

# Earthkeeper's Voice

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Title I School

January 2022

## Greetings from the desk of Mrs. Good, Principal

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break.. We are off to a great start. Students are well into their engaged learning. We are working hard to maintain the academic rigor and standards-based instruction for all students. Our teachers and students will be working hard to maintain commitment to academic excellence. In addition, the dedication to student achievement continues to be primary focus for the entire Fairway community.

Students are doing great with all optional mask policy. However, please know they are HIGHLY recommended.

Parents know that January we will be working on some additional Mid Year Assessments in grades 1-5. We really need your child to show us what they know we will be making schoolwide plans based on scores from all mid year assessments. We want to have good data

Our goals this year are to increase student achievement, promote character education and assist struggling students with additional resources. Parents can help us achieve this goal by attending parent meetings, joining the School Advisory Council or Parent Teacher Organization and ensuring that students attend school every day on time. Research has shown that when schools develop strong partnerships with parents, students reap the benefits academically and socially.

Parents please don't forget to encourage daily use of iReady for Reading and Math. All students K-5 need to be on for 45 minutes in each subject area.

Please don't forget that we are a uniform school. Students needs to wear uniforms, ID badges and masks everyday. **Parents we are asking that if children show ANY sick symptoms, please keep them home. If a child does test positive for Covid please notify the school IMMEDIATELY.**

Parents we ask that everyone please continue to fill out the Student Code of Conduct and Back to School forms online.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns at 754-323-5650

**T-shirts will be available for sale**



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Your proud principal,

Mrs. Katherine Good

## COVID UPDATES & Protocols

- Parents please make sure that if your child presents ANY symptoms of being sick , please DO NOT send them to school.
- If a child test positive for covid please contact the school immediately. The school needs to be able to do close contact tracking.
- Students will need to quarantine for a minimum number of 5 days as outlined by the Department of Health if they are positive for Covid..
- Students that have to quarantine will have access to a laptop if needed to complete work on classroom Canvas course. Laptops will be assigned by the school micro-tech.

### Covid Vaccination Opportunities at Fairway Elementary

Broward County Schools and the Broward Health Department will be working together to administer the Pfizer vaccine Parents will be getting a Covid Vaccination Authorization form which will give parents the option to vaccinate children at school. Fairway will be providing the vaccine with parental consent on

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>-Only**

**FortifyFL APP**

Parents please know that the district does have a safety reporting app. It's called FortifyFL. You can download this app and report any suspicious activity on this app anonymously.

### How to Work With Your Child's Teacher

1. **Get to know your child's teacher(s)**, and the earlier the better. Don't wait for a special program if there is a problem or if your child has any special needs. It helps teachers to know everything they can about your child.
2. **Share important information** that can make it easier for teachers to understand your child. Sometimes things that happen at home can affect how children learn.
3. **Find out what's expected.** Ask about homework and other special assignments.
4. **Join the parent-teacher organization.** Be sure to volunteer for at least one thing during the year. That way, you'll be making things better for your child .....and for all children in the school.

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## ESOL UPDATES

**ESOL Contact-Mrs. Mobley 754-323-5650**

The goal of the **ESOL Program** is to ensure that all students, entering Broward County Public Schools with varying levels of limited English proficiency, receive comparable and comprehensible instruction. A website for bilingual parents of students in Broward County Public Schools. <https://www.browardschools.com/bilingual-esol>  
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### Guidance Corner/Character Education-January- Respect

Dear Parent: Respect is the character trait for January. Respect is showing consideration, understanding, and regard for people, places and things.

## Title 1 Updates

**Title 1 Liaison-Mrs. Dorvil 754-323-5650**

Please note that SIP plan and SAC Budget is discussed every month at our SAC meetings that meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm. Next meeting  
**January 19, 2022**

Please note that FSA 2020 individual scores, interims, and report cards can all be viewed on Virtual Counselor.

**Title 1 Parent Science Night-February-News to follow.**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida , prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director of Equal Opportunities at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the American s with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Procedures and Rules

**MASKS**-Mandatory on throughout the day. Students do not have wear masks when they are outside, during lunch for PE or recess that is outside.

**AGENDA BOOKS:** Agenda books keep your child aware of important dates/homework assignments, and are used as a communication tool between the teacher and the parent. Please check your child’s agenda booklet daily.

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance at school often determines pupil progress. Students should attend school daily and arrive on time. In the event of an absence, a call is required beginning with the first day and continuing with all subsequent days. Remember, the IMT (Information Management Technician must be notified of your child’s absence within 48 hours of the absence. Please make sure you call the attendance hotline at 754-323-5652 its available 24/7.

**Quarantine:** If you child has to quarantine because of a positive covid case in school the child will access the teacher’s canvas course for classwork that needs to be completed. If a child is going to need a laptop, they must sign a laptop our through our Micro-tech Mr. Jan Horvath. Teachers will be working on TEAMS link for children to try and join live links.

**CONFERENCES:** Conferences ensure better understanding among the teachers, students, and parents. A parent or teacher may request a conference at any time. Please call the school to arrange for a convenient time to talk to your child’s teacher.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP AREAS:** For the safety of our students, parents are asked to pick up primary students (K-2) on the west side of the school, (entering from Fairway Blvd). and intermediate students (3-5) on the east side of the school (entering from Harbour Blvd.).

Students may be dropped off from 7:40- 8:10 in the primary or intermediate areas. Dropping off students in the Bus Loading Zone is prohibited.

GATES CLOSED AND LOCKED:

In the morning the gates will be locked at a.m. If your child arrives late to school, the child must be escorted by an adult and signed in, If you need to enter the campus any time after 8:30 a.m. the campus monitor will assist.

The gates in the afternoon on both Primary and Intermediate car loops will close at 2:25 p.m. Students will be escorted to the front office area and will need to be picked up.

**EARLY DISMISSAL/SIGN OUT:** According to School Board Policy, students are not permitted to be picked up 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day. The last 30 minutes are very critical. Teachers are conducting final review of lessons, distributing important school information, or giving homework assignments. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

**EARLY RELEASE DATES:** Early Release Days are designated by the School Board of Broward County. On the following days students are dismissed at 12:10 pm:

October 19, January 10, February 24, March 17, April 14, and June 9

done with a parent in a relaxed and positive setting. The classroom teachers will assign homework.

**PARENT-TEACHER Organization (PTO):** We welcome and encourage your assistance in providing guidance and service to our students, staff and community; including your attendance and participation at PTO meetings, School Advisory Council, and many more activities to come.

**SCHOOL DRESS CODE:** School Uniforms are MANDATORY at Fairway Elementary. It is very important that students are in their uniforms every day. Students MUST wear an ID badge every day. Parents will be notified if your child isn’t in compliance with the dress code policy.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** Safety is a major priority at Fairway. We have established policies to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and visitors.

It is important to understand that everyone’s safety is compromised when the policies are not followed.

- MASKS-Mandatory on throughout the day. Students do not have wear masks when they are outside, during lunch for PE or recess that is outside.
- We will follow all CDC protocols. We are following 3ft to 6ft apart.
- All visitors are required to report to the front office prepared to show I.D. before entering the school for any reason. Everyone must go through our STAR system. They will have to wear ,masks as well.
- Parents are required to show I.D. before entering the school for teacher-parent conferences, academic awards or graduation events.
- Early Childhood parents must show ID
- Students are not allowed in the school building before 7:30 am. If your child would like breakfast he/she must be in the breakfast line from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m.
- Any change in a student’s usual dismissal procedure must be reported to the student’s teacher in writing prior to the change taking place.
- Please note that we will be conducting monthly fire drills and Code Red Drills as part of our district safety mandates.

Important Date(s) To Remember



January

Vaccine Administering Dates-January 5<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup>-Early Release at 12 p.m.

11<sup>th</sup>-Planning Day

17<sup>th</sup>-Holiday

19<sup>th</sup>-SAC Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**HOMEWORK:** Children are encouraged to study at home. Setting aside a definite time each evening for homework will develop good work habits. Routine study time is an excellent plan, particularly if it is

**INTERIM REPORTS:** An interim report is sent home half-way through a reporting quarter to notify parents of progress. If you want to request a conference, or if the teacher requests a conference, please call the school to arrange a convenient time. Please sign the interim report and return it to the school immediately. Interim dates are as follows:

**September 20, November 19, February 11, & May 3rd**

**Procedures and Rules (Continued)**

**BEGINNING THURSDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> its Independence Day, the front parking lot and Kindergarten parking lot will close at 8:30 a.m. and students will be dropped off utilizing their regular drop off procedure outlined above.** If your child does not attend school on August 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, they will walk to class on their own beginning their first day of school, however you will need to come to the front office first. **No parents will be permitted to walk their child to class after 8/18.**

As a reminder, no parent may access the front drop off. Any parent escorting their child must leave their child at the front door or kindergarten side of the school and your child will enter the school on their own. There will be staff on post as of 8:10 a.m.

*Parents who have scheduled conferences with teachers or need to speak to a member of support staff or administration may do so by going directly to the front office. Administration is always available. **Your driver's license or passport** is required when you enter, as all visitors must be scanned through our Raptor system in the front office to ensure our students' safety at all times.*

We will be continuing our practice of using email alerts to keep in constant contact with our parents. Special events, field trips, and other reminders and announcements will be sent to you via email, phone, and through the Broward Schools App and Parentlink. All Back to School Forms will be completed ON-LINE at [www.browardschools.com/bts](http://www.browardschools.com/bts). Fairway Elementary will be collecting hard copies of emergency contact forms which will be in your child first day packet. If you need assistance filling out forms on-line, please stop by the front office and we will be happy to help you.

Further, Fairway communication will be via parentlink, remind and social media, follow us on Instagram, and Twitter for up to date information.

Please make sure that all free and reduced lunch applications are submitted on-line as soon as possible. Breakfast and lunch are free however the applications still need to be filled out. The website is [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com). If you need any assistance in completing the application, feel free to come to the school and we are happy to help you. Please remember that families that are not approved for free or reduced lunch benefits will be paying full price for lunch until approved. However, we will never leave a child without having a lunch. It is very important that parents check their child's account balance regularly as we want to ensure that all students receive a full lunch every day.

As a reminder, Fairway Elementary has universal free breakfast for all students. Breakfast is served daily from 7:45 - 8:25 a.m. in the cafeteria. Students must arrive in the cafeteria no later than 8:20 a.m. in order to be served. If children arrive after 8:20 a.m. they will get a **“grab and go breakfast.”**

Our school theme for next year is “Learning is an Adventure” We know the 2021-2022 school year will be FANTASTIC! It is truly an honor to serve the parents and students of Fairway Elementary. I am truly PROUD to be the principal. I look forward to another year leading this amazing school. As always, feel free to email or call me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at 754-323-5650 or [Kathy.good@browardschools.com](mailto:Kathy.good@browardschools.com) See you soon; I can't wait to hug all of my earthkeepers!!!

Proud to be an Earthkeeper,  
Katherine Good, Principal

**START NOW!!! Remind your child the importance of coming to school prepared to learn; good nights sleep, a healthy breakfast, and words of encouragement from parents are an excellent beginning to every day!**



# Family Newsletter

## Dear Parent:

Honesty is the character trait of the month of February. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of honesty. Honesty, is taking responsibility for one's conduct and obligations, and being loyal so people can trust you. People who are honest have integrity and the moral courage to do the right thing and to stand up for their beliefs even when it is difficult to do so. We ask that you continue to encourage honesty with you child.

- How can you tell if your teen is being dishonest with you? There are some key things to look for that are signs of being dishonest.
  - Defensiveness – Teens may become defensive when you ask them where they have been or where they are going. A teen with nothing to hide does not mind offering their parents a way to get in contact with them. Teens that get defensive when asked are most likely hiding something.
  - Eye Contact – If your teen makes constant eye contact without blinking this can be as alarming as the teen that won't make eye contact with you at all. Usually a teen will not look at you if they are lying to you unless they realize this. Then they over compensate by staring you in the eye and they end up not blinking. (Understand that some cultures however do not promote eye contact with adults.)
  - When people are making stories up they often look down. When someone is telling a story that is honest and true they look up like they are remembering it just as it happened.
  - The long pause – this is especially useful when you are having a phone conversation and you ask where your teen is or what is going on. There will often be a pause as they come up with a story to tell you.
  - Body Language – when someone is being dishonest, they are often nervous and have physical twitches or they will touch their face.



Character Education: Elementary

February



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### Character Check

Make sure your child is reflecting on these questions in order to keep itself in check.

- If I want to borrow something, do I ask the person who owns the property?
- Do I always do my own work and not cheat myself out of learning?
- Am I striving to earn my parent's and friend's trust?
- Is lying comfortable for me?
- Does my current social circle consist of people that I can be honest and true to myself with, that I can rely on and I feel can rely on me?