

DANIA ELEMENTARY

Title I School

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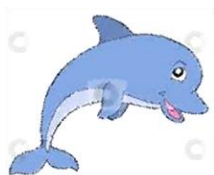
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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As we move into the final quarter of the 2021-2022 school year, we must remind our students/children to "Finish Strong." This is not the time to falter, waiver, and lose focus. Teachers continue to plan lessons to challenge and stimulate your child's learning. Our Intermediate (3rd, 4th, and 5th grades) students have begun Florida Standards Assessments (FSAs), and our primary grades continue to learn skills that will be demonstrated on End of the Year (EOY) assessments. The students and teachers have been working hard, and now it is time for them to shine!

Teachers will use the final quarter of this school year to implement projects that may take several days or weeks to complete. Some of these projects include dynamic educational field trips. We will also continue providing remedial and enrichment activities to promote student achievement continuously. Students must continue to arrive on time and be prepared to learn every day!

Several great activities are planned for our Dania students. We have tentatively scheduled Earth Day celebrations, Arbor Day tree planting with the City of Dania Beach, Field Day activities, various grade-level field trips, Kindergarten Water Day, and our annual 5th Grade activities, including the Moving Up ceremony. This is an exciting place to work and learn!

We continue to promote the development of the "whole child." This includes rigorous academics, citizenship, creative pursuits, and character education. Students will be studying *Tolerance* during April. Perhaps this would be excellent to

discuss with your child(ren) the importance of understanding that there are many different kinds of people in the world with many different values. Newspapers are filled with stories of struggles around the United States and the world, which can be traced to cultural disagreements. We all must attempt to understand and respect other people's beliefs and cultures. Visit the site www.goodcharacter.com to get ideas to enhance lessons on tolerance and other important character traits at home.

Dania continues to be a wonderful place to work and learn.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lewis Jackson, Principal

Reduced/Free Lunch

All students receive complimentary breakfast daily but do not automatically receive free/reduced lunch. A free/reduced lunch application must be filled out and approved. To fill out a new application or renew your eligibility for the 2021-2022 school year, visit www.myschoolapps.com. If you are unsure if your family is eligible, fill out the application anyway. As a Title 1 school, some of our funding is directly tied to the number of free and reduced lunches served, so it will help the school too when you are approved!



Mark Your Calendars!

May 2-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4-5	FSA Reading Grades 4-5
May 4-5	EOY Grades 1-2
May 10-11	FSA Math Grades 3-5
May 17-18	NGSS Science Grade 5
May 25-27	Springfest

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Rainy Days

Parents, we appreciate your patience and consideration during inclement weather. It is suggested that you provide a small umbrella, raincoat, or poncho daily for our unpredictable weather. Thank you.



Pre-K and Kindergarten News

Ms. Austin, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Fishkin,
Ms. Harmer, Ms. Persac, Ms. Cancio,
Ms. Rickman

Kindergarten students have been like busy little bees learning, growing, and exploring! We spent some time learning about famous Americans that have made significant contributions to the development of our country and many of the symbols that represent our country and its rich history.

Life Cycles have added great excitement to our day. We have been observing and recording the life cycles of butterflies and ladybugs. We cannot wait to release them into our garden, which our students weeded and planted for spring. We have learned about composting and worm farms that will nourish our gardens during our Outdoor Classroom Days. Taking care of Mother Earth is an integral part of our classroom discussions.



First Grade News

Ms. Gonzalez, Mrs. Mizell,
Ms. Martin, Ms. Cabarallero

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring is in the air!! And our FABULOUS FIRST graders are breezing towards the fourth and final quarter of the school year! We could not do it without your parents! Thank you!

During the year's last stretch, our focus on reading will emphasize reviewing phonics skills, including long vowel sounds, digraphs, and word blends. We began Unit 5 in our Benchmark Advance reading series titled "Technology at work" this theme is also integrated into the student's daily writing time. Identifying the main idea and key details in a story is a significant skill that we will continue reviewing throughout the weeks ahead.

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In math, students compare two-digit numbers based on ten and one digits and record the results of comparisons using the symbols.

In science, students will begin learning about materials on the Earth's surface, and in social studies, they will start learning about economics- the difference between needs and wants.

Please continue reading with your child every night. The skills listed above, including the writing, can be practiced at home-most resources in phonics can be found on YouTube for free! And please provide your child with time on I-ready in reading and Math. We are super proud of our FABULOUS FIRST graders! Keep up the hard work in everything you do!

Thank you again for all your support!



Second Grade News

Ms. Garcia, Mr. Reveron,
Ms. McDonald

The second-grade team would like to thank our parents for a beautiful 3rd quarter! This quarter, students worked on various reading, math, science, and social study skills. We have been learning about fables and non-fiction texts centered around technology in reading. In math, students continued working on double-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. In the 4th and final quarter of the school year, students will take the Primary End of Year Reading assessment on May 4th and 5th. Please continue reading at home nightly with your child for at least 30 minutes. Thank you for everything you do!



Third Grade News!

Mr. Daley, Ms. Edwards,
Ms. Curry

It is hard to believe we are in Quarter 4 of the school year. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication our third graders continue to display. End-of-the-year-year assessments have begun. Third graders completed the FSA ELA assessment. However, reading and math practice should continue daily. Diagnostic 3 for I-Ready Reading/Math and FSA Math are the remaining end-of-year assessments. Students should aim to finish strong! As a reminder, achieved two or higher achievements,

the FSA-ELA is the 3rd3rd-grade motion criteria. Diagnostic 3 for i-Ready Reading is an alternative to promotion.

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is an intricate component of our instructional practice. We understand that SEL is vital to academic and social skills development. SEL activities and strategies are visible in and outside our classrooms. Taking time to engage in SEL activities at home is very important. Some activities to implement at home are playing board games/puzzles, family discussions (conversation starters), mindful breathing, nature walks, and journaling.

Fourth Grade News



Mrs. Little, Ms. Montegudo,
Ms. Podesta, Ms. Fortoul

Wow! We are already four months into 2022, and time is flying by. The 4th grade Math and Reading FSA are right around the corner. Students will continue to practice their reading and math skills in preparation for their upcoming FSA, so please check your child's schedule daily and make sure they are completing all homework; these lessons are essential for the extra practice that your child needs. The Reading and Math FSA will take place in May. Encourage your child to log onto the I-Ready Reading and math computer assignments. These programs are excellent in preparing for the FSA. Please continue to have your child read 30 minutes or more a night to help build their reading stamina. There are often notes and assignments written in the plan that need to be read. Please make sure that you check this DAILY. It is an easy way to communicate. Reminder: Students in 4th grade need to pass math and reading FSA to be promoted.

Parents, please replenish your child's school supplies now that the year is over. Fourth graders need a package of #2 pencils, a pink eraser, a new homework folder if it is ripped or lost, above notebook paper to complete the year, and new notebooks if their previous notebooks have been filled. It is also essential that your child is homeschooled *daily* and *on time*. As always, donations of school supplies and motivational treats are truly genuinely appreciated!

Let's continue working together to help support our students to finish out testing and the school year on

a positive note! Thanks for all you have done and continue to do to help these students to succeed.

Fifth Grade News



Ms. Rattigan, Mr. Palenchar,
Mr. Nelson, Mr. Tomlinson

We hope all our students and their families had a restful Spring Break! We are already in the fourth and final quarter of the school year. As we finish the school year, your child must attend school each day, putting forth their best effort.

We realize that teaching your children is a privilege and a tremendous responsibility. We also know we cannot do this alone; we need our parents to be partners in our students, learning process. Our fifth-grade teachers are working diligently teaching our children during the instructional day, and we need our students to continue this in the evenings. Completing their daily assignments supports our children in mastering the concepts taught in the classroom.

Parents, if your child does not already have a study routine at home, please help them to create one and encourage them to practice using it each day. This should include the daily math assignments, science, reading for at least 30 minutes, and completing the weekly FSA review. Your child's preparation for school each day impacts their learning potential. Practice includes but is not limited to getting to bed on time, eating a healthy breakfast, having all their necessary supplies and completing assignments needed for learning, and showing up with a positive attitude.

We are already in the fourth quarter of the school year, and the FSA countdown continues. The tentative dates for the 5th-grade FSAs are as follows: English Language Arts (ELA) FSA will be taken May 4-5, Math FSA will take place May 11-12, and Science FSA will be given on May 17-18. All students must be present in school and on time each day, as this is the foundation for learning and the beginning of cultivating student success.

With your support from home and our teamwork in school, we can help all the children achieve success!

Reading Corner

Ms. Hall

Hi, it is hard to believe our year is almost over! We have had many great reading experiences here at Dania Elementary. Our students are in the process of completing the third i-Ready diagnostic. It is fantastic to see so much growth. Please continue to have your child work on i-Ready lessons at home.

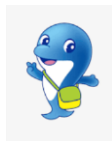


Please continue to have your children read for at least 20 minutes per day. This will help them with reading fluency and vocabulary. Asking questions about what they are reading will help them make connections in the book. As you work with your children at home, please encourage them to write about what they have read. This action will also help to strengthen their ability to comprehend text.

Please click on the following link to find out more information from the Broward Schools Literacy Department on how to help your child become a better reader:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/>

Please reach out to me if you have any questions! You can call the school or email me at Sandra.Hall@browardschools.com.



Math Corner

Ms. Hengge

Turning a Family Favorite into Family Math Time

War is classic game children have played for generations. Below are a few adaptations of this classic game to reinforce math skills for children in grades 3 through 5. All you need is a regular deck of cards. Deal out the cards evenly between game participants. Aces represent one, and face cards are ten. Play one of these versions:

- **Subtraction War:** Follow the directions for War with each player turning over two cards and finding the difference between them. The most significant

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difference wins. Encourage subtraction strategies, including counting up, making tens, and using addition facts.

- **Multiplication Double War:** Follow the directions for War with each player turning over two cards at a time. Multiply the two numbers, and the most extensive product wins. For a student just learning multiplication facts, use two decks of cards and start with the most accessible fact families, gradually adding the more significant numbers.

- **Fraction War:** Each player turns over two cards simultaneously and tries to make the most significant fraction by vertically laying the cards. For example, with a 3 and 5, you can make $\frac{3}{5}$ or $\frac{5}{3}$; if the other person has a 2 and 8, the fraction could be $\frac{2}{8}$ or $\frac{8}{2}$. Variations: only allow fractions less than one or use three cards at a time and create mixed numerals.



Music News

Mr. Dix

Well, parents, we have finally made it to the 4th Quarter and my final quarter of teaching. It has been an incredible journey teaching here at Dania, and throughout the schools I have been at here in Broward County.

To close out the year, every grade level is preparing to do their best:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten plan on Dancing the Conga Line around the Cafeteria.
- The first graders are going to take a patriotic approach to the end of the year with songs that celebrate this great country
- The Second graders are putting on one of my favorite plays: I need a vacation!!!
- The Third and Fourth graders will wow us with excellent recorder music.
- And finally, the 5th graders will get things started with Percussive Soca sounds of the Caribbean.

In addition, the Violin Club will probably participate as well. Our final performance has been set for May 27th. Start time 8:20 am.

Hope to see you there!



Artist Corner

Ms. Laden

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year, I am proud to note how far we have come as a Dania Dolphin Family. There is so much to "CELEBRATE!"

Our Dania Dolphin's Artists got involved in the following art activities: drawing, painting, collage, paper sculpture, mixed media, and art history. We created 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork.

YOUTH MONTH ART WINNERS: March 2022

Theme: "ART CONNECTS US"

Elena Annin (Grade:2 / Ms. Garcia)

Veronika Eseva (Grade:3 / Mr. Daley)

*There will be a K-12 VIRTUAL ART SHOW for BCPS

"EARTH DAY IS EVERYTHING ART CONTEST"

Dania Elementary students have been invited to participate in an Earth Day Art Contest initiated by Light House Community Church.

The other winning entries will be submitted to the Dania Beach Commissioner's Team to be judged on Earth Day, April 22, 2022, by the mayor and his Committee at the Dania Beach Pier. The winning posters will be framed and posted in Dania Beach City Hall.

The students are drawing pictures of "The Earth," the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and other unique ideas. I can't wait to see all our entries!

Vincent van Gogh: "Still-Life with Sunflowers and a Vase"

The students created a painting or drawing of sunflowers (or other types of flowers) in a vase. The students used the "Elements of Art": LINE, SHAPE, COLOR, FORM, VALUE, TEXTURE, and SPACE. The most exciting part of this lesson was learning the "Color Wheel" and mixing beautiful colors with Tempera Paint.

The last thematic unit of the school year will be creating artwork for teaching "Equity and Diversity"...

- BUTTERFLY UNIT (Teaching Tolerance Through the Arts.)

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- "The Crayon Box That Talked" by Shane DeRolf (K-3)
- "The Butterfly" by Patricia Polacco (4-5)

I would like to personally thank Mrs. Mizell for creating such an excellent Art Room and teaching such fantastic art projects. It made such a difference that you were here... giving your support, creativity, enthusiasm, inspiration, and kindness.



Physical Education Corner

Coach Annin

As I look back at our accomplishments in PE this school year, I can't help but feel amazed at how much progress our students have made. We learned a lot of new skills related to fitness, sports, vocabulary, self-management, teamwork, cooperation, leadership, etc. Whatever the challenge I put in front of our Dania Dolphins, most were able to learn the skills and have fun along the way. Many students learned games that they could enjoy and play outside of PE class to stay active. To name a few, we completed basketball, football, frisbee, fitness, soccer, golf, scooter play, creative play, and other units.

Dania Elementary did a fantastic job raising awareness about heart health during our Heart Hero Challenge in January and February. Our students and staff learned about issues related to heart health. We raised over 600 dollars in donations to American Heart Association.

And we participated in a school-wide event called Dania Walk-A-Thon. I am very proud of our Dania Dolphins for becoming Heart Heroes this year. As one of Dania PE rules states, "Do Your Best!" we are doing our best in physical education class. Way to go, Dolphins!



Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Page

Hello Parents and Guardians!

Social and emotional learning (SEL) and mindfulness are essential to the child's growth, both in and out of school! What is SEL, exactly? The

collaborative for academic, social and emotional learning (CASEL) defines social and emotional learning as: “the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.” You can continue SEL and mindfulness practices at home by utilizing the Broward Schools Families SEL page at www.browardschools.com/selfamily.



Title 1 News

Ms. Hall

Title 1 Report

Ms. Sandra Hall, Title 1 Liaison

Hi Dania Families. I am happy to report that Dania Elementary School has met our responsibility for completing the 2021-2022 Title 1 eBinder compliance documentation. Therefore, our school has reached 100% compliance.

Several Title 1 Parent Information items may be of interest to you.

The **2022-2023 Title 1 School-Parent Compact** was finalized at the beginning of April. The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement between the school and the parents of children participating in Title 1, Part A programs. It identifies the activities that the parents, school staff, and students will undertake to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

The **2022-2023 School Parent and Family Engagement (PFEP) Plan** has also been drafted. This plan involves the School's administration, faculty, and families working cooperatively to outline the parental activities during the 2022-2023 school year.

We want to thank all parents who participated in the development, evaluation, and revisions of the PFEP and the School-Parent Compact. We encourage you to attend our monthly SAC meetings to discuss important events and procedures.

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Parents, you must complete the Free and Reduced Lunch documentation at the beginning of the school year. Our Title 1 funding is based on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

If you have any questions regarding Title 1, please contact me at 754-323-5350 or email at Sandra.Hall@browardschools.com.

Thank You and To all our Dania Families...



Safety First

Work it Out

Impress with Respect

Make it Count

“We are Better when we S.W.I.M. Together.”