



“TRAILBLAZER TIMES”



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“Our mission is to recognize student achievement and lay the foundation for life-long learning and productivity”

Parents: We need your Input!

We are looking for parent input into our plans for the 2019-2020 school year. Please take the time to fill out a quick 4 question survey that will help us design our School Improvement Plan and our Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The survey will be available at our Open House, in the front office or you can contact Carolyn Godfrey at Godfrey.carolyn@brevardschools.org if you would like the survey sent home with your child. Thank you for your help!



Early Release Day

**EVERY
FRIDAY**



Dismissal is at 1:15 p.m.

No Check-outs after 12:30 p.m.

Please make the necessary arrangements for your child to be picked up on time. Consider taking advantage of services offered through our School Age Child Care program.

Important Dates

- 9/2-Holiday for All
- 9/4-PTO Ben & Jerry's Night
- 9/6-Volunteer Welcome Breakfast @8:15am-Cafeteria
- 9/12-Picture Day
- 9/12-SAC Mtg. @5:00pm-Media Center
- 9/12-PTO Mtg. @6:00pm-Media Center
- 9/19-Interims Sent Posted to FOCUS
- 9/20-PTO Family Bingo Night @6pm-Cafeteria
- 9/27-Parent Empowerment Group
- 9/30-Coffee Chat with Admin @8:15-Conference Room



Open House & Title 1 Annual Meeting Night

Our Annual Title 1 Meeting will be held before each Open House night at 6:00p.m. in the cafeteria. Come meet our Title I team and learn about our focus for this school year. At the conclusion of our Annual Title I meeting parents will be released to their child's classroom.

Monday, August 26th

Kinder, 1st, 2nd,

Ms. Conn, Ms. Bowen & Mrs. Claridge

6:00pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, August 27th

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th &

Ms. Fisher

6:00pm-7:30pm

FSA Scores are Available

Sabal has received scores from the Department of Education for the 2019 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) taken during April and May. The reports explain the student's achievement in detail for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. There are no achievement levels attached to these scores as was reported in the past FCAT scores. However, the FSA scores reflect a percentile ranking of how students compare with other students who took the same assessments within the state of Florida. If you need help understanding the report or need it translated into another language please call the front office. FSA scores will be sent home during open house. Any FSA scores that were not picked up will be sent home on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Volunteer Information

Our annual Volunteer Welcome Breakfast is Friday, September 6th at 8:15am in the cafeteria. Please join us for some delicious coffee and muffins to find out more information on how to become a volunteer!

Coffee Chat with Administration

Our first coffee chats is scheduled for Monday, September 30th. Please join our dynamic administration team for coffee and conversations. Coffee Chats begin at 8:15am in the conference room. All parents are welcome to attend!

APTT-SAVE THE DATE

We will continue having our *Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) meetings*, which is a more effective model for developing parent-teacher partnerships to better support your student's learning. We have a new format for 3rd-6th grade which included student led conferences.

Parents and teachers will be meeting three times a year, this includes two team meetings where all the families will come together and one 30-minute individual meeting that allows the teacher to provide you and your child one-on-one time.

It is critical to attend these important meetings so we can plan how to work together to support your student's learning. Childcare and translation will be available.

APTT MEETING #1	APTT MEETING #2
GRADES K-2ND	GRADES K-2ND
OCTOBER 24TH	FEBRUARY 11TH
GRADES 3RD-6TH	GRADES 3RD-6TH
OCTOBER 22TH	FEBRUARY 13TH
6:00PM	6:00PM

Food 4 Thought Food Drive

Sabal will be participating in the district Food 4 Thought Food drive this year. All food that is collected will be going to our community partner, Emmanuel Methodist Church's food pantry. The food drive is September 9 - 13th. There will be incentives every day for the students who bring in canned food items. More details will be coming.

Parents Right to Know

Each parent of a student at Sabal Elementary has the right to request information about the professional qualifications of the student's teacher(s). This information will be provided upon request.



Planners for 3rd-6th Grade Students

All 3rd-6th grade students are required to have a planner. You can purchase a planner for \$3.00 from the front office or your child's teacher.

Parent Empowerment Get Together

This year Sabal will begin holding monthly "Parent Empowerment Get Together". Our goal is to help our parents strengthen your existing skills and support your needs to best equip our children for a positive learning environment at home and school. The first get together will take place on Friday September 27th at 1:30 in our Media Center. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Title 1 Teacher Corey Kadlec at Kadlec.corey@brevardschools.org

PTO Ben & Jerry's Night

September 4, 2019 is our 1st Sabal Family Spirit night at Ben & Jerry's. Mrs. Hall will be serving ice cream from 6pm-7pm. Stop by for a scoop or two of your favorite flavor! We will also have a raffle to win a Sabal water bottle. Any questions please email sabalpto@gmail.com.

PTO Bingo Night

Friday, September 20th PTO is hosting a family bingo night in the cafeteria at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per family and they must be purchased in advance. Order forms will be sent home or you can buy at the front office. Ticket includes a slice of pizza per person, drink and bingo cards. If you have any questions please email sabalpto@gmail.com

Facebook Live

This year we are hoping to increase parent/student engagement in Reading and the school by tuning in to our Sabal Facebook page to hear a story being read live. Staff members will read a book on our Sabal Facebook page once a month. Reading begins at 7:00pm on the below dates. Tune in!

Aug. 29, Sept.12, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar 26, April 16, May 7

Trailblazer Café

All students are offered **free breakfast** at Sabal Elementary every day from 7:30-7:50 in the cafeteria. School lunch is \$1.80 a day. You can apply for free or reduced lunch. An application is required annually. For your convenience, the Free or Reduced Lunch Application for the 2019-2020 school year may be completed on-line by clicking on the following link: https://mealapps.brevard.k12.fl.us/LiquidOffice/lfserver/FRA_EFORM Paper applications are also available in the front office.