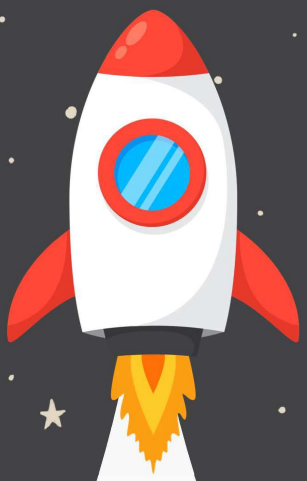
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NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT THE QUEST CENTER



welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

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Greetings Quest Center Community

Dear TQC Parents and Caregivers,

At The Quest Center, April is a meaningful and joyful time as we recognize Autism Awareness Month. Throughout the month, our students and staff will engage in a variety of activities and events designed to build understanding, spread awareness, and celebrate the unique strengths of every learner. From classroom projects to community outreach, we are proud to share the message of acceptance and inclusion beyond our campus.

At TQC, we don't just celebrate autism—we celebrate all children with learning differences. It is these differences that make our school such a special place. Each student brings their own strengths, perspectives, and personality, and together they create a vibrant, supportive community where everyone belongs.

The puzzle piece, often associated with autism awareness, serves as a powerful symbol for us. It reminds us that every student is an important piece of our school family. While each piece is unique, they all fit together to form something complete and beautiful. At The Quest Center, we strive every day to ensure that our students feel seen, valued, and supported—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our campus is more than just a school; it is a safe and nurturing space for our students and their families. This month, we celebrate not only our differences, but also the deep connections that unite us. Together, we continue to build a community rooted in understanding, respect, and belonging.

Warmest wishes,

Andrea Swift

Andrea Swift
Principal
The Quest Center



Greetings Quest Families!

As the 2025-2026 school year draws to a close, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, students and parents for your continued support and diligence. Our teachers have done an outstanding job successfully administering the Florida Alternate Assessment to our learners.

Special thanks to our staff for contributing to our Spectacular Cultural Luncheon in February and the Potato Bar in March. We also thoroughly enjoyed watching our students shine during the Black History and Spring Shows - our K-22 students and Adults with Disabilities (ADW) participants are truly talented!

Parents remember to check your child's folder and review home notes regularly to stay informed about upcoming end-of-year activities, programs, and ESY at The Quest Center.

Thank you and, if you have any questions, please contact us at (754) 321-7500.

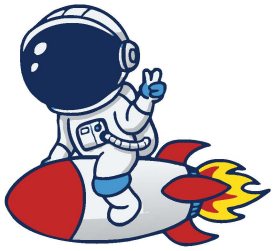
Have an amazing rest of the school year!



Thank you,

C. Humphrey

Celeste Humphrey
Assistant Principal
Quest Center



Calendar for 2025–2026

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2025/26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar.

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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of S



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31, 2026
SAC/SAF @ 3:30

April 1, 2026
Assistant Principal Appreciation Day

April 1 - 30, 2026
Autism Acceptance and Awareness Month
Coins for Challenge ***FUNDRAISER***
Wear Your AUTISM Shirt on Fridays!

April 3, 2026
NO SCHOOL

April 6, 2026
Employee Planning - No School for Students

April 13, 2026
Act of Kindness Day:
Draw a Picture for Someone

April 15, 2026
Recycled Art and STEAM Fair

April 16, 2026
Chat and Chew - VIRTUALLY @ 6:00 p.m.

April 20, 2026
Act of Kindness Day:
Give Someone a Sweet Treat

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21, 2026

Walk and Roll-a-Thon ***FUNDRAISER***

April 28, 2026

SAF/SAF

May 1, 2026

Cafeteria Worker's Appreciation Day

School Principals Appreciation Day

May 4 - May 8, 2026

Teacher Appreciation Week

Nurse's Appreciation Day (May 6)

May 15, 2026

PROM

May 18, 2026

Speech Language Pathologist Appreciation Day

May 22, 2026

Multicultural Fair and EARLY RELEASE DAY

May 25, 2026

No SCHOOL

June 2, 2026

Summer Showers Water Activity

June 3, 2026

Early Release Day - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

THE QUEST CENTER

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM
(SAC & SAF)

Please join us in person or virtually!

To Join Virtually, click HERE

SAC @ 3:30 p.m.	SAF @ 4:00 p.m.
September 24	September 24
October 28	October 28
November 18	November 18
December 16*	December 16*
January 27	January 27
February 24	February 24
March 31	March 31
April 28*	April 28*

LOCATION: MEDIA CENTER

*JOINTSAC/SAFMEETINGAT3:30P.M.

We need **YOU!**

WILL YOU JOIN US?

The Quest Center PTSA®

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WHO WE ARE

We are a group of parent volunteers choosing to make a difference in our school while advocating for our children and teachers. Alongside our Quest Center's Administration, our goal is to bring awareness and the best resources to our students through community involvement and partnerships.

OUR MISSION

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Join the Conversation

WHY JOIN?

- PTA supports student success with reading nights, Family STEM and Internet Safety Night and more!
- PTA supports connections with Monthly Coffee with the Principal, monthly PTA meetings and more!



Volunteers needed



HOW TO JOIN

Check out our website to join: www:samplelocal PTA.org

Paper forms can be found in the PTA box in the school front office or contact any PTA board member.

Everyone should join PTA.

Scan the QR code to join today!

Contact BCCPTA Leader, Earlyn Barton at bccptapresident2018@gmail.com for more info.

https://browardcc.givebacks.com/shop/items/76a19ae85d

SCAN ME!

The Quest Center PTSA
everychild. onevoice.

We need YOU!

Open PTA Executive Board Positions

PRESIDENT

WE WANT YOU!

PRESIDENT *aka The Leader*

Are **YOU** a natural leader with a passion for making a difference? Do you have the vision to guide our PTA and the enthusiasm to rally a team toward success?

If you thrive on bringing people together, making impactful decisions and ensuring our school community flourishes, then we need **YOU** as our next PTA President!

As the heart of our organization, you'll lead with purpose, champion our initiatives, and make sure every voice is heard. Ready to step up and make a lasting impact? This is your moment!

TREASURER

WE WANT YOU!

TREASURER *aka Number Cruncher*

If you and spreadsheets make good friends, we would love to chat with you. We have exciting events planned ahead for our students and staff as well as fundraising projects for our school. We need someone who likes to count every penny to help us do it. If you secretly love to categorize expenses and create color-coded reports, then



YOU have what it takes to be our Treasurer!

****Bonus points if your spouse teases you about how often you log in to your personal finance app on the phone.****

RECORDING SECRETARY

WE WANT YOU!

RECORDING SECRETARY

Minutes Maestro



Are **YOU** the ultimate notetaking ninja? The guardian of all things documented? Do you have the uncanny ability to transform meeting chaos into crisp, organized minutes? If your superpower is capturing every key detail while making it sound effortless, then we need **YOU** as our Recording Secretary!

As the memory keeper of our organization, you'll ensure no motion goes unnoted, no discussion gets lost in the void, and every important decision is recorded with precision.



SCAN ME

Interested? Please Contact Earlyn Barton at bccptapresident2018@gmail.com for more info.
We will fill these positions at The Quest Center's Cluster Night on Thursday, November 6th

WILD WILD QUEST PROM

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 15, 2026
1:30-3:00
YOU ARE INVITED TOWEAR YOUR
WESTERN WARE
6401 CHARLESTON ST.
754-321-7500

WELCOME

TOCHAT N CHEW

QUEST "Home of the Exceptional Explorers"

Thursday,October9,2025@8:30am-10:00 am
(virtual or in-person)
Thursday,January8,2026@6:00pm-7:30pm
(virtual only)
Thursday, February 5, 2026@8:30am-10:00 am
(virtual or in-person)
Thursday,April16,2026@6:00pm-7:30pm
(virtual only)

Join us for a meaningful opportunityfor familiesto learn about essential community resources that support students with developmental disabilities. This event will provide valuable information to help ensure your child has access to the services they need to thrive.

Topics include:

- Social and recreational programs
- Medical and behavioral support
- Residential and therapeutic services
- Transition planning for adulthood

Don't miss this chance to connect, ask questions, and plan for your child's future with the support of community experts.

To attend the meeting virtually, please scan the QR code.

For additional information, please email Ms. Pratt at ivy.pratt@browdschools.com

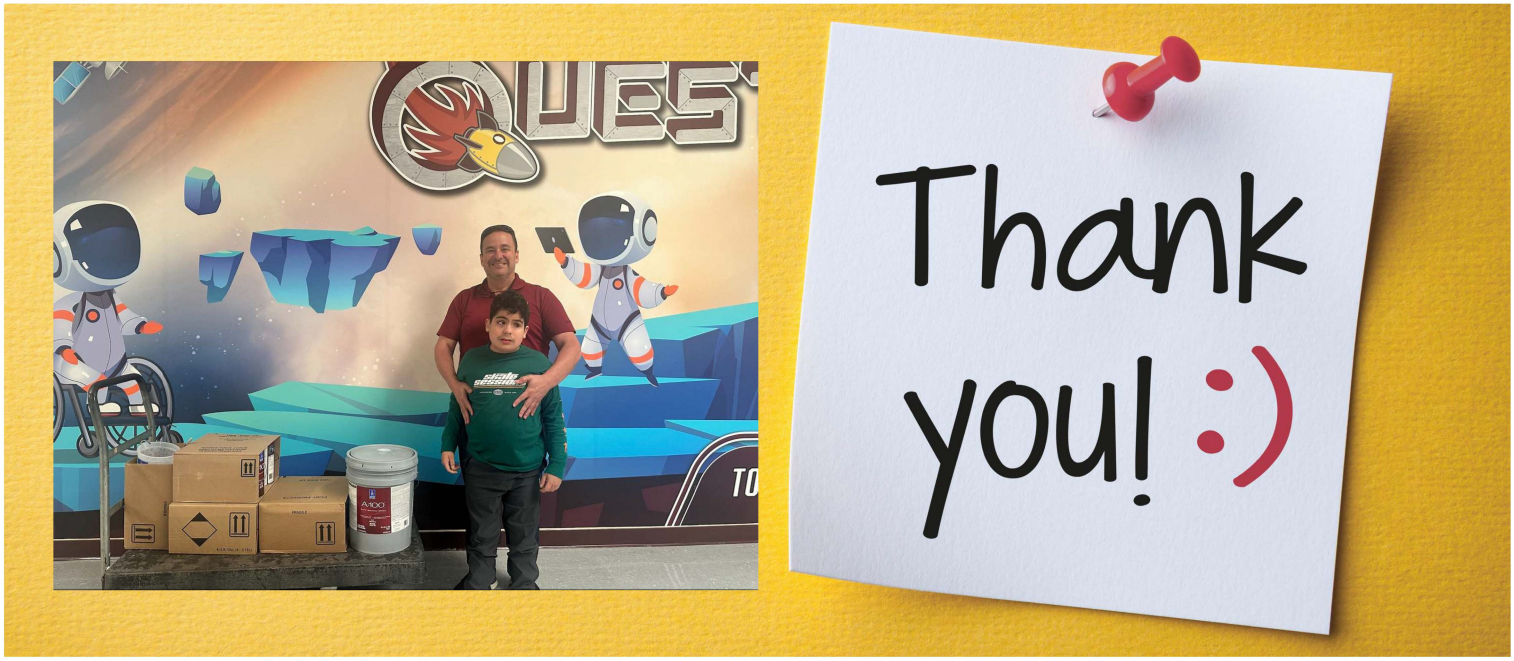
Learn about community services



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ASP
It's All About the Children

ASP applications for the 2026-27 school year will be opening soon! For more information, please contact Michelle Ware at (754) 321-7500. Thank you.



A huge THANK YOU to The Fernandez Family and Sherwin Williams!

Thanks to their kindness and generous donation of new paint, we will be able to improve the look of classrooms and add to our school asthetic with an amazing new mural!

2025-2026
Exceptional Student Education

PARENT SURVEY

Your participation is requested!

The2025-2026 survey takes less time to complete making it easier for you to provide feedback.
To complete the survey, scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/ESEParentSurvey

Use your camera to scan here!



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https://www.browardschools.com/thequest

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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Central Terminal

Manager: Keisha Hudson
Main Line: 754-321-4480
Direct Line: 754-321-4495
Route Numbers: 2000-2999

South Terminal

Manager: Lisa McBride
Main Line: 754-321-4100
Direct Line: 754-321-4176
Route Numbers: 3000-3999

Central West Terminal

Manager: Jacqueline Druses
Main Line: 754-321-4150
Direct Line: 754-321-4176
Route Numbers: 4000-4999

South West Terminal

Manager: Jacqueline Druses
Main Line: 754-321-8025
Direct Line: 754-321-8018
Route Numbers: 5000-5999

Router: Angela Taylor
Main: 754-321-4444
Direct: 754-321-4395

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CHOOSE BCPS

Student and Family Counseling Assistance

The Family Counseling Program

The Family Counseling Program at Broward County Public Schools provides services to help families cope with complex issues and challenges they may experience in everyday life. These challenges often affect student performance in school, and counseling can help the student function more effectively at school, at home and in the community.









Staff

The Family Counseling Centers are staffed with master's or doctoral level, licensed therapists who have extensive experience in individual and family counseling. Services are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

Services

The Family Counseling Program provides short-term individual and family counseling to help address challenges across a number of areas including:

- Significant family issues including communication, divorce/separation, abandonment, parenting skills, abuse, and bereavement/loss.
- Social issues including self-esteem, bullying, peer pressure, and conflict resolution.
- Emotional issues such as anxiety/depression, crisis intervention, trauma, anger management, stress management, and mild substance abuse.
- School-related issues including study skills, school anxiety/phobia, attention deficit disorder, attendance, and behavioral issues in class.

Appointments

Appointments for day and evening counseling sessions can be arranged by contacting the Family Counseling Office at 754-321-1590.

Who is Eligible?

Services are available to families residing in Broward County with a school-aged child enrolled in any school within the county.

For more information call 754-321-1590.

You can also find your school's counselor and more at browardschools.com/familycounseling.

All Services are Private, Confidential, Free of Charge

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See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box **(no download required)**. Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.

BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips

Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500



Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com

FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online **(no download required)** or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.

GetFortifyFL.com

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE IS NOW

9-8-8

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

→

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

9-8-8 is now active across the United States.

This new, shorter number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

We can all help prevent suicide.

Learn more at 988lifeline.org

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