 2 Sessions. Session 1 is from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Session 2 is 2:00 p.m to 2:45 p.m. You may meet your child's teacher at any time during these 2 Sessions. Feel free to drop off your child's supplies on that day as well. We welcome parents to walk their student to class on the first 3 days of School 8/15, 8/16, 8/17. Monday 8/20/18 is Independence Day, students will go to class on their own. There will be support staff available to assist students.

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal. The instructional school day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Your child will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom by 8:00a.m. Students who arrive to school after 8:00 a.m., must be escorted into the school and signed in by a parent. Parent must sign out their student who requires an early dismissal BEFORE 1:30 p.m. (11:30 a.m. on Early Release Days). Per school board policy, all early dismissals must be done more than 30 minutes before Palm Cove's regular dismissal time. School is dismissed at 2:00 p.m. there is no supervision after 2:30 p.m. Parents must come into the office and provide ID every time picking up a student.

Please make sure that all free and reduced lunch applications are submitted on-line as soon as possible. The website is www.applyforlunch.com. Please remember that families that are not approved for free or reduced lunch benefits will be paying full price for lunch until approved. Daily lunch is \$2.00. It is very important that parents check their child's account balance at www.myschoolbucks.com regularly as we want to ensure that all students receive a full lunch every day. As a reminder, Palm Cove has universal free breakfast for all students. Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 AM -7:50 AM in the cafeteria. Students must arrive in the cafeteria no later than 7:45 AM to be served.

> "ON-DECK" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August Open House 2 Sessions 1 - 1:45pm or 2 - 2:45pm 08/14/18 Welcome Back, 1st Day of School 08/15/18 1st Quarter Begins 08/15/18 Independence Day (Students walk to class by themselves.) 08/20/18



Join Our Team Of Volunteers!

Volunteering your time, whether it's one hour, one day or more, will make a valuable contribution to the students and staff at Palm Cove Elementary. Parents are proud to send their children to an award-winning school like Palm Cove. We wouldn't win those awards without the hard work and dedication of our staff, students and our parents!

Each year you must re-apply to be a volunteer. You must be an approved volunteer to participate in school related activities and to chaperone field trips.

The application process is fast and easy! Just go on line and complete an application. It takes about one week to find out if you've been approved.

No computer at home? Computers are available at all Broward County Public Libraries and it's free!

Go to: www.getinvolvedineducation.com to complete a volunteer application today!

Our School Motto "Teaming for Success" **Our School Goal** "To Promote Student Achievement and Celebrate all Stakeholders in a Safe Family Oriented Environment"

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