

# PANTHER PAWPRINTS

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## WE ARE ALL STARS

Thomas J. Schroeder  
**Principal**

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**Assistant Principal**

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 Florida State Standards.

**6300 NW 18th Street**  
**Margate, Florida 33063**  
**Phone Number:**  
**754-322-6900**

## Principals' Message

Dear Margate Friends and Family,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year. We are so proud of the enormous accomplishments of our students, teachers, staff and parents last year. We were able to attain a "B" on the Governor's Grading Scale with an increase of over 59 points. We are only 12 points from the "A" and will be swinging for the "A" this year. This year, our theme is "We are All Stars." The aesthetic of the theme speaks to sports, however, the deeper meaning conveys that each of us are an All Star and a champion of success.

As in the past, our entire district is committed to creating a safe and secure learning environment. Please understand that this means our campus is less accessible. There are many important safety updates/reminders in this newsletter. 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 a monthly lockdown drill. 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. Please ensure that your children are in uniform; we are a unified dress school and uniforms help distinguish each child as a part of our Margate family.

At Margate Elementary, our panthers ROAR. Our R.O.A.R. acronym stands for Respect Others, Own My Behavior, Act Responsibly, and be Ready to Learn. Regarding homework, I-Ready continues to be our technology support program; all students are encouraged to utilize this program daily, if possible. Also, 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 the Margate blue folder and your child's agenda each night.

Parents and families are invited to join our PTA. Membership is only \$6 and directly benefits our children. Once again, it's a great pleasure to welcome you to this school year. Stay informed and up-to-date by checking out our website, Facebook page, and following us on Twitter.

We are both here to help and answer any questions. We are proud and privileged to be your administrative team and are grateful to work at the best school in the world. Here's to a fantastic year!

**Thomas J. Schroeder, Principal & Vicki B. Flournoy, Assistant Principal**



**School Website: <https://margateelem.browardschools.com>**

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## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 14th!  
First Day of School

Thursday, August 22rd  
Big Daddy's Pizza Night  
New Parent Reception @6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27th  
Fall Fundraiser Begins

Friday, August 30th  
August Birthday Party @1:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Monday, September 2nd  
No School-Labor Day

Wednesday, September 11th  
Patriotic Assembly-Wear Red, White, Blue

Friday, September 13th  
Interim Reports Issued

Tuesday, September 17th  
Fall Picture Day-Students Wear Uniforms

Thursday, September 19th  
Big Daddy's Pizza Night Parental Information Meeting/  
General PTA Meeting/SAC Meeting @6:30 p.m. in  
Cafeteria

Thursday, September 26th  
PTA Family Night

Friday, September 27th  
September Birthday Party @1:15 p.m.

Monday, September 30th  
No School-Rosh Hashana



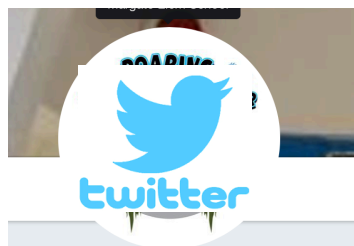
Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our STAR Visitor System.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- All parents must have a Green Walk-Up Pick-Up Sign to pick-up their child by foot. A picture of the sign on your mobile device is acceptable as well.
- All parents must have a Blue Car Rider 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 of any changes.
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their lunch, materials, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the front office will take such items from 8:00 to 8:30.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:00 p.m.



Please look at the map to find out how your child will be dismissed. Parents will no longer come onto campus. Instead, children will wait in secure locations until they are called for. Please make sure to have your walk-up pick-up signs in order to pick them up.

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Margate Elementary  
School or Request  
Private Margate  
Elementary  
PTA Page



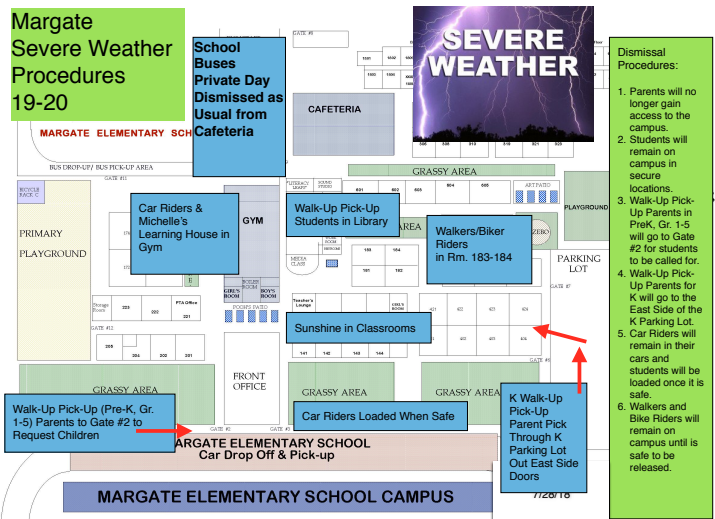
**Margate Elem School**

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Margate Elementary School is the Proud Home of the Panthers. Our motto is Excellence Through Caring.

📍 Margate, Florida

🌐 [browardschools1.com/margateelem](http://browardschools1.com/margateelem)





The first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. each morning. For students waiting to enter the campus, supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. For students who eat breakfast at school, the gates open at 7:15 a.m.

Remember, all students are invited to eat breakfast at no charge. At 7:30 a.m., students who eat breakfast on campus are released to their arrival areas. All students wait either in their interior hallways, in our gym, or the cafeteria (depending on grade level). Staff supervision in these areas begins at 7:30 a.m. It is vital that all students arrive to school on-time. Teachers plan important morning activities which immediately immerse students in learning.

Please refer to the maps for specific arrival locations. It is important that the following guidelines are followed.

There is no parking or leaving cars unattended in the Car Rider Loop. Violations will be enforced by our School Resource Officer.

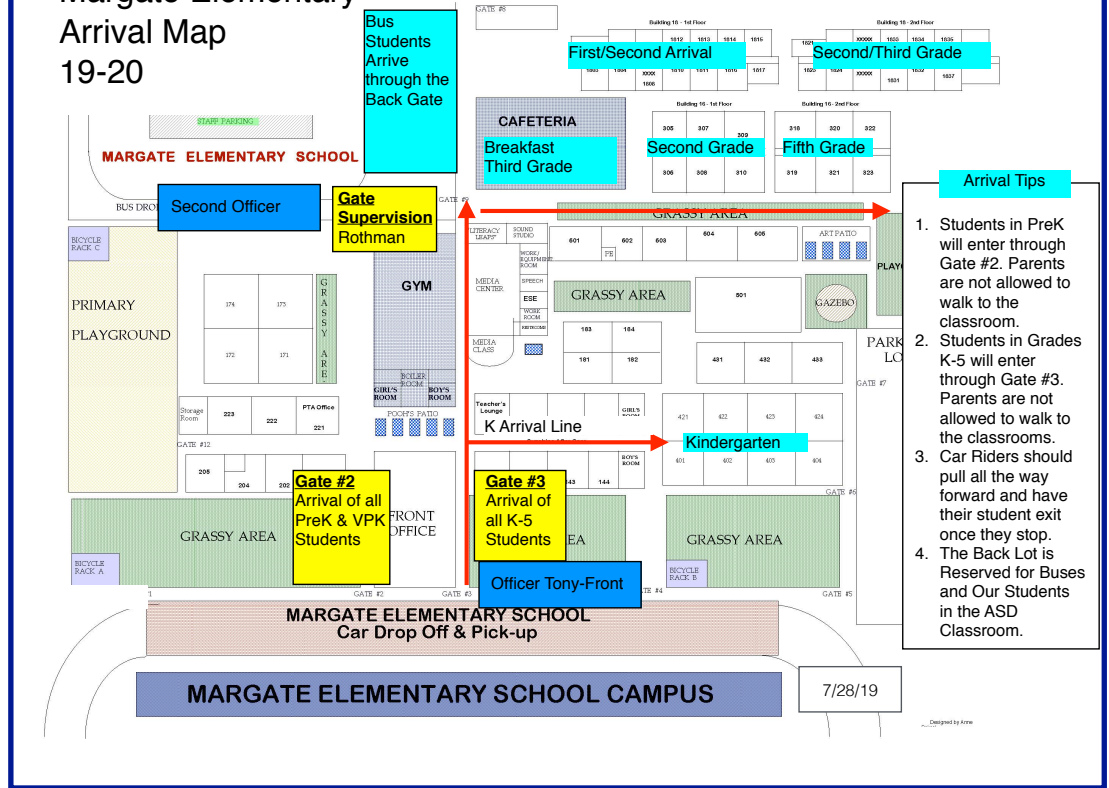
For the safety of our students, we ask that parents in the arrival car lane abide by some simple safety rules:

1. No cell phones when dropping off your child.
2. Children are to exit the car from the right side (sidewalk).
3. Please stay in one lane, the outside lane is for those cars that are parking.
4. Pull all the way up.

The safety of your children is our top priority.

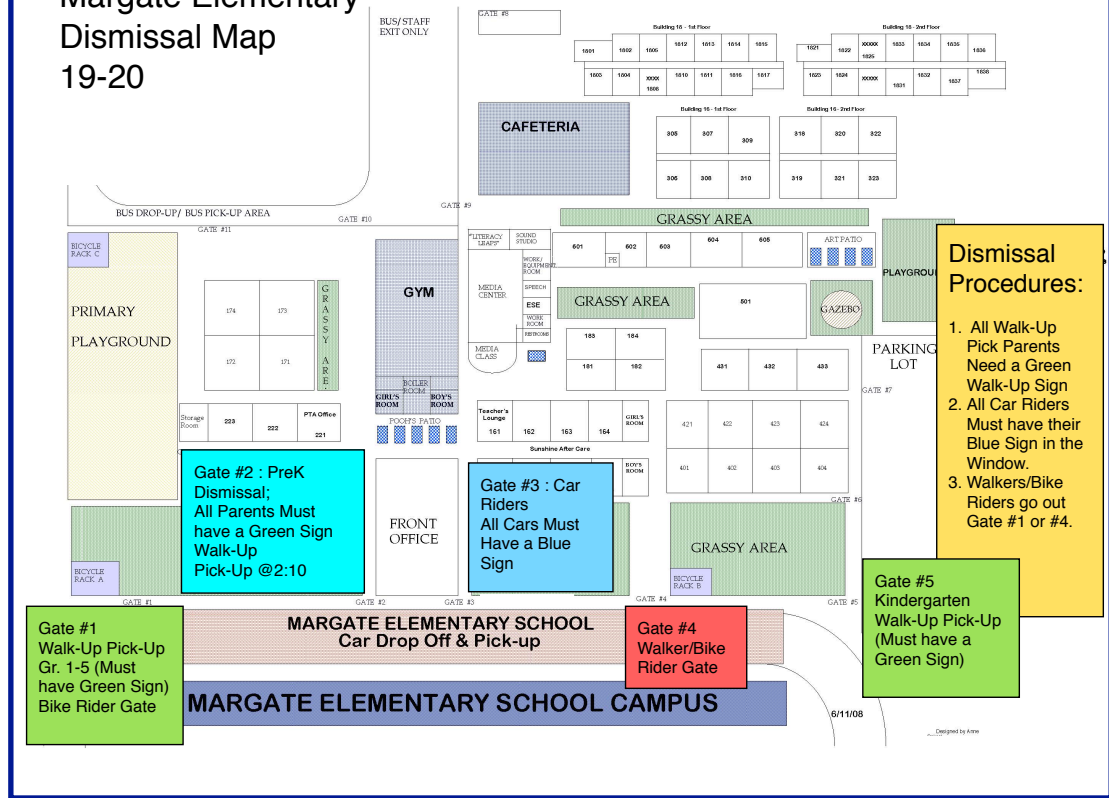


## Margate Elementary Arrival Map 19-20



All Parents must have either a Blue Car Rider Sign (If they are remaining in the Car) or a Green Walk-Up Pick-Up Sign to Pick Up their child at dismissal.

## Margate Elementary Dismissal Map 19-20





## A Special Note from Officer Tony

The traffic pattern for the front parking lot prohibits left turns from NW 18th Street into the school. A sign is posted on N.W. 18th Street, which prohibits left turns into the front parking lot. Therefore, all traffic must enter the front parking lot from the east side of the school. In addition, the farthest parking lot east is a "Park and Walk" lot. Please do not make U-turns in that lot as there is an increase of children and parents walking in that area. Please review the traffic pattern map for further information.



Entrance Route

Exit Route

Please Support PTA! Membership is \$6.

All Visitors are to Report to the Front Office

Volunteers Can Register at [www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com)

Ice Cream is Sold in the Cafeteria on Wednesday \$ .65

Support Our School with Boxtops

## Meet Our Administration & Support Staff



Seated from Left to Right: Ms. Flournoy, Assistant Principal; Mr. Bass, ESE Specialist; Mrs. Mills, Math Coach. Top Standing from Left to Right: Mr. Schroeder, Principal; Mrs. Moore, Literacy Coach; Mrs. Belfer, Guidance Counselor; Mr. Rothman, Technology/Resource Teacher.



Officer Tony Careccia and Officer Jon Harrison Our Amazing School Resource Officer

## Meet Our Welcome Center Staff



From L to R: Ms. Garcia, Ms. Hankerson, Ms. Laber-Voishich

From L to R: Mrs. Newland, Mrs. Padden, Mrs. Schulman

**School Advisory Council (SAC):** The School Advisory Council shall be the sole body responsible for final decision-making at the school relating to implementation of ss.1001.42(18) and 1008.345.U The SAC is composed of parents, teachers, community members, school administrators, non-instructional support staff, and other stakeholders who meet regularly to establish priorities, set annual objectives, and monitor action steps for school improvement.

## SAC Meeting Dates for 19-20

**If you would like to join our SAC committee, please contact our SAC Chairperson, Mrs. Shannon Mills at 754-322-6900 or through email at [shannon.mills@browardschools.com](mailto:shannon.mills@browardschools.com)**

- Thursday, September 19, 2019 @6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @2:20 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14, 2019 @6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @2:20 p.m.
- Thursday, February 27, 2020 @6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @2:20 p.m.

**School Advisory Forum (SAF):** School Board policy requires that each school have a School Advisory Forum (SAF) composed of parents, teachers, community members, school administrators, non-instructional support staff, and other stakeholders. The SAF provides an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss and recommend actions on a variety of school issues. The School Advisory Forum (SAF) shall foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school, and the Area Advisory Council. The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns and interests to and from their Area Advisory Council.

## SAF Meeting Dates for 19-20

All SAF Meetings will take place after the PTA Executive Board at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

- Thursday, September 5, 2019
- Thursday, October 3, 2019
- Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Thursday, January 9, 2020
- Thursday, February 6, 2020
- Thursday, March 5, 2020
- Thursday, April 16, 2020
- Thursday, May 14, 2020

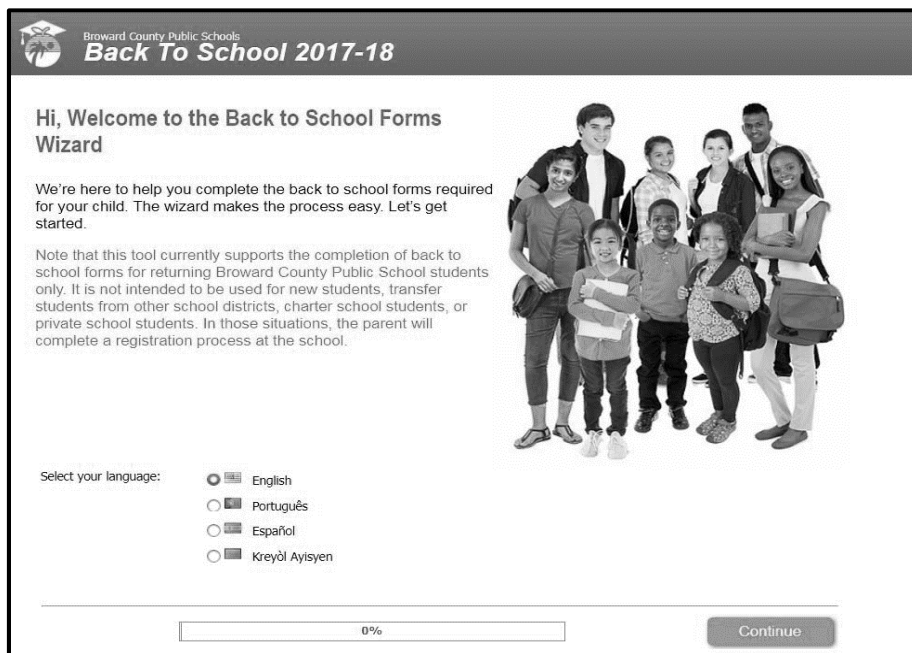


# **COMPLETE YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS ONLINE**

Broward Schools is excited to announce parents can now complete the required **BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS** online in your language of choice at:

**[www.BrowardSchools.com/BTS](http://www.BrowardSchools.com/BTS)**

## **Turn in a ONE PAGE “Submission**



The screenshot shows the 'Back to School Forms Wizard' interface. At the top, it says 'Broward County Public Schools Back To School 2017-18'. Below that, it says 'Hi, Welcome to the Back to School Forms Wizard'. The main text reads: 'We're here to help you complete the back to school forms required for your child. The wizard makes the process easy. Let's get started.' A note follows: 'Note that this tool currently supports the completion of back to school forms for returning Broward County Public School students only. It is not intended to be used for new students, transfer students from other school districts, charter school students, or private school students. In those situations, the parent will complete a registration process at the school.' To the right of the text is a group photo of diverse students. Below the text, there is a 'Select your language:' section with four radio button options: English (selected), Portugués, Español, and Kreyòl Ayisyen. At the bottom, there is a progress bar showing '0%' and a 'Continue' button.

## **Sheet” instead of an entire packet!**

Complete all the questions and print the confirmation page. Sign the printed page and turn it in to the school.

**If you need access to a computer or printer, come to the Main Office**

- Step 1: **Enter** your information and a student's information. (You will have a chance to enter more students later.)
- Step 2: Go to your **email**. Find the confirmation email from "bcpsmobile@browardschools.com" and click the link.
- Step 3: **Read** the information and answer all other questions. Digitally "**sign**" by typing your name in the web page as needed.
- Step 4: **Review** and print any forms you would like for your records.
- Step 5: **Print** the final "Submission Forms to Print" for each student.
- Step 6: **Sign** the printed form.
- Step 7: Turn in the form to **your child's teacher**.

**COMPLETED WIZARD**

**FINAL SUBMISSION SHEET**

**Broward County Public Schools**

**Back-to-School Online Forms Submission Sheet**

**Rather than completing and returning the hard copy Back-to-School packet and Code of Student Conduct Signature forms, I have used the Back-to-School Forms Wizard to complete the forms online. Please use the information I have submitted online to update my child's record. I have included the confirmation number I received at the end of the process for verification purposes.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN HERE BEFORE TURNING IN**