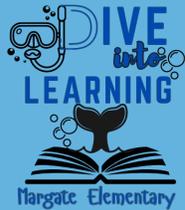


MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AUGUST 2024

# Panther Pawprints

**Excellence Through Caring**



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**Principal**

Donna Rucker  
**Assistant Principal**

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Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent, successful, life-long learners by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the BEST Standards.

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**Margate, Florida 33063**  
**Phone Number:**  
**754-322-6900**

**PROUD TO BE A TITLE ONE  
SCHOOL**



To our our Margate Families,

Welcome back Panthers! We are so excited to begin this school year - for students and staff alike, as we Dive into Learning here at Margate Elementary School! Along with opening our doors of learning and academic engagement on August 12th, we eagerly anticipate the warm smiles and hugs of our returning panthers, while embracing the newest members of our Margate Family! We are excited to begin the work of ensuring your child has the highest level of education possible. At Margate Elementary our students come first and we feel privileged to get to serve each of you.

This year, parents of our students will be able to walk their children to class on the first day of school. In keeping with our digital advances, the majority of our Back to School Forms are to be completed electronically through our new FOCUS Parent Portal. We are sending a hard copy of the Code of Conduct, Title One Parent Compact, and the Student Emergency Contact Card which will we will need returned to school. If you have any difficulty with the Back to School Forms please feel free to let us know in the welcome center so that we can assist you.

There are many important safety updates and reminders contained in our August Panther Pawprints. We know that this may be inconvenient at times and that new protocols may delay arrival and dismissal. Please be patient; our intent is to continue to improve upon your children's safety. A smile and reassuring affirmation to your child will help ease any anxiety regarding these enhanced protocols. Additionally, please support our efforts by discussing the importance of our emergency drills. All students will engage in monthly lockdown drills. The purpose is to properly train our students and staff on what to do in an emergency. These monthly drills will complement our mandatory fire drills.

We are a unified dress school and uniforms help distinguish each child as a part of our Margate family. Please ensure that your children are in uniform. At Margate Elementary, our panthers R.O.A.R. - an acronym which stands for Respect Others, Own My Behavior, Act Responsibly, and be Ready to Learn. Every student should read for at least 30 minutes every day. Research shows that the more time spent reading, the higher a student's achievement. Overall, the importance of reading to and with your children every day, is paramount. Additionally, please review your child's agenda each night as a line of communication between you and your child's teacher.

Parents and families are invited to join our PTA. Membership is only \$6 and directly benefits our children. Stay informed and up-to-date by checking out our website.

Once again, it's with great pleasure that we welcome you to this new school year. We are here to help and answer any questions you may have. This school year will be filled with new adventures and academic growth as we Dive into Learning!

With lots of Love and Warm Regards,  
Thomas Schroeder, Donna Rucker, and Christina Bloomfield



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## Upcoming Calendar Events

### **August 12, 2024:**

First Day of School,  
Parents Can Walk Their Child to Class

### **August 15, 2024:**

General PTA Meeting @6:00 p.m. in Cafe  
VPK Open House @6:00 p.m.

### **August 26, 2024:**

School Advisory Council Meeting @2:30 p.m.  
F.A.S.T. Assessment PM1 starts

### **August 30, 2024:**

August Birthday Party @1:15 p.m.

### **September 2, 2024:**

No School, Labor Day

### **September 11, 2024:**

Patriotic Day

### **September 20, 2024:**

September Birthday Party  
PTA Family Fun Night

### **September 23, 2023:**

SAC Meeting @2:20 p.m.



Margate Elementary School is a Unified Dress School. All students are expected to adhere to the unified dress policy. Shirts may be burgundy, hunter green, navy blue, light blue, pink, or white and must have a collar. Shorts, slacks, or skirts may be navy, black, or khaki.



Help us develop, monitor and solicit feedback on our school's goal by joining SAC. Our SAC Chairperson is Shannon Mills, our math coach. You can email [shannon.Mills@browardschools.com](mailto:shannon.Mills@browardschools.com) for more information, to join the committee, and to share input in the happenings of our school. Our Upcoming SAC Meeting date is:

**Monday, August 26th @2:20 p.m.**

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

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- All visitors must have their I.D. present in the Main Office Camera and state their purpose in order to safely enter the campus.
- All parents must have a Dismissal Sign to pick-up their child in either by foot. A picture of the sign on your mobile device is acceptable as well.
- All parents must have a Dismissal Sign to pickup their child by car.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be in uniforms. Our uniform policy is listed in this newsletter and our website.
- Consistency with dismissal is critical. Please alert the teacher and office ASAP with any changes.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:30 p.m.



All parents/guardians must fill out the required back to school forms along with our Code of Conduct. You can access the forms protected and secure FOCUS Parent Portal. For Back to School Online Forms and more, visit our school website or see directions on the First Day Packet.

Additionally, we are asking for you to complete the following hard copies and return them by Friday, August 25th:

- Emergency Contact Card
- Title One Parent Compact
- Student Code of Conduct





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

In all grades, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth, student birthdays will be observed on designated dates. At that time, each child's birthday will be recognized with a monthly birthday celebration hosted by our P.T.A. There will be refreshments provided by the P.T.A. with a wonderful celebration held in their honor. No individual birthday treats will be accepted for any students.

# Volunteer

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==>.

**Join Us on Thursday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m. in our cafeteria for our Volunteer Orientation.**



## MARGATE ELEMENTARY

### YOU ARE INVITED!

#### BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**What is the School Advisory Council?**  
The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community: PARENTS, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the School Improvement Plan.

Join us for our 1st meeting  
Monday, August 25th at 2:20 p.m. in the Library

**MEETINGS ARE ONLY ONCE A MONTH!**

Meetings on Monday  
Dates of Meetings:  
September 23rd  
October 7th  
November 18th  
December 16th  
January 8th  
February 5th  
March 8th - Evening meeting  
April 1st  
May 6th

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If you are interested in joining please contact  
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## BROWARD COUNTY Public Schools

### 2024/25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit [browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar](https://browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar).

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Severe Weather Make-up Days: TBD  
Updated Thanksgiving and Winter Break dates as of 4/23/24.



All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year **MUST** register for bus assignment. Use the webpage below to register for a bus assignment for the next year. Private Schools, Charter School, and new registering students entering the Broward County Public School (BCPS) system, that are eligible for transportation can register starting March 18, 2024.

Newly enrolled students to Broward County Public Schools, eligible for transportation, need an assigned student ID prior to registering to ride. Please contact your school to get a student ID. It could take several days for your student information to populate in the transportation database (approx. 3-4 days).

**Eligible students registered by will be guaranteed a bus for the first day of school.**

#### Register 2 Ride Instructions

- 1.) Navigate to <https://fswb.browardschools.com/Ride>
- 2.) Log in with a student account, i.e.: 06XXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com

