

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS

2026-2027



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL!

As principal, it is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to a great year at Silver Lakes Elementary. We are the Fabulous Flamingos and this year our theme is Strong Minds, Kind Hearts! We are ready to have all of our students filling our school with energy and enthusiasm. We strive to help every child feel welcomed, connected and a part of our school community. Silver Lakes Flamingos teachers are busy planning engaging activities for your children and are looking forward to personally welcoming their students. I am honored to serve as the principal of Silver Lakes Elementary School and it is a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and work together to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

~Lina Palacios, Principal

SAFETY & HEALTH PROCEDURES

In preparation for this year, please know that the safety and security of our students will be our top priority at Silver Lakes and across the District. Please read carefully as the following safety and security-related measures we will be continuing this year:

- All students/staff must wear their ID badges at all times.
- Miramar Police Department provides a School Resource Officer for our school. Additional security staff will be monitoring our campus.
- **Parents of Pre-K, Kindergarten and ASD Cluster students** will be allowed to **walk their children to the door of their classroom on the first day of school, Monday, August 10th.** Students should be in class by 7:45 am to begin their learning day as instruction begins at 7:50 am. **On the second day of school, only Pre-K, Kindergarten and Cluster parents of students will be allowed to walk their children to the door of their classroom. Parents of students in 1st – 5th grade will drive through the car loop and remain in their car to drop off their children for school. Staff will assist students in the hallways. Beginning on Wednesday, August 12, ALL students will walk to class independently with the assistance of staff.**
- At dismissal time, students will be one of the following as determined by their parents: Aftercare, Private Bus, School Bus, Car Rider, or Walker/Bike Rider. **For car riders, parents will remain in their cars and drive through the car loop to pick up car riders.** Parents will not be permitted to stand on the sidewalk in front of the school to wait for dismissal and/or pick up their children. Curb Smart # Tags must be hanging visibly on the rearview mirror for car riders.
- All student car riders, Pre-Kinder through 5th grade, will be dropped off and picked up at the main car loop on NW 173rd Avenue. Parents will remain in their cars for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Curb Smart will be used for dismissal. Curb Smart Car Tags with numbers will be distributed at Meet and Greet on August 7th.
- Late Arrivals to School: Class starts at 7:50 am. Students arriving in class after 7:50 am are marked tardy. Late students should not be dropped off on the sidewalk. Parents of late students must park their car, ring the video doorbell, present their driver's license, enter the office and sign their child in to school.
- Early Dismissal from School: Whenever possible, appointments should be scheduled after school hours. In the event that a student must leave campus early, the latest time for sign out is 1:20 pm on regular school days and 11:20 am on early release. Parent/guardians signing out their child must park their car, ring the video doorbell, present their driver's license, enter the office and sign their child out of school.
- All parents/visitors/volunteers/guests are required to enter through the main office and present a valid driver's license, state issued identification card or passport. **Parents/visitors/volunteers/guests shall have their identification in hand, will ring the video doorbell, will enter the office and will be signed in using the electronic visitor management screening system.** School visits should be pre-arranged except in the case of an emergency. Individuals without valid identification are not permitted on campus.
- We will be conducting regularly scheduled state-required safety drills.
- Sick students should not be in school. Students will be given the opportunity to make up work upon return to school.
- Students are required to wear uniforms Monday through Thursday. Fridays are uniform optional days and students are permitted to wear clothing of their choice that conforms to the Broward County Public Schools dress code.

detailed in the Code of Student Conduct. Uniform guidelines are khaki or navy bottoms; white, yellow, or blue polo shirts; and/or school t-shirts. Uniform clothing can be purchased at local department stores. Spirit shirts can be purchased from our PTSA.

Prioritizing the safety, security and health of our students and staff is paramount. We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you communicate the importance of these procedures to your children

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Safety and health concerns should be reported immediately. School staff, our School Resource Officer and a nurse are available to respond to your concerns. Additionally, there are various methods for reporting safety concerns. Links to these reporting resources are available on our website at www.browardschools.com/silverlakeselem. Two apps are available for reporting suspicious activity: FortifyFL and SaferWatch. These FREE apps are available on your app store via your cell phone provider.

PARENT TRAINING – Policy 5900 – Anti-Bullying Training

The BCPS Anti-Bullying Parent Training Module is available at <https://www.browardschools.com/parentsstudentsstaff/parents-families>. Please view this module designed for parents which provides insight into our Anti-Bullying Policy and Procedures.

ONLINE FORMS & CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents are requested to complete Back to School forms online via the Focus App. For information on registration for the app and a link to download the app visit <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>. The BTS FOCUS guide with step by step instructions to complete your Back to School forms is attached to this email and available via the web. Once you have completed the online forms, you will have access to the entire app portal. The Code of Conduct is available for review at <https://www.browardschools.com/parentsstudentsstaff/parents-families>. We request that Online Back-To-School Forms be completed by **Friday, August 14th**.

VOLUNTEERING/CHAPERONING

The District is pleased to welcome back our volunteers to school campuses for the 2026/27 school year. All volunteers are asked to complete a **new application** for the upcoming school year at <https://www.browardschools.com/community/get-involved-with-bcps-landing/volunteer>. Volunteers must be officially cleared by Broward County Public schools before volunteering in school or chaperoning field trips. After you are officially cleared, volunteering and chaperoning MUST be scheduled and pre-approved by Silver Lakes Elementary teachers/staff. If you are considering volunteering or chaperoning, please complete an application as soon as possible.

Volunteers who are officially cleared by BCPS and scheduled by Silver Lakes Elementary to be on campus must follow school guidelines and procedures at all times.

POWER UP! SCHOOL MEALS

Lunch is \$4.00 per meal for students. Apply for Free or Reduced Lunch at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. Breakfast is free for all students attending Silver Lakes Elementary. Daily menus are posted on the FREE **Meal Viewer To Go** App available on your app store via your cell phone provider.

We are looking forward to another amazing year!

IMPORTANT EVENTS

MEET & GREET

Friday, August 7, 2026

VPK/Kindergarten	9:00 – 9:20 am
ESE Preschool	9:00 – 9:20 am
ASD Cluster	9:00 – 9:20 am
Grade 1	9:30 – 9:50 am
Grade 2	9:30 – 9:50 am
Grade 3	9:30 – 9:50 am
Grade 4	10:00 – 10:20 am
Grade 5	10:00 – 10:20 am

First Day of School:

Monday, August 10th, 2026

Free Breakfast: 7:20 am – 7:45 am
School Hours: 7:50 am – 1:50 pm

OPEN HOUSE PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

PreK, Kg, 1st, 2nd, 3rd: 5:30 pm - 6:15 p.m.
4th & 5th Grade: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.