

Atlantis Elementary School

7300 Briggs Avenue
Cocoa, FL 32927



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Dear Atlantis Students & Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Atlantis! Our theme this year is *Elephants Never Forget Good Character!* Our vision statement of "working together to launch life-long learners with excellence as our standard" is a way of life for us. Please be sure to read the pages of our school calendar that we provide at registration. It also serves as a handbook and includes important information and helpful resources, such as how our car loop operates.

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.*

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.*

Early Release Wednesdays: *Brevard Public Schools will continue with early release Wednesdays. 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 16. They will continue every week until school releases at the end of the school year.*

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. 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. Parents are encouraged to make prepayments into students' lunch accounts using the website 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; 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.

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Assistant Principal:

Please join me in welcoming our new assistant principal, Mrs. Danielle Kraus! We are excited about her joining our Atlantis team and she is anxious to begin meeting our students and families.

Mrs. Judson, our former assistant principal, decided to take a different path to help her move forward with her own family needs. In Mrs. Judson's own words, "It saddens me to leave Atlantis as it has been my home for so many years - and I love my Atlantis family so much, but we all have to make decisions that are right for us. I will continue to keep the six pillars of character in each and every one of my decisions, and I hope you will too! What we learn from Atlantis becomes part of us! I am thankful for the time I've had at Atlantis and I will treasure my memories and what I have learned, to be a "kid for character!"

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. Atlantis will introduce a standards-aligned math curriculum, Eureka, with our Kindergarten-5th grade students this school year. Look forward to our Academic Nights in September, where our teachers will share with parents more information about our standards.

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 needs your support and cooperation with our Visitor Guidelines. Successful implementation depends on you setting the example and following the procedures. **Listed below are our current procedures; however, as additional fencing is installed at our school to allow for a single-point-of-entry on our campus, revisions to our procedures will be needed.**

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.

We are Going to Have a Great Year!

Welcome back! We are glad you are here! Please join us on our mission "to meet the individual educational and social needs of ALL students through high expectations thereby developing citizens of character and life-long learners in a positive and safe environment."

~Principal Adams