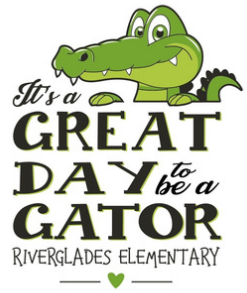


AUGUST 2022



GATOR GAZETTE



**MEET
and
GREET**

Monday, August 15th

Please adhere to the times below by student's last name.

A - F 8:30 am - 9:00 am
G - N 9:15 am - 9:45 am
O - Z 10:00 am - 10:30 am

All parents will need to stop at one of our check-in locations to pick up their child's class placement. This will be your ticket into the school.

The bus loop will be set up as a drive-through check in location. This will allow you to wait in your car with the AC. You will then be able to park and enter through the front of the school with your child's schedule.

Parents and children who walk to school from their home will be able to check-in outside of the front office. This line will become extremely long and hot if parents don't utilize the bus loop option.

Please pack your patience. We will be having over 1,100 students and families participating in Meet and Greet.

Parents can drop off medication and required paperwork during the Meet and Greet.

Dear Riverglades Families,

Wow! Where has the summer gone? I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. We are excited to kick off the 2022-2023 school year. This year our theme revolves around what it means to be a Riverglades Gator which will help them be successful at Riverglades and beyond. It's a Great Day to be a Gator!

Give your best
Actively listen
Take responsibility
Offer kindness
Respect everyone
Speak the truth

We are aware that class schedules have appeared in Canvas, however, there will be many changes before the schedules are finalized. We urge you not to share this information with your child because there will be changes based on many factors.

We are receiving a high volume of emails and calls regarding class placements. As you can imagine we are busy preparing to welcome our teachers and students back to campus. Therefore, we can't respond to the emails and calls. We are reviewing each request, however, many factors go into creating classes and there are still many changes to be made.

We follow District criteria in creating gifted/high achieving classes based on FSA or end-of-the-year data. This is the process we follow every year. Teachers will differentiate to meet the needs of the students in all classes.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



Tuesday, August 16th.

On the first day of school, PreK, Kindergarten, and ASD cluster parents will be able to walk their child to class.

All students will walk to their classes with the help of our support staff on the 2nd day of school.

The arrival and dismissal during the first week of school tends to be a little long and overwhelming.

We ask for your cooperation and patience. Students will not be marked tardy during the first week of school due to possible traffic delays.



URGENT: Register to Ride the School Bus for the 22-23 School Year

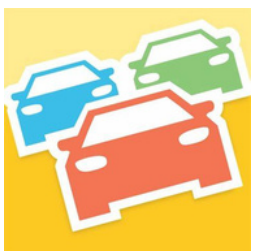
All eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year must register for a bus assignment. Use the webpage below to register. If registering after July 15th, student transportation will be given by the 3rd week of school.

Please go to: <https://www.browardschools.com/Register2Ride>

Bus information should be available this week through Virtual Counselor. You will need your child's 06 number. The password is your child's birthdate as follows:
PMM/DD/YYYY
(You must include the slashes in the password)



You can now track your child's bus by downloading the Here Comes the Bus app.



We will be utilizing Curbsmart for our car rider dismissal. You will receive a personalized family Curbsmart number. This should not be shared with anyone that is not authorized to pick up your child. This is how we match the student to the correct car. This year parents will be checking into Curbsmart to have their child released. You will receive additional information at Meet and Greet.

SECURE THE NEXT GENERATION

August 23, 2022

RENEWAL

Secure the Next Generation Referendum Renewal

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is presenting voters with a referendum renewal that will appear on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot.

The new Secure the Next Generation Referendum would increase voters' investment in education from a half-mill to one mill to continue securing funds for all public schools and will now also include charter schools

- **Recruit & retain high-quality teachers and eligible staff by increasing compensation supplement**
- **Maintain and enhance school resource officers and school safety staff**
- **Maintain and enhance essential programs, such as mental health services**

If the Secure the Next Generation Referendum is not renewed, funding for the items listed above will no longer exist.

Why does BCPS need to renew the referendum and increase to 1 mill?

The funds from the ½ mill referendum that voters approved in 2018 are set to expire. Those funds support over 500 school safety personnel, 100 mental health professionals, and approximately \$82 million in salary supplements for teachers and eligible staff, to compete with neighboring school districts.

On April 26, 2022, the School Board approved to, once again, present this referendum on the August 23, 2022, primary election ballot, with an increase to one mill, for voters to consider investing in Broward County Public Schools.

This renewal would provide BCPS with the ability to compete with neighboring school districts (Miami Dade County Public Schools, presenting an increase from the current .75 mill to one mill, and the School District of Palm Beach County Public Schools is currently at one mill), and to account for new legislation that now requires the District to share nearly 20% of these funds with charter schools.



Riverglades After Care Registration applications will be available to parents starting on July 12, 2022.

Please be advised that just because you have completed the application doesn't mean you have been accepted into the aftercare program.

You will receive TWO emails once your application is submitted. The first one will say you have completed the process (THIS IS NOT YOUR ACCEPTANCE EMAIL). The second email will inform you that you have been accepted OR placed on our waiting list.

Please do not make any payment until you receive the second email saying your child has been accepted.

Please watch the video or follow the steps below to assist you with the application process.

Video: <https://www.loom.com/share/ca70d6542b314bf185ff177bc112c43c>

Step 1: Make sure you are on a computer using Google Chrome as your internet browser.

Step 2: Go to www.browardschools.com/bascc

Step 3: Scroll down until you see "Registration for Before and After School Child Care... Click Here" button

Step 4: Scroll down and select Riverglades Elementary as your school

Step 5: Make sure you have selected Riverglades Elementary. Then, click on the paper and pencil icon under "click below to register for child care"

Step 6: Review Parent Handbook

Step 7: On the upper right-hand corner select the down arrow and select Riverglades Elementary. Then, click green GO button.

Step 8: Select "New Application 1st Time - Click Here"

Step 9: Complete the application



PTA does so much for our students, staff, and school. They have been working all summer on our spirit shirts, apparel, and SWAG.

If you pre-ordered your spirit shirt, you can pick it up in the cafeteria. There will be limited shirts available to purchase at Meet and Greet. You can also order at riverglades.memberhub.com.

5th Grade is having a Bake Sale in the cafeteria during Meet and Greet. Stop by for a tasty treat and support the 5th grade students. If you would like to donate any baked goods for the sale, please email Rivergladesfifthgradecommittee@gmail.com

Riverglades Swag will also be available in the cafeteria which including water bottles, lanyards, and car magnets.

Visit the PTA website to see additional apparel options and sign up to receive PTA updates and information.



You can support PTA by joining for \$20.00. Scan the QR code to join.

TEARS & Cheers

To: All Kindergarten & New Riverglades Families

When: Tuesday, August 16th

Time: 8:10 in Cafeteria

Why: PTA will share their first hand experiences about being a parent at Riverglades and answer any questions.



Have a birthday message displayed on the Riverglades marquee.



We encourage all families to bring the suggested class supplies to their child's class during Meet and Greet. If you ordered supplies and have not picked them up, you can pick them up in the cafeteria. There is limited supply of packages available to purchase on the day of Meet and Greet.



As a reminder, we require parents/guardians to be an approved volunteer to chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, and attend class parties or special events.

If you haven't already, please apply to become a volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year at:

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

Breakfast will be free for all students. However, there will be a charge for school lunch. The cost is \$2.00 for elementary students. You can create an account at www.myschoolbucks.com and pay for lunches online. Parents will have to option to apply for free or reduced lunches. You can apply at www.myschoolapps.com.



SAFETY FIRST

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING. DO SOMETHING.

- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Download the app today!

FORTIFYFL

Available on the App Store and Google Play.

The first resource is the **SaferWatch** app. This app, supported by the Broward Sheriff's Office, allows individuals in Broward County the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward/> for more information about the SaferWatch app.



The second resource for reporting safety and security concerns is the **FortifyFL** app. FortifyFL allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>.

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