



DRIFTWOOD ELEMENTARY

QUARTER 1

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back to School!



IMPORTANT DATES



August 26th –
STAR ELA Assessment K-2



August 27th –
STAR MATH Assessment K-2



September 1st –
FAST ELA Assessment 3-5



September 2nd –
FAST Math Assessment 3-5



September 7th –
No School



September 9th –
Interim Reports Issued



September 21st –
No School



October 9th –
Early Release



October 12th –
Employee Planning/**No School**



October 21st –
Report Cards Issued

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in
volunteering, please register
to be an approved volunteer at:

browardschools.com/volunteer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Office Hours:
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Student Hours:
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Breakfast:
7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.



Early Release:
12:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Driftwood Elementary! We are thrilled to welcome our students, families, and staff as we begin the 2026–2027 school year.

This year, our theme is “Learning Never Goes Out of Style!” At Driftwood, we believe that learning is timeless. Every day is an opportunity to grow, discover, and build the knowledge and skills that will prepare our students for a bright future.

We look forward to partnering with our families to ensure every child has a successful school year. Our dedicated teachers and staff are excited to provide a safe, caring, and engaging learning environment where all students feel valued, challenged, and inspired to do their very best.

Together, let's make this school year one filled with curiosity, creativity, kindness, and academic success. We can't wait to see all the amazing things our Driftwood Dragons will accomplish because at Driftwood, **learning never goes out of style!**

Sincerely,
Ann Marie Stramanak
Principal

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DRAGONS!**



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ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS:

Punctuality is mandatory. Students are required to be in their classrooms by 8:00 a.m. Consistent and timely attendance is essential for academic success and will be strictly enforced.



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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

LATE ARRIVALS/ EARLY DISMISSALS:



Students who arrive at school after the gates are locked at 8:00 am must be brought to the front office and signed in by their parent or guardian. Parents who wish to pick students up prior to the 2:00 pm dismissal must come to the front office no later than 1:30 pm with a government-issued photo ID. Anyone without an ID and/or not listed on the Emergency Contact Form will not be allowed to pick up the student. ALL dismissal changes must be made in writing prior to 1:30 pm. We cannot accept dismissal changes after 1:30 pm.



SAFETY AND SECURITY:



The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Security measures include a School Resource Officer, Campus Monitors, locked classroom doors, and required ID badges. All gates are monitored, and by 8:00 a.m., perimeter gates are locked except the front gate. If staff are unavailable to monitor it, the gate remains locked and visitors must call the office for entry.



DRESS CODE:



What students wear to school helps create a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment for everyone. At Driftwood Elementary School, students are expected to wear comfortable tops, pants, knee-length shorts, knee-length skirts, or knee-length dresses, along with school-appropriate hoodies or sweatshirts and closed-toe shoes. To help maintain a school-focused environment, students may not wear ripped denim jeans, midriff-exposing crop tops, clothing with offensive graphics or messages, or Crocs. By making thoughtful clothing choices each day, our Driftwood Dragons show respect for themselves, others, and our school community while staying ready to learn and succeed.

