

Parent University November 2020

"Forging ahead to reinvent teaching and learning: What is working and what else can work."



Welcome from Superintendent Runcie





Where have we been and where are we going?









March 2020

Schools close due to the COVID – 19 pandemic and we begin emergency distance learning

March – June 2020

Teachers and administrators learn how to use digital applications to meet and teach students Summer 2020

A summer of planning for multiple scenarios and participation in ongoing professional development August - November 2020

We start the school year remotely and then move into a hybrid model The Future of a Connected Education

How can we "weed, feed, and seed" to come back as a better educational institution?



Guiding Principles

As we identify priorities for reopening of schools



Multiple Reopening Scenarios

Plan for multiple reopening scenarios and contingencies to ensure health, safety, and wellbeing of all students and staff



Equitable Access to Technology

Continuation of affordable access to broadband connectivity, the internet and related hardware.



Continued Support

Support to students and adults to address their immediate and longterm physical, psychological, social and emotional needs



Professional Learning

Offer ongoing personalized and differentiated professional learning to administrators, teachers, and support staff



Embrace a New Paradigm for Public Education

View the COVID – 19 crisis as a breakthrough opportunity to transform schools and education as we know them



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Conversations on Mindfulness: – Elementary

- 1. What does mindfulness mean to you?
- 2. Why is mindfulness important?
- 3. How is mindfulness helping you as a student?
- 4. What are the connections between mindfulness and mental health?

Conversation Led By:

Dr. Daniel Shapiro - Supervisor of SEL Carolyn Sant Angelo - SEL Team Lead



10 Minutes of Mindfulness/SEL For Families and Students



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- Accessible to all BCPS students
- Get connected to a Mental Health Professional and/or report child abuse
- Located on the Clever Portal
- To make a request complete the form and hit the green submit button
- Staffed by Licensed Mental Health Professionals
- Receive a reply by the end of the next school day

Tell Another. Listening is Key. (T.A.L.K.)

Student request form.

If this is an EMERGENCY, please call 911

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Hi Marisa, when you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Please enter your full name. *

Enter your answer

2. Please tell us the school you attend. *

Enter your answer

3. Please tell us how we can help? *

I want to report child abuse.

I want a mental health professional to contact me.

I want to speak to a mental health professional IMMEDIATELY.

Submit

Applied Learning: Electives and Extracurricular (Elementary)

Meeting the challenges of education in the world of COVID.

Assess: Evaluate our face-toface approach in education and adjust to meet the needs of eLearning

Innovate: Reimagining our approach to revolutionize instruction and learning

Achieve: Utilize our newly developed tools to carry us forward and ensure growth and success.



Programs Include: Chess, Chorus, Civically Relevant Experiences for Students and Teachers (CREST), Computer Science, Debate, Music, Physical Education, STEM, Theater, Visual Art





The School Community

Elementary Student Panel Discussion

Ø Teacher Student Student experience in New skills developed the virtual space and how they can be incorporated × Parent Administrator How I utilize the virtual How parent space to improve involvement can communications with my benefit in this virtual parents. space





Elementary Student Perspective

Charlotte Grayson Kindergarten Student



Elementary Learning

Addressing Learning Experiences and New Ideas

Including:

- Literacy Support for K-2
- Distance Learning Teacher Series
- Camera Pilot





New to Supplement Literacy (Available through June 30, 2021)



Literacy Pro

- Students are provided a purposeful, independent reading experience with choice, driven by a reading recommendation engine that aligns their interests with amazing print and digital books.
- Over 6,400 eBooks
- Activate through Scholastic icon.

SCHOLASTIC FRIRST[™] Foundations in Reading, Sounds & Text An Adventure on OOKA ISLAND[®]

Scholastic F.I.R.S.T.

- Explicitly teaches phonemic awareness and systematically introduces more complex phonological skills—so decoding becomes effortless and students can focus on comprehension.
- Accessed through Scholastic icon.



Watch & Learn Video Library:

- Builds vocabulary and knowledge on all curriculum topics
- Supports ELL, Spanishspeaking students, and beginning readers
- Located on Clever Dashboard.



NAME OR LOGO



If you do not see the Literacy Pro and F.I.R.S.T. icons/launch buttons, please contact your child's teacher.

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Distance Learning Teacher Series





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Elementary Teacher and Administrator Panel Discussion

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Bilingual/ESOL

esolparents@browardschools.com or 754-321-2951 Spanish, Haitian-Creole, Portuguese, and Arabic

Addressing Learning Experiences and New Ideas

Potential solutions include:

- International Welcome Center (Bilingual Parent Outreach)
- Online Tools to Support Communication
- Support Staff in Multiple Languages
- Parent Meetings (hybrid) for ESOL Families
 - December 17, 2020 @6:30 p.m.
- Storytelling/Broward Library





- Our students' learning styles, along with staff's delivery of instruction, will change and be different because of physical distancing and new safety guidelines.
- In order to safely and successfully navigate this transition it is important we emphasize:
 - Compassion
 - Mindfulness
 - Patience
 - Understanding





- Special programs are based on structured teaching, this includes the use of furniture and dividers
- Allowances can be made to general school guidelines when all other options have been exhausted provided it is a priority education need for the individual student
- To the greatest extent practicable (on a case-bycase basis), services will continue to be provided through eLearning to minimize the spread of the virus and protect the health and safety of staff and students
- Instruction will be delivered through eLearning including but not limited to whole group, small group, and personalized centers while adhering to health and safety guidelines
- CDC guidelines will be followed, and proper PPE will be used when working in close proximity with students





- The ESLS Division's evaluation specialists will utilize PPE to resume testing for students with open consents by appointment only
- Notice to Parents Regarding Safety Processes for in-person Evaluations will be provided to parents at the time the appointment is made. Parent/guardian will need to provide signature to indicate receipt of notice





- For students on campus receiving in-person, smaller class sizes allow for more individualized instruction and support for students with disabilities.
- For students participating via eLearning, it allows for flexibility in their schedule while receiving instruction at home.
- Students that are in schools are more connected to their peers and teachers. (social-emotional)





- Students participating via eLearning also have opportunities to engage with their peers via group activities/projects and break-out rooms.
- Support Facilitators meet with students via eLearning and in the school setting to provide services as per their IEP.
- Breakout rooms are used by Support Facilitators to meet the needs of students during their classes.





- The use of Microsoft Teams has decreased travel time for itinerant teachers while allowing for an increase in direct services to students.
- Increased participation of teachers and school-based staff in professional learning opportunities and regularly scheduled support sessions for ESE Specialists, SVE Teachers, and Program Specialists via Teams. Staff do not need to travel/leave their school.
- Improved opportunities to provide immediate, direct support to school-based staff and students





From 2019-2020...



To 2020-2021!!!



Innovation

Addressing Learning Experiences and New Ideas

Potential solutions include:

Use of the Poly Studio with hard of hearing students





REDESIGNING

What can we learn from the experiences we have had during remote and hybrid learning to build back better?



Nourish those things that are working and are adding value

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Plant some new ideas on how to come back better

SEED





WEED







Announcements

Here are some things happening in the District

"Call to Action"

Please send an email in support of continuing the flexibility contained within Governor DeSantis' Emergency Executive Order 2020-EO-06 as it relates to allowing eLearning to continue on January 2021 and the schools to be FULLY funded. As per the existing Executive Order, this flexibility was only permitted through the Spring of 2020.

Below is the link to the BCPS Legislative Affairs' **"Take Action: Let Your Voice Be Heard"** webpage. Once there, constituents can just click on the item at hand and follow the easy steps that will allow them to send an email directly to both, Governor DeSantis and Florida Education Commissioner Corcoran.

If your advisory board/committee is having any future meetings, and you would like for this office to participate and provide a more in-depth explanation regarding this **"CALL TO ACTION"**, know that we are happy to join you and your members and explain at your request.

Here is the link: https://www.browardschools.com/Page/49501



Thank you to our presenters:

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Student Support Initiatives and Recovery

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Jason Greenberg Randy Stephen

Office of School Performance and Accountability: Kenneth King

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Other Resources and Opportunities





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Social & Emotional Learning and Mindfulness for Families and Students



Visit the SEL and Mindfulness: Families and Students Toolkit found at <u>https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/1061943</u>

- 10 Minutes of Mindfulness Practices
- ReThink Ed Videos for Families to learn together
- Research and Resources to learn more about SEL and Mindfulness



Visit us @ Student Services

- **BCPS** Resources
 - Family Counseling Program: 754-321-1590
 Tele-therapy, Day and Evening appointments available, individual /family Counseling
- School Social Work Department: 754-321-1618 Links parents/ students to mental health, medical, and social services

(food, clothing, shoes, transportation)

- brief counseling
- School Based Counselors: 754-321-1675
 Brief individual student counseling with a focus on academic success.

First Call for Help, 954-537-0211 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255 Crisis Text Line, Text HOME to 741741 For more resources click here: <u>Resource Locator</u> Approved Behavioral Health Partners: <u>Click here</u>

BCPS Mental Health Hotline: 754-321-HELP (4357)

Parent Task Force Information

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Next Parent University December 14, 2020

Topic: Mental Health

