SILVER PALMS
— ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

General Information for the 2026/2027 School Year

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Silver Palms Elementary School is a proud A-Rated school and a sensational neighborhood school with a dedicated, caring staff and an engaged school community. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and academically rich environment where all students are supported to reach their highest potential.

The mission of the school is to involve and inspire the entire school community to:

- Provide a safe and secure learning environment and quality educational experiences through engaging, innovating, and student-centered opportunities.
- Challenge students to develop the competitive, collaborative, and communicative skills needed for success in the 21st-century world of work.
- Develop responsible citizens who demonstrate kindness, respect and responsibility in an ever-changing, diverse, global, and technological society.

Additional school information can be found on our website at **http://silverpalms.browardschools.com**

We encourage parents to get involved in their children's education. Post the school calendar to keep track of important dates when Interim Reports and Report Cards are issued. Communication with teachers is also a great way to stay involved. The school's telephone number is **754.323.7450**. School personnel can be reached by e-mail. Refer to the school's website for the staff directory to access an email address.

OUR SCHOOL TEAM IS HERE TO HELP!

- **Intern Principal:** Mrs. Schreidell
- **Reading Specialist:** Ms. Williams
- **School Counselor:** Ms. Tinner
- **Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Specialist:** Dr. Vasquez-Peralta
- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Contact Person:** Mrs. Hernandez
- **Volunteer Liaison:** Mrs. Lemieux
- **Cafeteria Manager:** Maria Almanzan



We also have bilingual (Spanish) staff members in the main office or on staff to assist parents in need of this service. Please ask for assistance.

Again, I encourage you to take an active role in your children's education. Attend School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) meetings, join the Parent/Teacher Association (PTA), and volunteer as much as you can. I look forward to working with all of you during the coming school year.

Proud Principal,

Mrs. Irina Shearer

SCHOOL PRIDE & COMMUNITY



The school colors are **teal** and **silver** and the dolphin is our mascot. We offer VPK through fifth grades plus a preschool program. Our population is approximately **450 students**, and we celebrate the rich diversity of our school community.

SPECIFIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Year: August 10, 2026 – May 28, 2027
School Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
First bell rings at 7:55 a.m. Tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m.

Meals: Breakfast – FREE (for all students)
Lunch $4.00 – Reduced $0.40
Milk or bottled water, TBA
Ice Cream, sold on TBA
Adult Breakfast, TBA & Adult Lunch, $5.95
*Prices are subject to change.

Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 7:55 a.m. However, students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. This allows them time to travel to the cafeteria, go through the food line, eat for 10 minutes, and travel to class which begins at 8:00 a.m. SHARP. Students may purchase a hot meal and special items for lunch if items are available. Parents can pay in advance for their children's meals if applicable. You can pay online at www.myschoolapps.com. Students may also bring a lunch box from home and can purchase milk, water, and/or ice cream, etc. They have 30 minutes for lunch.

Applications for free and reduced meals are available online at **www.myschoolapps.com** and need to be renewed annually. Students who were enrolled in a Broward County public school and were eligible during the past school year have a grace period of two months in the beginning of the school year. For more information contact **754.321.0250.**

Transportation: Students who live over two miles from the school are eligible for school bus transportation. For your child to receive Bus Transportation, you must Register 2 Ride: **https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride**

ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL INFORMATION

The car drop-off and pickup area is in the front of the school off 155th Avenue. Only students being dropped off/picked up in the car line will arrive/dismiss from this area. Students walking/biking to school are to arrive and dismiss from the southside by the Silver Palms Dolphin logo on the fence. Parents walking up to pick up students walking home from the northside must come from the northside. Parents picking up south walker students are permitted to park in the front parking lot on the south side and walk over to the fence by the logo. Supervision of students begins at 7:30 a.m., and they must arrive by 7:55 a.m., although 7:45 a.m. is preferred to make it to class on time. Parking is extremely limited, and parents are advised to drop off their children in the car loop. Staff members and student-patrols will assist them in getting to the right classrooms. The south area off Northwest 155th Avenue behind the fence is for buses and private day-care vans. This area must be free of parking and blocking the bus drop-off lane. Double parking, blocking other cars and/or parking or dropping off students in the handicapped parking area may result in being ticketed. Only parents picking up students from aftercare or arriving for a meeting in the afternoon may approach the carline area in front of the school. **Safety, security, and courtesy are a priority!**

Preparing for Tomorrow Through Excellence Today

SILVER PALMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

General Information for the 2026/2027 School Year

CONT.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Parents are asked to avoid making appointments for their children prior to 2:30 p.m. Students cannot be dismissed between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. unless due to an extreme emergency since the main office staff might not be able to comply in time and because teachers often give last-minute instructions.

BICYCLE RIDERS

To comply with Florida law, all bicycle riders must wear safety helmets. They are also required to park their bicycles in one of the three secured bicycle compounds that are located on the southeast, southwest, and northwest corners of the school. These compounds are locked between 8:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Students are also asked to lock their bicycles for added security.

UNIFIED DRESS CODE

The school has a unified dress code determined by a parent and staff vote. It aligns to the dress code that is mandatory for the school district and helps to maintain, safety and security, academic focus and avoids fashion competition among students. The main office provides the list that offers a variety of styles and colors for clothing items. Parents can request a waiver, but this must be submitted within the first 10 days of school or within 10 days of a new registration. The PTA also sells Silver Palms T-shirts. The main office has order forms. **Ripped jeans and leggings are prohibited.**

CLASSES

Students receive instruction in core curriculum subjects, such as reading, language arts, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. However, they also attend one "special" class (Music or PE) per day for 30 minutes. Teachers incorporate art and technology into the curricula and provide students with 30 minutes of physical activity and 20 minutes of recess daily.

SUPPLIES

Each grade level provides an optional supply list. Additional items might be suggested once school begins. Teachers will allow students enough time to purchase any other recommended materials.

ATTENDANCE

Make sure that your children attend school every day all day. Days missed can jeopardize a student's progress. Please call **754.323.7452** within **48** hours to excuse an absence. However, the School Board policy states that a pattern of non-attendance is established when accumulated time for tardiness, early sign-outs, or absences (excused or unexcused) total five days (30 hours) in a marking period or quarter. If a pattern of non-attendance is determined, a statement provided by the parents explaining such absences must be on file at the school, and the principal may request documentation from a physician or public health unit. The Broward Truancy Intervention Program monitors attendance and automatically sends notices to parents. Please teach your children to be punctual. This is a trait (and habit) that will serve them well in the world of work.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

6:30 - 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., respectively. Contact the main office if interested.

EARLY RELEASE AND EMPLOYEE PLANNING DAYS

- On **Early Release Days,** teachers use the time to plan instruction with colleagues and/or prepare report cards. Students are dismissed at noon. After School Care is offered on these days, and it begins at noon.
- On **Employee Planning Days,** teachers attend workshops. Students do not attend school. Please check the school calendar for the dates.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

The school's SIP has goals for Reading, Mathematics, and Science. It is a comprehensive and strategic plan that guides the school's curricular activities to achieve the school's mission. Check the school's weekly messages and marquee for meeting dates and times of the SAC/SAF that assist in the development of this plan. Meetings are "open" to the community members.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The school's volunteer liaison will schedule an orientation meeting within the first nine weeks of school. However, if you are unable to attend and are interested, please look for the "Volunteering Opportunities" form in the students' first-week packet, contact Mrs. Lemieux (through the main office **754-323-7450**). The school offers many different programs in which volunteers can get involved. We welcome them! Register to volunteer at:
www.browardschools.com/volunteer

SCHOOL SAFETY

For students' safety and security, all visitors must sign-in with a valid picture ID, receive a visitor's tag, and sign-out at the Single Point desk located in the main hallway. Side doors will be locked, and all visitors must enter the building through the Single Point.

The school district has security drills that were modeled similarly to the national plan. The students and staff practice procedures. For security and safety reasons, parents will not be allowed to enter the building when a is in drill effect. They may contact the school by telephone. However, with certain drills, the school may be evacuated. Signs will be posted. In the event of an emergency evacuation that requires parent reunification, the rally point for parents will be at **TownGate Park** (located at **901 Northwest 155th Avenue**).

MEDICATION POLICY

Florida State Law mandates that school personnel do not administer or dispense medication to any student without the written consent of the parent and a completed treatment plan signed by a licensed physician. The student cannot transport the medication. The parent must deliver it to the school in its original container, and it must be properly labeled with pertinent information. If your child requires any medication (including items, such as antacids, pain relievers, cough drops, antibacterial ointments, etc.), please request an "Authorization for Medication/Treatment" form, from the main office.

Preparing for Tomorrow Through Excellence Today