Driftwood Driftwood Elementary school

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Welcome Bacl

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are off to a great start!

So that we may enhance parent communication while at the same time save the environment, we will continue to send all of our newsletters electronically. Parents can stay informed by visiting our website at: www.broward.k12.fl.us/driftwoodelem/

which will be updated regularly with important information for parents.

Our School Advisory Council will be meeting on the First Friday of every month at 7:30 am in Room 808. All parents are invited to attend and give us ideas and suggestion on ways we can improve our school.

We will have a Fall Festival Parade for students in grades PK, K, First and Second. It will be held Friday, October 30th beginning at 8:30 am with the parade in the courtyard area. More information will follow as we get closed to the date.

I would like to remind all parents that student drop off and pickup is located in our north parking lot. We have safety patrols on duty who will walk the Kindergarten students to their classrooms if the parent requests it. The parking lot in the front of the school is for busses only from 7:30 am -8:10 am and from 1:30 pm -2:30 pm.

Have a wonderful month, please check the Calendar of Events for other activities planned for October.

Estimados Padres:

Ya comenzamos otro gran año escolar. Gracias a todos por su paciencia y cooperación.

Para mejorar las comunicaciones con los padres y ayudar al medio ambiente, vamos a mandar nuestra informativa por e-mail. Para mantenerse informado, visité nuestro "website": www.broward.k12.fl.us/driftwoodelem/ que tendrá información importante para los padres.

Las reuniones del "School Advisory Council (SAC) serán llevadas a cabo el **primer vierne de cada mes, a las 7:30 a.m.** Todos los padres están invitados a participar en las reuniones.

Vamos a tener un Desfile de Otoño el 30 de octubre. El desfile comenzará a las 8:30 con un desfile de los niños en PK, K y primer grado.

Favor de revisar el Calendario de Eventos para que participen en nuestras actividades mensuales. A todos los padres les deseo que tengan un mes maravilloso!



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Welcome back to school, everyone. This year's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is headed by Raquel Suarez (President), Darjon Renna (Treasurer) and Laura Loffredo (Secretary). As in the

past, our goal for this year is to raise funds for technology. We try to hold meetings each month and EVERYONE is welcome to attend. You can contact us at driftwoodpto@hotmail.com to find out when a meeting will be held. You can always email us or leave a note with the front office with any questions or requests to volunteer with the PTO.

We have a lot planned this fall, beginning with the

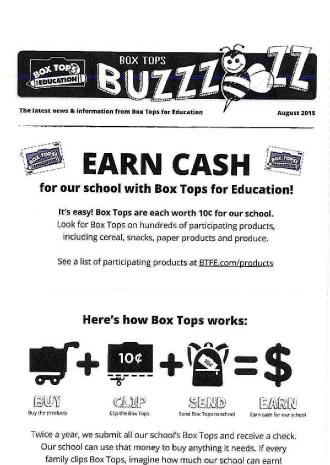
Charleston Wrap Fundraiser which went home in early September. All of the items ordered will be delivered to the school and going home Friday, November 13, 2015 (assuming there are no unanticipated delivery delays).

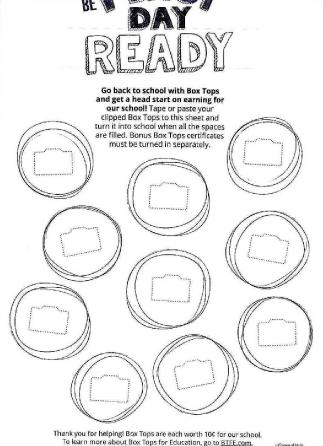
Look out for our annual Halloween "Boo Grams" in mid-October. These grams are always a big hit with the kids.

The PTO's "School Store" is open Tuesday mornings during the week from 7:30 a.m. until 7:55 a.m. We sell great little items for \$1 or less, like pencils and erasers.

We look forward to another successful fundraising year. We also look forward to seeing new faces at our next Board meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

"You never really <u>learn</u> much from hearing yourself speak." — George Clooney





Pre-K





Kindergarten





"I Went to a Party" by Angela Perez

1st Grade





2nd Grade

The Deep Blue Sea

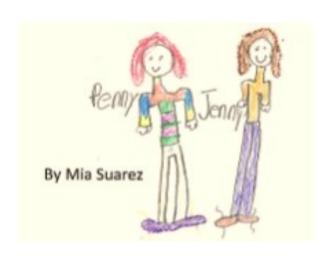
Once upon a time...All the sea creatures that lived in the deep, blue sea loved to swim and dive. All of a sudden, Turtle squeaked so loud, "SQUEAK!" to warn his friends: Dolphin, Crab, and Octopus that something gigantic was swimming towards them. It was a huge blue whale named Orica. "Big Orica is coming, quickly hide behind the coral reef," shouted Turtle. "Whoosh, Orica whale is gone, but I wonder if he will swim back and try to eat us for dinner," Turtle whispered. "Oh, no I see him," dolphin screamed. Then, Crab tried to scare Orica away by snapping his huge claws near his tail. Crab scared Orica away and all the sea creatures were happy. In the end, they went back to swimming and diving in the deep, blue sea and lived happily ever.





The Night Before 1st Grade

It was the night before first grade and Penny was getting ready for her first day of school. She got out her new fancy purple outfit and put it on the dresser. Next, Penny made her lunch and put it in the refrigerator. Last, she went to bed and dreamed of playing with her friends. In the middle, Penny woke up all excited and met Jenny on the bus, she is her B.F.F (best friend forever). When Jenny and Penny arrived at school they realized they were in different classes. Penny met a new friend named Nina and she is the twin sister of Tina. Tina is Jenny's B.F.F. In the end, Penny went to the cafeteria to eat lunch. She sat with her new friend Nina, Jenny, and Tina. Penny had a GREAT first day at school!



3rd Grade

September After Care News

This school year, as well as offering a fun-filled afternoon of child care; we have Before Care from 6:30 A.M. - 7:30 A.M. at a cost of \$40.00 per month with a \$25.00 registration fee. If your child is in our afterschool program there is no registration fee. Students enjoy a variety of activities in our after school program including homework assistance, outside recess, indoor games, computers, arts and crafts, and music. We also serve free supper and snack to all aftercare students.

With fall approaching we thought the students would enjoy making their own trees. As you can see in the picture below they had a great time!





My name is Adamari. I come from Puerto Rico, so that means I speak Spanish. I was born here but my whole family is from Puerto Rico. I moved here from Miami and that means new school. My mom picks me up by car. I live with my mom, dad and little brother, but in summer my grand parents come to pick me and my little brother. We go to Orlando or Puerto Rico.

For fun I love to go to the beach. I like to skate and dig myself in the sand. I like to do those things in the beach because I like to feel the wind in my face and the smell of the sea.

In school my favorite subject is math because I love regrouping, adding and subtracting. My least favorite subject is none because I love all of the subjects. This year I want to learn how to do chess because I don't know how to play chess.

My favorite book is Geronimo Stilton because I like how the books always exiting. There are other books that I like, for example I also like Disney books.

Now you know all about me. When I grow up I will like more things.





4th Grade

My teachers Secret life's

At a:00 p.m. when everyone lept Mis. witiker's class it was avite. She walked to the class closed with a smile on her face and opens the door. Inside is a secret gardeneshe steps inside and lack's the door behind her. She uses the secret bookmorn mey and pass it back in her faviral Book. Miss wither reaches to the Side and picks up her crown. She walks to the middle of her gorden and sids on her throne. No one knows misswill doer is actually rayally, has secret garden is ther Sapa place to hide her amozing crano Jawles and her reelings. She gies amongst the roses and lillies which bloom all year ground. Mers. willier releases her stress watching the bouterpile place by the Foiry pountain. She tigs a bell and many maids come to save hely they bring her plates of sweat treats, cakes, danishes, cookies, Macarorens, Chocolate and a worm cup of coffe mis-wither sleeps in the gorden until the boil rings in the morning and She gose back to closs, No one know her secret life exsept for one Janna H Moha mad.





Fifth graders are learning about the water cycle and weather in science. They were given the following prompt and had to develop an argument with evidence to support their opinion.

Why Does Rain Fall?

Julie and Martina were looking out Julie's bedroom window on a rainy afternoon wondering why rain falls. Julie told Martina that she thought rain falls because the clouds are shaken and pushed together. Martina didn't agree. She said that rain falls because the water drops in the clouds get too heavy.

Which friend do you agree with most? Describe your thinking.

I agree with Martina because the clouds don't shake or pushed together sometimes the clouds are together but they aren't together often. Why does it rain? It rains because when the water vapor in the clouds condenses and they get heavy so the water has to come down from the clouds. It rains because water vapor comes from oceans which goes to the clouds. Water vapor can look like fog in the mornings also when it rains sometimes it can rain hail.

By Tiffany Colon

I agree with Martina because, as it states in the very short book "The Water Cycle Book," "The clouds get heavy and the water falls from the clouds as rain (pg. 7). Now the water substance does not always have to be rain. As a matter of fact it can be three substances of water! The substances are: rain, snow, and hail. Now Julie was wrong because how are clouds going to get "shaken?" I mean sometimes they get shattered around by airplanes but that does not make it rain! Like I mentioned earlier clouds get heavy then it rains.

By Gianni Lopez

I truly agree with Martina because I know for a fact that rain does not form from clouds getting shaken or pushed together. Rain is created by evaporation from most water sources such as lakes and oceans. The evaporation from these water sources makes rain because the gas from the water goes into the clouds and when it gets cold it all turns into liquid and that is how rain is formed. So that concludes my opinion on you I agree with the most.

By Mateo Londono

I WOULD AGREE MARTINA BECAUSE WHEN THE CLOUDS GETS ALL BLACK THAT MEANS THAT IT IS TOO FULL FROM GETTING WATER SO IT NEEDS TO GET ALL OF THE WATER OUT. I DISAGREE WITH JULIE BECAUSE THE CLOUDS DON'T PUSH TOGETHER TO MAKE RAIN. IN THE WATER CYCLE BOOK IT SAID ON PAGE SEVEN "WHEN THE CLOUDS GET TOO HEAVY THEN THE CLOUDS START TO DROP WATER." THAN THE CYCLE STARTS ALL BACK OVER AND THIS IS HOW IT STARTS: THE SUN EVAPORATES THE WATER, THEN IT GOES INTO THE CLOUDS. WHEN THE CLOUDS GET BLACK THEN IT MEANS THAT CLOUDS GET HEAVY FROM WATER. AND THEN IT LET'S ALL OF THAT WATER OUT ONTO LAND THAN IT GOES BACK INTO THE WATER THEN IT STARTS BACK OVER.

MATH NEWS

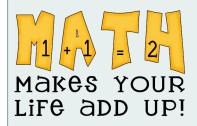
September 2015

Welcome back Driftwood Dragons! Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Anastasia Haxton and it is a pleasure to be here at Driftwood Elementary as your new math coach. I have many exciting ideas and programs in place to help our boys and girls to achieve great success in math this school year. This includes getting our primary grades (grades Kindergarten- 2nd grade) prepared for the 21st century through math readiness skills, creating a chess community in grades 2 and 3, participation in math district games for grades 4 and 5, and increasing math fluency skills in 2nd through 5th grade through the innovative reflexmath.com computer program.

Parents do not forget that you can access the math textbooks and other helpful resources through the district's student portal on BEEP, http://beep.browardschools.com.
Students need to practice math daily and must be given plenty of opportunities to practice basic skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). I look forward to being a part of your child's education this school year.

Educationally Yours,

Anastasia Haxton



5th Grade cont:



Diamond Osceola got creative and painted the water cycle on her nails !



Tiffany Colon and Mateo Londono, two proud 5th graders who had their writing published this month.

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

Malcolm Forbes

Exceptional Student Educational and Support Services

Below is a list of seminars and informational meetings that parents of ESE students are invited to participate in. If anything below looks like it will help you and/or your family then please go to the Driftwood Elementary Schools website for more information,



http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/driftwoodelem

- ♦ Procedural Safeguards Workshops
- ♦ Active Parenting Now! (For Parents of Children ages 5-12)
- Active Parenting 1, 2, 3, 4 (For Parents of Preschool Children)
- ♦ Active Parenting of Teens (For Parents of Children ages 12-18)
- ♦ The Expo @ Nova featuring :

Brain Gym® Presenter: Kimberly Johnson

Inclusion: Making it Work for All students Presenter: Barbara Krakower

♦ Helping Our Toddlers, Developing Our Children's Skills

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SCHEDULE 2015 – 2016 Broward ESE Advisory Council Meetings



At Piper Righ School in the Media Center 8000 NW 44th St, Sunrise, FL 33351 Held monthly on Wednesday

2015-2016 ESE Advisory Council General Meetings	TIME ("Meet the Board" is to meet us and discuss if you wish of personal ESE related issues.)
August 28, 2015	8:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
September 16, 2015	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
October 21, 2015	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
November 18, 2015	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
December 16, 2015	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
January 20, 2016	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
February 17, 2016	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM General meeting
March 18, 2018	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM General meeting
April 20, 2016	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
May 18, 2016	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM General meeting
June 15, 2018	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Meet the Board 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM General meeting

Visit our website for information and recourses

Join us on Facebook: https://wwwffacebook.com/groups/browerdeseadvisory/

Kelley Thomerson - Chairperson - Email: kelleythomerson@gmail.com Phone (954) 816-7995

COUNSLER'S CORNER

Mrs. Justin, the school counselor, is available to make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. A professional school counselor is trained in both educating and counseling, allowing the counselor to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers, and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities, and any areas needing improvement. Mrs. Justin provides services not only to students in need, but is available to all students.

Mrs. Justin can meet with parents to discuss students who are having difficulty with academics, behavior or family stress due to separation, divorce or other circumstances. Small groups meet during the school year for students in need of academic or social support, anger management, conflict resolution, changing families, or those students affected by grief or loss. Driftwood also participates with the Listener and Mentor program. If you would like your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Justin in the guidance office at 754-323-5457.

This year we will continue to celebrate Driftwood students and staff who are Champions of Character. Our theme this year is – Champions are Heroes – Students and staff who **Help, Encourage**, and **Respect Others.** We are modeling the achievements of the United States Women's World Cup soccer team. Women such as Carli Lloyd, Hope Solo, Abby Wambach and Julie Johnston, along with their teammates beat Japan 5-2 this summer with a record breaking audience of 25.4 million, making it the most watched soccer game in U.S. history. The US women worked hard and their efforts and exemplary character paid off!

Champions work together to accomplish common goals so that everyone succeeds. Champions will be chosen each month that exhibit the monthly character trait and they will become a part of Driftwood's Dream Team. Parents, if you want your child to be a champion, work to instill the following qualities:

Champions work as a team to accomplish a common purpose.

Champions understand and obey the rules at school, at home and in the community.

Champions surround themselves with positive people and avoid negative influences.

Champions are helpful, thoughtful and kind to others.

Champions respect authority figures and their peers. Champions have self-control and get along with others

Champions are hard workers; they go the extra mile and don't give up.

Champions are honest, always truthful and trust-worthy.

Champions meet obligations by being reliable, as well as accountable to themselves and others.

The character trait for the month of September was **cooperation**. Champions were chosen because they always listen, follow directions and get along with their peers. Our school winners are fifth graders Micheberley Jean Baptiste in Mrs. Warren's class and Gustavo Galarza in Mrs. Cento's class. Our staff Champions of Character for the trait of cooperation are first grade teacher Ms. Laura Loffredo and Driftwood's registrar Ms. Carol Elias. Congratulations to Driftwood's September DREAM TEAM! WAY TO GO!!!

Driftwood Elementary is a **NO BULLY ZONE**. All staff members and students have been trained. If your child is a victim of bullying or witnesses bullying taking place, he or she has the power to stop it. Remind your child that reporting bullying to a teacher or other adults is not tattling. Students can also report bullying anonymously at school by putting a note in the mailbox outside the counselor's office. There are four other ways to report an incident: 1) **call: 754-321-0911**, 2) **text: CRIMES (274637)**, message must begin with SBBC, then a space, followed by the message or 3) **e-mail:**

school911@browardschools.com or 4) report a crime online: click on departments, click on Special Investigative Unit, click on Report Anonymous Tips.









Mrs. Justin's Helpful Hint

Screens and Sleep do not Mix Well

An article in the Miami Herald written by Julie Bay discussed the results of professionals specializing in sleep disorders, and the damage that electronic devices can do to children, affecting their sleep patterns and potentially leading to a wide variety of health problems.

Studies show that use of a device even an hour before bed (including cellphones and TV) stimulates kids brains, with the bright blue screen light having a lasting effect and preventing sleep. The result: Children, the age group that needs sleep the most, are getting less sleep these days, which leads to irritability, lack of concentration, depression and obesity.

Some recommendations for parents are:

- Keep devices and televisions out of kids' bedrooms
- Set boundaries on electronic usage (The American Academy of Pediatrics advises limits of two hours per day)
- Make sure children get 10 hours of sleep each night







"Every child deserves a champion
--an adult who will never give up on them,
who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can be."

--RITA F. PIERSON

September Champion of Character

Pre-K / Kindergarten

Mrs. Munoz-Jacob Cid

Mrs. Illich-Ashton Andre

Mrs. Biesel- Lexina Stefanu

Mrs. Hill-Zariah Whipple

Mrs. Major-Natalie McCalla

Mrs. Uribe-Michael Trujillo

First Grade

Mrs. Estrada- Anastasia Leon

Ms. Guffey-Jessie Allen

Mrs. Hess-Joshelin Martinez

Ms. Loffredo-Christian Feliciano

Ms. Morra-Jamarie Williams

Second Grade

Ms. Ackley-Janelle Silva

Mrs. Gonzalez-Jeremy Vasquez

Mrs. Jones-Chasity Lent

Ms. Matthews-Jesus Recarte

Ms. Martinez-Jose Peaza

Ms. Rosati-Mia Suarez

Third Grade

Mrs. Akel-Elijan Walls

Mrs. Coleman-Jennifer Hernandez

Ms. London-Fiorella Orellana

Mrs. Loubriel-Jenavive Quinones

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Guffey-Dellroy Paul

Mrs. Kefalas-Deairea Pemberton

Ms. Schlitz-Annabelle Coleman

Ms. Whitaker-Daimian Larios

Fifth Grade

Ms. Kolitides-Gianni Lopez

Mrs. Cento-Gustavo Galarza

Mrs. Warren-Micheerley Jean Baptest

Mr. Wetcher-Michelle Chandler

Mrs. Lewis-Camryn Kelly

Mr. Leonardis-E'Mani Catwright

Mr. Boylan- Izel Victoria

Students of the Month Micheberley Jean Baptiste Gustavo Galarza

Teacher of Character

Ms. Laura Loffredo

Staff of Character
Carol Elias



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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5	6 BOOK FAIR	7	8	9
BOOK FAIR MONSTER BOOK FAIR RESERVE THE STREET THE S	Family Night 5 – 7 pm	BOOK FAIR MONSTER BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR MGNSTER BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR
Columbus Day	13	14	Papa John's Family Night	Boo Grams Go On Sale
19 College Week	20 College Week	21 College Week	22 College Week EARLY RELEASE	23
2 nd Grade Field Trip (Click Clack Moo) Boo Grams On Sale	Driftwood Aftercare Payment Due Boo Grams On Sale	Boo Grams On Sale	NOON End of 1st qrt (41 days) Boo Grams On Sale	
26 Red Ribbon Week	27 Red Ribbon Week	28 Red Ribbon Week	29 Red Ribbon Week	30 Red Ribbon Week
Start of 2nd quarter (40 days) Boo Grams On Sale	Boo Grams On Sale	Make Up Picture Day Boo Grams On Sale	3rd Grade Field Trip (Little Monster Tales)	Fall Parade KG – 2nd grade, 8:30 A.M. Boo Grams are delivered

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Asst. Principal: Lourdes Cruz

HOME OF THE DRAGONS

Title 1 Parent Information / Website Locations

Driftwood Elementary's "School Improvement Plan (SIP)"

 $which \ contains \ the \ school \ \textbf{'s Title I School Parent Involvement Plan (PIP)}$

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/driftwoodelem/

The District Parental Involvement Plan

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/PARENT_INVOLEMENT.html

District Parent Involvement Policy 1165

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/

Paper copies of all of the above documents are available for your review on the Parent Shelf in the front office and at all of the SAC Meetings.

If you would like to request your own copy, please contact Mrs. Estrada through the front office, your child's agenda or email: ligia.estrada@browardschools.com

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), FCAT Scores and Reports, School Grades, AYP Reports:

http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/

Title I Parent Training & Other Available Resources

School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement

http://title1.browardschools.com

Parent Training

- School/District/Community
- Workshops
- Title I Parent Training Academy (see below)
- MegaSkills Training
- Schoolwide Workshops
- Title I Parent Center
- Computer Literacy Training

Compassionate Hearts - Serving Hands, Inc.

2300 NW22nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Phone: 954-733-6476 http://www.ch-sh.org

Broward County's District Parent Involvement Website

http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com/parents/

The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center

PLEASE

PLACE

University of South Florida (Florida PIRC at USF) 3500 East Fletcher Avenue, Suite #301 Tampa, FL 33613

Phone: 813-974-5458 STAMP
http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu/

Family Network on Disabilities, Inc. (FND)

Phone: 727-523-1130 Toll: 800-825-5736 http://fndfl.org/

Florida School Choice Parent Resource Cente

http://www.knowyourchoices.org/

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