



Title I Secondary Parent Newsletter Welcome Back to School!



It is with the warmest wishes that the faculty, staff and administration of the School District of Palm Beach County **welcomes our students and parents to the 2015-2016 Academic Year!** We are very proud of our schools, communities and programs offered here in Palm Beach County.

It is our responsibility to work with the children and families of Palm Beach County to provide the best possible atmosphere for our students. **We are committed to providing a quality education and a secure and nurturing environment.**

We welcome your feedback and we look forward to building a collaborative and supportive home-school relationship with each and every family in Palm Beach County! Please, also check our website for resources and updates on upcoming events.

PARENTS AND THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Research states that families who are involved in their child's education are more apt to see an increase in student academic success!

Parents, we encourage you to participate in the many parent activities that will be available at your child's school and throughout the district this year. Attend Literacy Nights, the School Advisory Council, PTO/PTA, Conferences with your child's teacher, etc. Your child needs you to be closely involved in their education and the school needs you as well!

**Together - Home + School = Student Success!!
This is true at the elementary, middle and high school level.**

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We congratulate the following schools for developing and implementing a Family Involvement Program that seeks to help parents actively engage and support their child's education at home. Parents at the following schools were trained in a variety of ways to help their child learn at home. For this and their commitment to partner with parents for student success, we grant the following Secondary schools the **FY15 Home-School Partnership for Student Achievement Award:** Conniston Middle, Okeehelée Middle, Jeaga Middle, Inlet Grove High, and Lake Worth High School!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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SCHOOL COUNSELING AND GRADUATION SUPPORT

At the beginning of the school year families are excited about learning opportunities. Here are a few tips for getting off to a smart start.

GET CONNECTED

Your child's school needs you!
Consider becoming a volunteer, joining the PTA or attending the School Advisory Committee meetings.

Start off the school year with a plan to set high expectations for your child's completion of homework.

The 3 W's

Where - Set up a special place for doing homework.

When - Establish a specific time everyday for completion of homework.

Why - Completing homework reinforces important skills, develops positive work habits, and leads to a habit of effective effort.

*Set and enforce your expectations for homework completion.

*Become familiar with the homework expectations of your child's teacher(s).

For a Positive Year!

School Counselors are ready and willing to support the academic achievement, social-emotional development, and college-career readiness of all of our students.

Get to know the certified counselors at your school!

For more information contact School Counseling and Graduation at <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/safeschools/K12SchoolCounseling.asp>

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

Make Meals Easier

All students are eligible for FREE breakfast, daily. In addition, your family may qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch Benefits!

APPLY ON LINE!

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE BREAKFAST DAILY!

Students have the opportunity to create a meal from a variety of food groups. In order to receive a FREE breakfast, children must select three or four items from the food groups offered (grains, protein, fruits) and milk. One choice must be from the fruit group.

**On-line
Pre-Payment
System
Available!**

REGULAR LUNCH PRICE

**\$2.05 - ELEMENTARY
\$2.30—MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
REDUCED LUNCH PRICE:**

\$0.40 FOR ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

LUNCH PROGRAM

YOUR FAMILY MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH BENEFITS!

Students have the opportunity to have lunch through The National School Lunch Program. Students may select three, four, or five items offered to complete their meal. At least one of these choices must be from the fruit or vegetable group.

You can apply for free or reduced lunch benefits beginning July 27, 2015
SNAP (EBT) and Directly Certified DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION
Visit our website at www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

College is a place for our children to learn more and gain experiences. College does not have to be out of reach for anyone. It is important to open the minds of our children to the idea of college by asking them questions about their plans for the future. Palm Beach County has several college campuses. Take a tour, they're free!

Using language such as *"When you graduate from college..."* sends the message that there is an expectation for your child to attend college.

Planning for College and Career Begins in High School

Do you know the requirements for

Graduation? If not, contact the Guidance Counselor at your child's school.

Time Management Tips for High School Students

Make a "To Do" List Every Day = Put things that are more important at the top and do them first.

Review Your Notes Every Day= You will reinforce what you've learned, so you need less time to study and be ready if your teacher calls on you or a pop quiz.

Questions for Families to Ask Colleges:

What are the average costs for tuition/fees, books/supplies, room/board, transportation; and personal expenses?

How does financial need affect admission decisions at a particular institution?



PSAT AND SAT COLLEGE READINESS TESTS HAVE CHANGED!

REMEMBER

10th Graders take PSAT in October

11th Graders take SAT in March

PREPARE FOR BOTH OF THEM - FOR FREE!

Go to www.khanacademy.org to create an account and begin practicing on the new Khan Academy site.

VIEW VIDEOS

TAKE DIAGNOSTIC QUIZZES

GET PERSONALIZED PRACTICE

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

Important note: If you are taking the SAT before January 2016, check out [our resources for the current SAT](#). Otherwise, check out the [Official SAT Practice on KhanAcademy.org for the new SAT](#)

IT'S TOTALLY FREE!

For more information about the exciting changes made to the PSAT and SAT go to www.collegeboard.org.

SAFE SCHOOLS

The Department of Safe Schools has many programs and initiatives which help ensure a safe and supportive learning environment. This department focuses on minimizing barriers to increasing academic success.

Department programs and initiatives support a Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework, oversees discipline initiatives, Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support, Bullying Prevention, and the Code of Student Conduct.

We also support school health services and students experiencing homelessness, living in foster or neglected sites.

As a parent, we invite you to visit our website and review each program in detail.

To obtain additional information regarding our initiatives, please contact Dr. JeTawn Shannon, Manager at (561) 982-0916 or (561) 982-0901.



Safe Schools
The School District of Palm Beach County

SCHOOL POLICE

Welcome back students and parents, and a special welcome to new students and parents!

We are looking forward to another successful school year. As always, your awareness and efforts are key to ensuring all members of our community remain safe.

STUDENT DROP OFF DOs AND DON'Ts

DO:

- ⇒ PLEASE USE THE DROP OFF LINE
- ⇒ PAY ATTENTION TO SIGNS
- ⇒ ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES EARLY TO BEAT THE RUSH
- ⇒ WATCH FOR CHILDREN
- ⇒ PARK IN "VISITOR" SPACES
- ⇒ LOCK CAR DOORS IF "RUNNING INSIDE FOR A SECOND"
- ⇒ ENSURE SAFETY AT ALL TIMES

DON'T:

- ⇒ DROP OFF CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS
- ⇒ LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE CAR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
International Walk to School Day
October 7, 2015

Many schools and school police officers participate in this event. **COME JOIN US!**

RAPTOR SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Florida State Statute 775.21(3),

All visitors, including parents, vendors and volunteers must be checked in the national sexual offender database. We ask that anytime you need to visit your child's school, please remember your **DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PROVIDE YOUR FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH** with the understanding that it is in the best interest of the safety of all students.

By swiping the visitor's driver's license or manually entering the visitor's first name, last name, and date of birth, the school clerk will be instantly notified if a visitor is identified as a sexual predator. The information collected is utilized to search for sexual predators **ONLY** and will not be used for any other purpose per the above referenced statute.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS...

Contact us via phone (561) 434-8300 or email: spfpoffice@palmbeachschools.org

For more information about School Police please visit:

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/schoolpolice/>

Facebook! www.facebook.com/PBSDSchoolPolice

Twitter! @SchoolPolicePBC

Pinterest! www.pinterest.com/SchoolPolicePBC

YouTube! www.youtube.com/userschoolPolicePBC

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)

The Department of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) is pleased to share our website specifically for parents. The website is located at www.palmbeachschools.org/ease/parentinformation.asp. You will find a Calendar of Events with detailed information on each activity for the entire year. This calendar is updated on a daily basis and contains information from numerous parent groups both locally and statewide. Please check the calendar often so you do not miss any wonderful opportunities!

You can also access a number of resources:

- * Learn about ESE programs in the state of Florida in [A Parent's Introduction to Exceptional Student Education in Florida Manual](#)
- * **FDLRS Parent Services** website, www.palmbeachschools.org/ease/fdlrsps.asp has information about the Parents' as Liaisons (PALs) program. Personal support for you is only a phone call away at 434-8393!
- * Brand new ESE Parent Involvement website at the State Level—<http://forparents.florida-ease.org>
- * Special Ed Connection is a web-based resource for you to gain an understanding of what special education is and how it works from legal rights to practical application. It is free to all parents of students with disabilities.
- * Complete an online needs assessment so we can better meet your needs at the school site!
- * Join our Email Group, ESE E-News page, to receive email updates specific to your individual needs
- * Become familiar with local, state and national parent resources
- * Learn about the ESE Advisory Committee and the difference it makes for you as a parent!

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The Educational Technology Department is a team of technology specialists, who are also certified teachers, with many years of classroom teaching experience. The Department of Educational Technology provides many resources to SDPBC students and parents to assist with learning at home.

Visit: http://www.palmbeachschools.org/learning_tools/for_free_resources



Learning Tools

Elementary School Middle School High School Teachers Parents

Learning Tools for Parents

Online Textbooks Homework Help College & Career

****If prompted for a username and password, please contact your school for this information.**

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

GED® AND ESOL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AT MORE THAN 30 LOCATIONS

Earn a GED or learn English! Most classes are offered in the evening, with a few locations offering daytime classes. Each school has its own schedule. Call the school of your choice to find out when you can register.

**Bring a photo ID and
\$30 tuition fee (cash or check) for the term**

***Fall 2015 classes run from
September 8 - December 11***

Registration begins August 24

Registration must be done in person at one of our school locations, even if you are planning to study online. Online registration for GED® and ESOL classes is not available at this time. For information, please call 561-649-6010 or go to <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/ace/>.

SOMEONE YOU KNOW CAN NOT READ THIS

If you know an adult that can't read, let them know we are here to help! We offer Adult Literacy classes in a sensitive and confidential learning environment. To schedule an appointment email NeverTooLate@palmbeachschools.org or call 561-266-1206.

EVERYONE HAS A FUN ACTIVITY... INDULGE IN YOURS!

With hundreds of classes to choose from, adults can explore a new hobby, develop new skills and cultivate new friendships. Offerings include arts & crafts, music, sports & fitness, cooking, computer training and a wide variety of personal enrichment classes such as How to Start a Business, Dog Obedience Training, Flower Arranging, Meditation, Motorcycle Maintenance and many more.

Adults have the option to enroll in Fun & Leisure classes from the comfort of their home. They can register and pay online via credit card to sign up for classes. Walk-in students can continue to register in person by cash or check.

***Registration begins September 14;
Classes begin September 28***

For information go to PBCLearn.org or
call 561-649-6010

JOIN US ON:

**FACEBOOK, TWITTER, PINTEREST
and INSTAGRAM at: aceofpbc**

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

VISION STATEMENT

The School District of Palm Beach envisions a dynamic collaborative multicultural community where education and lifelong learning are valued and supported, and all learners reach their highest potential and succeed in the global economy.

MISSION STATEMENT

The School District of Palm Beach County is committed to providing a world-class education with excellence and equity to empower each student to reach his or her highest potential with the most effective staff to foster the knowledge, skills, and ethics required for responsible citizenship and productive careers.



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THE FAMILY IMPACT PROGRAM

The Family Impact Program is a family oriented Adult English Education Program. Our goal is to empower non-English speaking adults to enhance their families' success. Family Impact bridges the gap between the family, the school and the community.

- ◆ **Family Education:** supports family literacy development and encourages and healthy family activities
- ◆ **Adult Education:** provides instruction for adults in English and Literacy
- ◆ **Family Events:** provides fun, family activities once a month in the evening



CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

Bridges at Highland (Highland Elementary)

Phone: 561-649-6004

Address: Clarke Building, 500 Highland Avenue, Lake Worth, FL 33460

Barton Elementary * for Barton parents only

Phone: 561-649-6004

Address: Building 2, 1700 Barton Road, Lake Worth, FL 33460

Greenacres Elementary

Phone: 561-649-6004

Address: Portable 16 & 17, 405 Jackson Avenue, Greenacres, FL 33463

Pahokee Elementary

Phone: 561-649-6004

REGISTRATION

COST \$30

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

REGISTRATION:

AUGUST 24—SEPTEMBER 4

9:00-11:30

MONDAY-THURSDAY

CLASSES BEGIN:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

MONDAY –THURSDAY

8:30-11:30

Contact Sherrie Bedwell at

(561) 649-6004

for further information.

**SCHOOL + HOME =
STUDENT SUCCESS!**