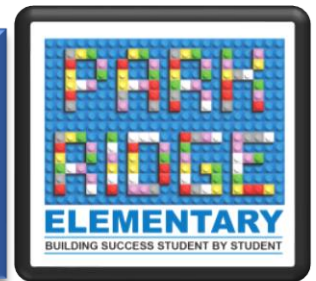


Park Ridge Elementary

Back to School Newsletter

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year



“BUILDING SUCCESS STUDENT BY STUDENT”

August 2021

Parents & Park Ridge Community Supporters:

Welcome Back and Happy New School Year! A new school year presents opportunities for various beginnings – new classes, new faces, and new learning opportunities. Whether you are new and enrolling for the first time, or currently enrolled, Park Ridge is **Ready for You!** We are eagerly looking forward to an amazing year with your child(ren) as we resume face to face learning for our scholars. Our goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy, safe, and ready to learn. The Covid-19 Pandemic has created many challenges for everyone, especially our students. Achievement gaps have grown over the last 15 months, setting our children back and must be closed if we want our students to succeed in tomorrow’s world. With the passion, talent and skillset of our hardworking teachers and staff we are prepared and confident in our ability to **BUILD SUCCESS STUDENT BY STUDENT**. We hope that you are as excited and enthusiastic as we are about the 2021-2022 school year. Before our doors open for the new school year, we want to thank you for your commitment to our students and our school. We look forward to our continued journey into the magnificent world of **LEARNING!**

Respectfully,
Mr. Balchunas, Principal
Mrs. Whitehead, Intern Principal



Parent Visitor Access at Park Ridge Elementary

Maintaining a safe campus is our #1 priority at Park Ridge. Guidelines and mandates are being implemented school and district-wide to better secure our campuses. The district has mandated that once the school day begins, all perimeter access must be locked except for one gate to allow for parent and visitor access to the school. Once our gate is open, it will be supervised by school personnel. Please be ready to show your ID and state the purpose of your visitation. If personnel are not assigned to the post, the gate will remain locked and visitors to the campus must call the school’s front office to gain entry. Please help us to keep our children and campus safe by adhering to the expectations for arrival, dismissal and access to the campus. Our staff appreciates receiving a positive attitude during these procedures to ensure your child’s safety and we will reciprocate with the same!

- 🟢 **The parking lot in the front of the school will be open for drop off beginning at 7:15 a.m. DO NOT drop off your child prior to these times. There is NO SUPERVISION BEFORE 7:15 A.M.!!!**

We recognize that these safety procedures will take some time as we adjust to them. At times, due to inclement weather or staff availability, there may be longer than usual wait times. We kindly appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work together to keep our children and staff safe.

Transportation

Parents will find student bus pass on Virtual Counselor for students who are outside two-mile radius from the school and meet eligibility for transportation. and more than the two-mile radius of the school. Bus passes provides information for AM and PM stop locations and times.

FACE COVERING REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Office: (754) 322-7700
Attendance Hotline: (754)-322-7702
Fax: (754) 322-7740
Rumor Control Hotline: (754) 831-4000

Websites: www.browardschools.com/parkridge
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Follow us on Twitter: https://twitter.com/park_elem

SCHOOL HOURS

Students Hours 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Office Hours 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Breakfast
7:40 a.m. First Bell — Students enter class
7:45 a.m. Tardy Bell — School begins
2:15 p.m. Pre-K -- 5th Dismissal Bell
2:15 p.m.— 6:00 p.m. After School Care—ASP

Welcome Our **NEW** **Super Builders**

ASD Program: Ms. Campbell
1st Grade: Ms. Sweeting
Ms. Leroux
2nd Grade: Ms. Voltaire
ASD Coach: Ms. Orlowsky

Speech & Ms. Garcon
Language:

Academic Ms. Beene
Support Ms. Kameka
Team Ms. Chocoron
ESP Ms. Garcia



Visitor and Student Identification

- 📦 All visitors will be buzzed in prior to entering the building.
- 📦 All visitors must sign in and out at the front office via the Raptor system.
- 📦 **An ID is required when visiting PRE and to sign in and sign out students.**
- 📦 Staff, students and visitors must always wear an ID Badge or Visitor Pass while on campus.
- 📦 Park Ridge will provide each student with ID badges and a lanyard. Student badges will remain at school.
- 📦 If your child comes home with their ID Badge, please assist and make sure it is returned to your child's teacher the next day.
- 📦 Students in uniform is another great identifier. Please make sure that students wear PRE school uniforms daily.

COVID-19 Safety Updates

- 📦 **FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL VISITORS, PARENTS, STAFF AND STUDENTS WHILE ON SBBC PROPERTY**
- 📦 Staff and students should perform a health self-examination each morning before school. If you are sick, stay home. View the Health Screening Checklist at <https://bit.ly/36L4Jhj>.
- 📦 3 FT – 6FT distance will be maintained between students in classrooms when possible
- 📦 Daily cleaning of high frequency touch points is routine, along with weekly disinfection
- 📦 Frequent hand washing will be reinforced
- 📦 Recommended students bring water bottles

Emergency Preparedness

Educating children on what to do in different types of emergencies is imperative. We conduct fire and CODE RED drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. In the event of an actual emergency, P.R.E. will communicate with the school community as soon as possible using the Parent Link System. Be sure to keep your contact information up to date with the school's front office to ensure that you receive these notifications.

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ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

School begins at 7:45 a.m. Students who arrive after 7:45 a.m. will be marked tardy. Students who arrive after 8:15 a.m. must have a late pass from the front office.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Pre-K-5 student supervision will begin at 7:15 a.m.
- **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE SUPERVISED BEFORE 7:15 A.M.**
- Main entrance gate will open at 7:15 a.m.

MAIN PARKING LOT

- If your child is eating breakfast, drop off at 7:15 a.m. If not, then drop off at 7:30 a.m.
- Please drive forward to allow enough space for students to exit vehicles safely. We understand families would like to watch their children enter the building, however this causes a long line and unsafe practices.
- **All** students must report to the café prior to going to class. Our amazing staff will receive students and monitor them to their designated area.
- All students are eligible for a FREE breakfast. For safety and security purposes, parents are not allowed in the café. Parents walking their children on campus will not be permitted pass a point.

Safety is always our priority. To move traffic along, please pull all the way up in the carpool lane and use caution when pulling around other vehicles to avoid accidents.

Rainy Day Procedures

During inclement weather, administration will assess the conditions of the weather prior to dismissal. Walkers will be released once the weather is clear and safe for student dismissal. Car Riders will remain indoors and will be called once parents arrive. We ask that all parents remain in their vehicles and display their child's name card. Please make sure that you plan for rainy days and communicate with your child and the school if dismissal methods change.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

DISMISSAL TIMES

- **Regular Dismissal:** Pre-K—5th Grade dismiss at 2:15 p.m.
- **Early Release:** Pre-K—5th Grade dismiss at 12:15 p.m.
- Per School Board Policy, students will not be released 30 minutes prior to dismissal.
- Main entrance gates will open 30 minutes prior to dismissal times.

PARENT PICK-UP/CAR PICK UP

- Any student picked up by car, must use the carpool lane in the front of the school.
- Students will be organized by their grade level. For faster service, place your child's name card in your window. **Please make sure that you pull all the way up.** For safety reasons, please use caution when pulling around.
- BSO will ticket vehicles parked in the swale in front of the school.
- Follow all school and municipality signs such as school zone speed limits, right turn only and parking for examples.
- We understand that dismissal may take time, however with everyone's cooperation we will be able to load students in cars quickly and safely.

WALKERS

Students assigned as walkers will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. and exit at the south side of the school. Parents will be able to pick up their child at the entrance of the walkers' gate. For safety and security, parents will not be allowed passed the walkers' gate.

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**Park Ridge Elementary is a
Proud UNIFORM SCHOOL!**

PRE is a mandatory unified dress code school. It is expected that all students are in uniform daily. Uniforms help us recognize our students in case of an emergency. It also allows students to concentrate on academics instead of the latest fashion trends. The student dress code guidelines outlined in the Code of Student Conduct will be enforced. Students may wear their PRE shirts and uniform bottoms on designated Fridays only. We gladly accept uniforms donations!

Go to our school website:



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

**Call the Front Office at 754-322-7700 or visit
the front office for more information.**



Aug. 17th	Meet & Greet (In-person only) 9:00 a.m. Pre-K, ASD, K - 5 th Gr. 10:00 a.m. 3 rd - 5 th Gr.
Aug. 18th	First Day of School Welcome Back!
Sept. 6th, 7th and Sept. 16th	No School
Sept. 15th	Picture Day Open House 5:00 P.M. K—2 nd Grade 6:00 P.M. 3—5 th Grade
Sept. 20th	First Quarter Interims



-  **Stay involved in your child's education:**
Monitor your child's classwork, attend school activities, sign your child's agenda nightly, and look for informational flyers from PRE.
-  **Volunteer, we need your help!** *Want to help open car doors in the morning, open containers in the lunchroom, read to a child, answer phone calls, or even sign up to join the PTA or SAC committee, please do so. Please speak to Ms. Nero about volunteer opportunities. We Love Our Volunteers!*

 browardschools.com/volunteerapplication

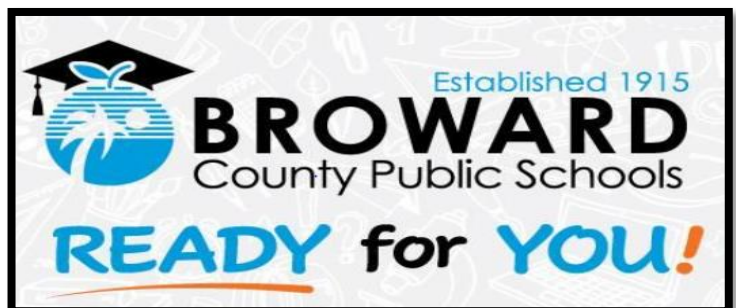
**Don't forget to register for
FREE and Reduced Lunch**



The online application is an easy and convenient way for parents/guardians to submit an online multi-child meal benefit application. The 2021-2022 online application is located at MySchoolapps.com website. The application is available in multiple languages.



Parents/Guardians can fill out your child's back-to-school forms online. The forms are easy to complete, and all data is protected and secure. Contact the school for more information.



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