The Dolphin Digest Ocean Breeze Elementary

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Where Everybody Matters and Every Moment Counts

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Important Back to School Information

Students may arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 AM. On 8/12 ONLY (grades 1-6), parents may walk students to the cafeteria or their classrooms. After the first day, students arriving between 7:30 & 7:50 will enter through car loop gate 6 and proceed to the cafeteria or the pavilion. Students arriving between 7:50 & 8:00, may enter the gate closest to their drop-off spot and proceed to their classroom. After August 12th, parents wishing to walk their first to sixth grade student to the cafeteria must sign in via the Raptor system in the main office.

Kindergarten students may be walked to their classroom or the cafeteria by their parents on their first two days of school (8/15 & 8/16). Beginning August 19th, parents wishing to walk their kindergarten student to the cafeteria must sign in via the Raptor system in the main office.

Please remember:

- 1. Parent parking for drop off is in the west lot off of Yuma Dr. The front parking lot is for buses ONLY. Please do not park on the street.
- 2. Enter at the marked entrances only. Please do not enter using the area marked "Exit."
- Park in rows.
- 4. Be extra observant of children and adults walking through the lot.
- 5. If not being dropped off in the car loop, an adult must walk children to the crosswalk location.
- 6. Traffic/driving rules apply on Cheyenne and Yuma. Please do not pass cars on the streets trying to pull into the car loop or parking lot. IHBPD take notice. Students may not be dropped off at the street.
- 6. Cross only at the designated crosswalk.
- 7. Exit the lot at the marked location.
- 8. If you plan to drop your child off in the loop, please use the numbered pick up and drop off spots; adults/patrols will be posted at these locations.
- 9. Please use caution when driving through the car loop, don't use cell phones, and stop at the crosswalk when directed.

We will have many students walking and riding their bikes to school. Please be cautious of children moving along and/or crossing streets.

If you arrive for any reason after 8:00 AM, you will need to park in the west parking lot off of Yuma Dr. and walk to the front office. We have limited parking in the front lot. The front drive is a posted

NO PARKING zone. The gates will remain in the locked and closed position throughout the school day.

Sincerely,

Principal

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!	Important Dates	
! August 9	IHBPD National Night Out 5-8pm	
August 12	Students Report	
i August 15	Kindergarten Students Report	
¡ August 15	Kindergarten Boo Hoo 8:10AM	
August 16	PTO Meeting 9:30 AM; Full Day!	
August 19	Pre-K VE Starts	
August 23	Early Release Day	
August 26-30	Book Fair	
August 29	Open House 515-600; 630-715	
i August 30	Early Release Day	



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!



Our first priority at Ocean Breeze is to maintain a safe and secure learning environment. With your help in following the key points for parents/guardians noted below, we can work to ensure student and staff safety on campus.

Bicycles: Students must walk their bikes across designated crossing areas when arriving and departing the school campus. We strongly encourage students to lock their bikes each day! No motorized bicycles, mopeds or skateboards are allowed on school property. Children may not ride their bikes on the school sidewalks at any time. Helmets must be worn!

Walkers: Children who walk to school must use crossing areas to insure their safety. Students may not cross through the front or west parking lot, but use the sidewalk next to the bike rack if heading north, or leave through the bike rack if heading south.

Front Parking Lot: Parents may <u>not park or stop</u> their car in front of the office. If a parent is checking out their child, parking spaces have been provided in the front parking lot.

Early Check out of Students: A photo ID will be required for anyone checking out a student. If someone other than the parent is checking out a student, permission granted by the parent must be presented in writing. It is often difficult to obtain this written permission in the middle of the day, so please be sure to give a note to the person who will be checking out your child. Your cooperation means a safer environment for all our students. We do not take a change in dismissal for a student over the phone. We respectfully request that students not be checked out after 2:00 PM to alleviate disruptions when students are preparing for dismissal.

Visitors and Volunteers on Campus: Everyone on campus MUST sign in on the office computer. A badge must be worn at all times. Parents/guardians who wish to chaperone field trips, assist in the classroom, visit during lunch, or be on campus on a regular basis MUST complete the background check as soon as possible, see below website. While we encourage parents/guardians to be actively involved in our school community, student safety protocols require that ALL parents/guardians wishing to work with students on campus or on field trips be district approved volunteers.

Medications: All medications, including over the counter aspirin and cough drops, must be brought to the clinic by a parent/guardian. The proper forms must be completed and the medication must be in the original container. Students may not carry any medication in their pockets or book bags.

Become A Volunteer!!

Registered Volunteers are able to work in the classroom and around the school. They are able to work one on one with students and attend in county and out of county field trips. Complete your Volunteer Online Form at: https://tinyurl.com/BPSVolunteer Application. After completing the online application, you will go to BPS Educational Services Facility in Viera. Cost is \$35/Annual Renewal Fee \$8.00.

Early Release Fridays

Early release days will be every <u>Friday</u> beginning **August 23, 2019.** These early release days are designed to provide teachers valuable time to collaborate on school, grade level, and classroom initiatives in support of our School Improvement Plan and student/school needs.

Early release for all students will be at 1:10 PM. Please plan ahead for these days. Consider taking advantage of services offered through our School Aged Child Care, Dolphin Cove.

Breakfast in the Cafeteria

All students are able to eat a free breakfast at Ocean Breeze Elementary. However, students must be at school no later than 7:50 AM in order to have the breakfast. We do not want students to be hungry, so be sure they either have a good breakfast at home or join us between 7:30 AM and 7:50 AM for the free breakfast in the cafeteria. Students must still be in their classrooms no later than 8:00 AM. Supervision does not begin until 7:30 AM, so please be sure students do not arrive early.