

Pride News

LEVEL UP ↑



Week of August 22, 2016

Staff Newsletter

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent life-long learners, by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Florida State Standards.

Inspirational Message: *Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.*

Benjamin Franklin



Message from Mr. Schroeder

Thanks to everyone for an incredible pre-planning week. We truly accomplished great things! The positive energy and collaboration has been outstanding!! Your dedication and creativity is admirable. Friday evening our campus was truly a super opening night! The parents were thrilled to see all of your smiling faces. This weekend, as I walked through your classrooms, I found them to be warm and inviting places where our students will flourish. I am grateful to have the best faculty and staff in the world. I would like to thank my partner in this game of leveling up, Vicki, our outstanding Assistant Principal. I know that she joins me in thanking our outstanding custodians, our amazing office staff, our exceptional paraprofessionals, our awesome PTA and top notch faculty. We make this community proud.

We know that many classes are over the class size limits. However, we have still not met our projections, we are four students away. Once our head counts are in, we will take a close look at where our needs are the greatest. This will include potentially hiring additional family members along with much needed textbooks, etc. We will have a better idea regarding enrollment once our first day count is complete.

Please make sure that you have reviewed all of the important documents on the Margate Elementary Staff Only site. You will find everything needed for a smooth week. On the last page of Pride News, we will have a deadlines section that will list any important deadlines for the week.

On Friday afternoon, we will celebrate the culmination of the first week with an ice cream social in the Library. Please join Vicki and I for some ice cream starting at 2:30 p.m.

Let's make Monday, a super opening and show that we are experienced and exceptional gamers ready to move up to the next level!!



A few birthdays happened during pre-planning! We are still updating, so please accept any apologies for any omissions.

8/17 Suzan Flax

8/20 Susan DeMarco

8/25 Joana Hernandez

Important Points & Reminders

TEACHERS WHO INSPIRE
REALIZE THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE ROCKS IN
THE ROAD AHEAD OF
US. THEY WILL BE
STUMBLING BLOCKS OR
STEPPING STONES IT
ALL DEPENDS ON HOW
WE USE THEM.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

First Day Important Reminders

How they go home is our first priority for the first day of school. This is, of course, after we make them feel excited and welcomed. Please make sure you know how each of your children are going home. **Please remember to send your attendance folder with your Mystery Student forms to the welcome center by 8:30 a.m.** In addition, you should enter your attendance on Pinnacle.

The new pinnacle website is <https://gb.browardschools.com/Pinnacle/Gradebook> The web page also explicitly states that all Staff Members will need to use the Username@BrowardSchools.com to successfully log in. Please make sure to utilize E1 for all those who are present and AI for absent students.

Please make sure to update the dismissal method. We need this information by 8:30 a.m. as well. In regards to dismissal, when in doubt of a child's dismissal, please ask and if still unsure keep the child with you. Our teams will be starting to come around to tag our students for their dismissal methods starting at 8:45 a.m.



In case of Severe Weather



Just a few reminders about our Severe Weather Plan just in case we need to implement it this week.

Bus Riders will be dismissed to the cafeteria.

Private day students excluding Michelle's Learning House walkers will be dismissed to the cafeteria.

Sunshine Aftercare will be dismissed to the Sunshine classrooms.

Kindergarten bus riders, private day care and sunshine aftercare students will be picked up.

In the event of a first week severe weather, First Grade Bus students, private day care and sunshine students will be picked up as well.

All other students (Car Riders, Walk-Up Pick Up, Bike Riders, Walkers) will remain in the classroom until picked up by a parent/guardian.

Summer Packets

Please indicate the students who completed a summer packet by this Friday, August 26th . Please mark an "X" on the database. We will announce the names next week along with a celebration of their accomplishments. Please do not send any actual packets to the Welcome Center.

Let's Level Up Margate



To help continue our theme this year of “Leveling Up”, we will be asking two staff members a week to complete a quick interview of their goals/plans for the year. Our hope is that it will help us share more about ourselves along with our purpose for the year. We look forward to sharing the first two interviews with Vicki and I. Enjoy!



Tom Schroeder

1. What are you most excited about this year?

I am so excited for our new structure of professional learning and that Vicki, Patti, Shannon and I will be able to provide better and more individualized support.

2. One is one thing you want to share with everyone?

In all my years of education, I am most excited about this year. I truly feel that we are on the brink of greatness as we have the best team ever!!

3. What is the best advice you were ever given?

My parents always told me to treat everyone with love and dignity and respect all life as it was given from God.

4. My new most favorite thing is....

The fact that Vicki shared with me how to create a conference call!! I want to conference call all the time now!!

5. The video game that best represents me is....

Super Mario Brothers..Because around every corner is a new exciting adventure full of surprises and it brings back the best childhood memories.

Now I would like to know more about Venus Dellatorre and ask that she completes an interview for next week!



Vicki Flournoy

1. What are you most excited about this year?

I am most excited about the opportunity to again work closely with Mr. Schroeder. We share similar goals and passions and once we realize our theme by leveling up, we will exceed expectations.

2. One is one thing you want to share with everyone?

I want everyone to know that I am here to support you to support you in the capacity needed to move is closer to our goal.

3. What is the best advice you were ever given?

The best advice I was given came from my grandmother who reminded me to stay true to who I am and strive to fulfill my purpose in life.

4. My new most favorite thing is....

My new favorite thing is a daily dose of 10-minutes of meditation.

5. The video game that best represents me is....

"Just Dance" because I have learned that even in the midst of rain a good dance can help you push through it.

Now I would like to know more about Nick Decesare and ask that he completes an interview for next week!

Please make sure to check the Margate Elementary Calendar on Outlook for the most up-to-date information.

Tuesday, 8/23—Roar Assembly Gr. 5@9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 8/24—ROAR Assembly Gr. 3@8:30 a.m.; ROAR Assembly Gr. 4 @9:10 a.m.; Data Chat

Thursday, 8/25—ROAR Assembly Gr. 2@8:30 a.m.; ROAR Assembly Gr. 1@9:10 a.m. ; Data Chat; Active Killer Training for All New Staff @2:20 p.m. in M and M Room; New Parent Reception @6:30 p.m. in Cafeteria

Friday, 8/26—Summer Packets Due; ROAR Assembly Kindergarten @9:00 a.m. ; August Birthday Party @1:15 p.m.; Ice Cream Social @2:30 p.m. Library



8/19 Sub folders to Kathleen; Daily Teacher Schedules to Patti; Sexual Harassment, Code of Ethics, Self-Reporting, Universal Precautions to Eileen

8/26 Post Summer Packet Students to Database with an “X”; Staff Handbook Acknowledgement to Eileen

8/29—Small Groups; Intervention; ESE Begins

New Date: Friday, 9/2— Data Analysis Plans 15-16 & Class Composition Plans Due to Schroeder



Our Incredible Family!!

