

# Atlantis Elementary

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August 16, 2016



## Calendar

**August 17**–Early Dismissal  
1:15pm Bus & Day care;  
1:22pm Bikers, Walkers; Car  
riders; 1st day for PreK

**August 19**– United Way  
Summer Reading logs due

**August 22**– 8:30 am  
Volunteer & Business Partner  
Orientation; 2:30 4th grade  
chorus tryouts; 4:00 pm SAC;  
5:00 PTO; 6:00pm 3rd grade  
Open House

**August 23**– GSP classes  
begin; 2:30 5th & 6th grade  
chorus try outs;  
Kelly’s Smokin’ BBQ Night

**August 24**– Early Dismissal  
1:15pm Bus & Day care;  
1:22pm Bikers, Walkers; Car  
riders; Save Around Book  
sale begins

**August 26**– 7:30am DAD’s  
(Dedicated Atlantis Dudes)  
breakfast in courtyard

**August 31**– Early Dismissal  
1:15pm Bus & Day care;  
1:22pm Bikers, Walkers; Car  
riders

**September 2**– Box Tops Day

**September 5**–Labor Day  
Holiday for All, No School

**September 7**– Early Dismissal  
1:15pm Bus & Day care;  
1:22pm Bikers, Walkers; Car  
riders

**September 9**–1st Interim ends

**September 12**– Wear Red,  
White & Blue

**September 14**– Picture Day,  
Early Dismissal 1:15pm Bus &  
Day care; 1:22pm Bikers,  
Walkers; Car riders;  
Domino’s Night

**September 16**– Interim  
Reports Issued

**September 19**– Student  
Holiday-Teacher work day

**September 21**–Early Dismissal  
1:15pm Bus & Day care;  
1:22pm Bikers, Walkers; Car  
riders

**September 25-30** Book Fair

**September 26**– 4:00 pm SAC

*Dear Atlantis Students & Families,*

*Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Atlantis where we are opening the door to learning! Our vision statement of “working together to launch life-long learners with excellence as our standard” is a way of life for us.*

**Class Lists:** *Class assignments are subject to change as our enrollment fluctuates. Depending on our student enrollment, class rosters may change within the first months of school and students may be assigned different teachers.*

**Early Release Wednesdays:** *Brevard Public Schools will continue with early release Wednesdays this school year. On early release days our dismissal times will be 1:15 for bus riders and day care students; 1:22 for walkers, bikers, and car riders. Early release Wednesdays will provide important opportunities for teachers to engage in professional learning along with collaborative and individual planning. This time is valuable, as it will support school and district efforts to continuously improve teaching and learning for all children. Early release Wednesdays will begin on August 17. They will continue every week until school dismisses in May.*

**Our Curriculum:** *Our curriculum is derived from the Florida Standards in Language Arts and Mathematics. These standards emphasize rigor for all students and educational experiences that will lead to the critical thinking needed for 21st Century success. The standards ask that instruction continue to move toward deep understanding and meaningful application. In addition to content knowledge, discussion and writing in all subject areas are emphasized as necessities in the learning process. Look forward to our Curriculum Nights in September, where our teachers will share with parents more information about our standards. Be sure to pick up a copy of our school calendar.*

**Attendance is Important!** *Students learn the most when they are here. We encourage students to arrive to school on time and stay for the entire day. In fact, checking out students early from school from 2pm and after is not conducive to our learning environment. Please no checkouts after 2pm.*

**Arrival times:** *Students may arrive on campus beginning at 7:30am. Class begins at 8:00am. If students arrive to class after 8:00am, they will be considered tardy. We do not have adult supervision on our campus before 7:30am (unless the student is enrolled in our aftercare program). Please do not allow students to arrive to school prior to 7:30am.*

**Dismissal times:** *Our dismissal times are 2:30 for bus riders and day care students; 2:37 for walkers, bikers, and car riders. On early release days our dismissal times will be 1:15 for bus riders and day care students; 1:22 for walkers, bikers, and car riders.*

*We offer before and after school care in our Brevard Afterschool program. Please ask about the details when you visit our front office.*

**Breakfast & Lunch:** *We offer free breakfast for all students. Breakfast and lunch menus are available on our district website [www.brevardschools.org](http://www.brevardschools.org). Parents are encouraged to make prepayments into students’ lunch accounts using the website [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).*

*The daily cost of lunch for a full priced meal is \$1.80; reduced price is 40 cents. Parents are welcome to apply for the free and reduced lunch program by applying online at [www.brevardschools.org](http://www.brevardschools.org); on the parents/students tab click on Food Menus and Free & Reduced Lunch Info, then click the Free & Reduced Info link towards the top of the page. A new lunch application must be completed every school year, unless you are otherwise notified that your student has been approved for free lunch as a Direct Certified student.*

**Safety Tips:** *Parents, please be careful and mindful of our students at arrival and dismissal times. We have many students who walk or ride their bike to and from school. Bike riders should wear a helmet. Our sidewalks are narrow. Please be sure you are following the posted speed limits and drive carefully as we do not want any of our students harmed.*

*To maintain the security of our campus, we will close and lock our back bike path gate at 8:15am each morning and do not reopen it until 2:30pm.*

**Visitors on Campus:** *Ensuring the safety of the students, staff and visitors on our campus has never been more important. Atlantis’ Administration needs your support and cooperation with our Visitor Guidelines. Successful implementation depends on you setting the example and following the procedures.*

*We are asking for visitors to sign in at the front office and receive a visitor’s badge anytime a visitor is on campus. A visitor must state the purpose of their visit and remain in the approved location. If a parent would like to walk their child to the classroom in the morning, the parent must sign in at the front office and receive a visitor’s badge. Please bring your driver’s license with you each time you sign in. Two exceptions to signing in includes if a parent were to walk their child from the parking lot to the flag pole and say goodbye at the flag pole, not going any further on campus (this would be a quick drop off). The other exception includes parents who are walking their child from the back bike path; the parent may walk their child to the back bike rack. A parent may not go past the back bike rack unless they are going to sign in at the front office to receive a visitor badge.*

*At dismissal time, parents may wait at the flag pole but must also sign in at the front office and receive a visitor’s badge, especially if parents are arriving prior to 2:35pm. We do not want parents standing at the classroom doors or windows as this is a distraction to our students and the learning environment.*

## I Read You Read

At the end of last year, we sent home the United Way "I Read, You Read" forms and myON passwords for the Summer Slide Reading Challenge with our kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students could complete the reading challenge using myON or they could read on their own and turn in a completed form. If students read this summer and turn in the completed forms they will receive ice cream.

All forms must be turned in no later than this Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.



## 2016/2017 ATLANTIS T-SHIRTS ORDER FORM

Purchase a new shirt for your student and/or yourself. Please send in this form along your money (cash or check made out to Atlantis Elementary PTO). The shirts are Carolina Blue, short sleeved and feature the Atlantis Elementary Shuttle design on the front with the PBS Model School designation on the. The shirts come in youth and adult sizes. They are \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00 (during time of purchase). If you have any questions or concerns please contact a PTO board member at [AtlantisPTO@gmail.com](mailto:AtlantisPTO@gmail.com) or call 633-6143.

STUDENT NAME: _____										
PARENT NAME & DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____										
TEACHER: _____										
	YOUTH	YOUTH	YOUTH	YOUTH	ADULT	ADULT	ADULT	ADULT	ADULT	ADULT
	Y-XSm	Y-Sm	Y-Med	Y-Lg	Small	Med	Lg	X-Lg	2X-Lg	3X-Lg
SHUTTLE-QTY										
Quantity ordered _____ x \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00 = _____										

## Interested in serving on our School Advisory Council?

We are looking for **parents** and **community members** to serve on our School Advisory Council. The purpose of the Council shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to the principal and to assist in the development of the educational program, and in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan. The Council meets once a month, on a Monday afternoon at 4pm. The meetings are generally one hour long.

The Council shall be composed of the following: Principal, Instructional Personnel, Non-Instructional Personnel, Parents, and Community Members. Schools may add to the minimum as long as a majority of the members of the Council are persons who are not employed by the School Board. Parents and community members must make up at least half plus one of the total memberships of the Council.

Please email Principal Adams by August 19th, if interested. Our first meeting will be August 22nd.

## Volunteer, Mentor and Business Partner Orientation

“Are you interested in your child’s success at school? Then consider being a VOLUNTEER! Join us for our beginning of the year Volunteer, Mentor and Business Partner Orientation, August 22nd at 8:30 am in the Media Center. You will learn the ins and outs of how to volunteer at Atlantis. Learn how mentoring helps individual students. Learn how Business Partners help our school.”



Our school has launched a new electronic flyer communication tool called “Peachjar.” To view school-approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on the school’s website.

This “green” initiative will save our schools tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.

No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email from our service provider (Peachjar) that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.

To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add [bpsflyers@peachjar.com](mailto:bpsflyers@peachjar.com) to your email contacts. When you receive your first eflyer, be sure to click “always display images.” This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure parents are well informed about school programs, activities, and events.

## **Business Partners**

Atlantis Elementary School would like to express our most sincere thanks to our Business Partners who help us all year long.

**Community Credit Union, Domino's and El Leoncito:** Their generous donations have helped to provide a positive learning and working environment for students and staff.

We would also like to thank our other business partners Funding Factory, Space Coast Jr/Sr High, Tastee Donuts, Coastal Community Church, Kelly's Smokin' BBQ, and Valic.

We hope that our Atlantis community will support them as they have supported us.

## **Thank you Area Businesses and Volunteers!**

With much appreciation we say thank you to the following businesses who so generously donated items for *Staff Appreciation Week* last school year: *Andretti Thrill Park, Bok Towers, Chaparral Mexican Grill, Community Credit Union, Comfort Inn & Suites, Crest Cleaners, Dixie Crossroads, Dogs R Us, Domino's Pizza, EFSC Planetarium, Grills, Kelsey's, King Center, Lion Country Safari, Philly Station, Pizza Hut, Publix, The Resort on Cocoa Beach, Restaurant.com, River Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Running Zone, Rusty's Seafood & Oyster Bar, Sunrise Marina, Sunshine Health Food, Target, Village Inn and Walmart.* You helped to make the week a very special one for our staff members.

Our school based volunteers and PTO members pulled everything together and created an 80's themed environment for the staff appreciation luncheon. Their selfless dedication to our students and school make so many things possible.

We can not express enough how much we appreciate each one of you!! We look forward to another wonderful year.

## **Sign up for Edline & the Newsletter!**

As our families get back in to the swing of school for the 2016-2017 school year, don't forget to sign up for **Edline**, Brevard Public Schools online grade book. **Edline** will keep you up to date on your child's progress in school. When you have a chance please come to the Atlantis office and be sure to bring in a photo ID. Once you are verified, you will receive an access code and an instruction sheet that explains how to activate your account as well as how to access your child's information. This information is confidential, and parents will be able to see **ONLY** the information pertaining to their own child. Edline is another alternative for receiving the school newsletter. When you sign up for Edline, don't forget to include your email address so that you can receive the Atlantis weekly newsletter via email! In an effort to reduce expenses, printed newsletters are no longer sent home with students.

## **Check out Atlantis' Website**

Please take a few minutes and check out our website. You will find valuable information and links to our newsletter and the Brevard School Board site for important items such as free and reduced lunch.

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