

COQUINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



Coquina Elementary

August/September 2016

Dates to Remember:

Aug 24 - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm

Aug 31 - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm

Sept 1 - Open House 5:00-7:00 pm

Sept 5 - Labor Day; **NO SCHOOL**

Sept 7 - Early Dismissal 1:15 pm

Sept 9 - Interim Ends

Sept 13- SAC Meeting @7:15 am

Sept 14 - Early Dismissal 1:15 pm

Sept 16 - Interim Reports Issued

Sept 19 - **NO SCHOOL** for Students

Sept 21 - Early Dismissal 1:15 pm

Sept 27 - Fall Pictures

Sept 28 - Early Dismissal 1:15 pm

A Word From the Principal

Dearest Coquina Families,

You have no idea how happy I am to start this new school year! We are so excited that all of you are here with us. We are indeed the best kept secret in Titusville...maybe even in Brevard County! We have dedicated staff, caring professionals, along with the cutest, most hard-working students in the world. This year, I am working hard to ensure that Brevard knows how hard our babies work and their accomplishments. So we have started a few noteworthy initiatives:

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support: PBIS refers to a systems change process for an entire school or district. The underlying theme is teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject. We focus on four behavioral expectations that are positively stated and easy to remember. In other words, rather than telling students what not to do, the school will focus on the preferred behaviors. P.A.W..S. are our schoolwide expectations:

P = Positive Attitude A = Always Respectful W = Work Together S = Self-Control

- We also have launched our own Facebook page! LIKE us on Facebook, Coquina Elementary School, the one with the picture of the sign, "Home of the COUGARS".

Your partner in education, *Mrs. Hudson*

Important reminders



- All visitors to campus must have a picture ID and sign in through the computer in the front office. A sexual predator check will be completed each time you sign in.
- Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch and may eat in the cafeteria or at the picnic tables. Parents may not invite other students to join them for lunch.
- Parents must have their state issued ID when picking up a student and must be on the child's pick up list.
- Students are not permitted to be checked out after 2:00pm.

Please join us for Open House

Thursday, September 1st

5:00-7:30pm

Coquina Elementary Cafeteria

Please join us to learn more about our Title One Program, how we promote positive behavior on campus and visit your student's classroom.

5:00-5:30 Title One Annual Meeting

5:30-6:00 Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

6:00-7:00 Classroom Visits



WALK LIKE A SCHOLAR, TALK LIKE A SCHOLAR, ACT LIKE A SCHOLAR!

School Wide Safety Procedures

- ◆ As in all BPS schools, there is adequate supervision 30 minutes before and after school. There is no supervision for students (except for students receiving tutoring or safety patrols) before 7:30 a.m. when the bike rack and car loop gates open. From that point, all students should report to the cafeteria for breakfast or report to the black top for social time.
- ◆ The morning bell rings at 7:45 a.m. for students to be released to classrooms. At that time, students and parents can enter the classroom areas. Parents must sign in using their driver’s license or state-issued ID using the computer.
- ◆ Our cafeteria stops serving breakfast at 7:55 a.m. so please be sure students have had their breakfast if they are coming in late.
- ◆ We are in the process of getting parking spaces in the front parking area for parent parking for quick visits, i.e. sign in, sign out, etc.
- ◆ The west car gate (grassy area) is for faculty and staff parking only. Please do not drop students off on the west side of campus. This causes students and cars to share a common area which is unsafe.
- ◆ Bikers are to lock their bikes in the bike rack when they arrive no earlier than 7:30 a.m. and then walk down the sidewalk inside the school. This provides supervision for all of our students prior to the 7:45 a.m. bell.
- ◆ If you are dropping your student off and not walking them to class, please be sure that you go through the car loop on the East side of the campus. The car loop is opened at 7:30 a.m. and locked promptly at 8:00 a.m. The front loop is for school buses and daycare vans only.
- ◆ All students arriving after 8:00 a.m. should have a parent park in a parking space and come into the office to sign them in. Please be sure to park in a parking space, not parked in the driving lane, blocking other cars. Please be sure not to park in the grass, as we are trying to get the grass to grow and add beautification to our school. Parking across the street is prohibited and unsafe as well.
- ◆ The school day ends at 2:30 p.m. Parents picking up students up early must do so before 2:00 pm.
- ◆ The green gate on the west side shall be closed at all times. Students will need to enter through the bike rack gate. The bike rack gate will be opened at 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Cell Phone Policy Reminder

After the parent signs the student/parent cell phone contract a student will be permitted to have a cell phone in his or her possession throughout the school day. Students must keep cell phones **TURNED OFF** during the school day and while on the school bus. Cell phone privileges will be revoked if policies are not followed. If a student’s phone is confiscated during the school day, it will only be returned to the parent.

Volunteer Information

Volunteers play an important role at Coquina Elementary and we are appreciative of the help our volunteers offer our students and teachers. To increase security and decrease barriers to volunteering, a new volunteer process was adopted. These new procedures include conducting a National Sex Offender Registry check on every person entering our campus. To ensure the safety of our children, all volunteers must undergo certain safety checks. There are now 2 levels of volunteers:

Level A PLUS

- Volunteer is fingerprinted and receives a criminal background check and a sexual predator check each time they check in.
- Cost is \$45.25 (form is filled in online following prompts provided from the Brevard Schools Website) and is valid for 5 years.
- Advanced volunteers may mentor or tutor students and attend field trips.
- Registering as an advanced volunteer may take several weeks, so don’t delay!

Level A

- Volunteer receives a criminal background check and a sexual predator check each time they check in.
- Cost is \$20.00 and is valid for 3 years.
- Form is filled in online following prompts provided from the Brevard Schools Website. □
- Volunteers may support the school or a teacher, but may NEVER be left alone with students.
- Level A volunteers may attend field trips.

Remember: You must at least be a Level A volunteer to attend a field trip with your child.

FSA Student Scores Are Here

If your child was in 3rd -6th grade last year please stop by the front office to pick up your child’s FSA test scores if you did not have a chance to pick them up this summer.

If you would like an explanation of your child’s scores please let us know or talk to your child’s teacher. We would be happy to discuss your child’s progress with you.