



**Blasting Off to an Awesome Adventure!**

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# SANDPIPER ELEMENTARY

## August 1, 2023

### Principal Newsletter

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Sandpiper Elementary! On the first day of school Monday, August 21st breakfast service will begin at 7:15 a.m. and classes start at 8:00 a.m. **Please be aware there is no supervision of students before 7:15 a.m. Parents MAY NOT drop off their child before this time.** Students who arrive late, after 8:00 a.m. must be escorted into the school and signed in by a parent.

Safety and security of our students continue to be our top priority at Sandpiper Elementary. The following security measures will be implemented:

- All students/staff must always wear their ID.
- Sandpiper Elementary is a uniform school.
- On Monday, August 21 only Parents of VPK, PreK and Kindergarten students will be permitted to drop off their child(ren) to the classroom or cafeteria. All other grades must drop their child(ren) at the gate. By the second bell, all parents will leave campus so we can begin the school day.
- Students in the PreK, VPK and ASD Special Programs will meet in the cafeteria for arrival in the morning.
- On Tuesday, August 22 it is Independence Day. Only parents/visitors/guests with scheduled appointments will be permitted on campus.
- Once the school day begins, ALL perimeter gates will be secured, and all visitors will have to enter through the main front office.
- To gain access to the campus, all parents/visitors/guests are required to present identification cards in the front office and be processed through the Security Tracking and

Response (RAPTOR) system. You must sign in and out of campus.

- Sandpiper Elementary will conduct **monthly safety drills** in addition to other state-required fire and tornado drills. Appropriate notification will be provided for all safety drills.
- At 2:00 p.m. VPK, PreK, Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade and Third Grade students will be dismissed at the front car loop.
- At 2:00 p.m. students in Fourth and Fifth Grade will be dismissed in the north car loop by the second gate.
- **Any change of dismissal must be received in written form with the date and signature from a parent. Please do not call the front office. All changes should be completed prior to the start of the school day.**
- All school forms are completed online at [www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts).

I understand that these expectations will require a change in procedures and at times may also pose inconvenience however, prioritizing the safety and security of our students and staff is paramount. We need your help to successfully implement all safety and security procedures. Please communicate the importance of these safety initiatives to your child(ren) on a regular basis. More detailed information is available on the school website at <https://www.browardschools.com/sandpiper>. We look forward to a great year!



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## Sandpiper Elementary

*A Title I School Committed to Learning & Growing!*

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### MEET AND GREET

Please plan to attend our Meet and Greet for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Friday, August 18, 2023**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
Gr. 5, 1 & 3	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Gr. 4, 2 & ASD Special Program	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
VPK, K & PreK	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Our Meet and Greet will give you the opportunity to find your child's classroom and meet the teacher. If you are bringing your child's supplies that day, please label supplies with your child's name.



**Sandpiper Elementary is a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).** Therefore all students eat **FREE**. There are no charges for breakfast or lunch.



As a part of the District's plan to enhance the level of response to all emergency situations for the safety and security of students, employees, and visitors, the District has elected to transition from the longstanding use of color codes to a PLAIN LANGUAGE response protocol.

### Register 2 Ride



### Rider Registration

- All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year must register for a bus assignment. Use <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride> to register and guarantee a bus assignment for the first day of school.
- Any student who registered for a bus last year and did not use the service, must register for a bus using their student 06 account.
- Eligible students registered by July 7, 2023 will be guaranteed a bus for the first day of school.

### Register 2 Ride Instructions

- 1.) Navigate to <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride>



**September 6, 2023**

PreK, VPK, K, 1 and 2

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Grades 3, 4, 5 and ASD Special Programs

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

We will begin each session in the cafeteria. Parents will meet Administration, Special teachers and Support Team and review the Title I Power Point. Then parents will visit their child's classroom. Open House is an opportunity for you to learn about the classroom procedures and systems, review student work, and browse through textbooks. You can also network with other families. We look forward to seeing you there!