



1st Quarter

Principal Newsletter

August 17, 2019

LaVilla Parents:

We had a great first week of the 2019-2020 school year. Thank you for being our partner and encouraging student success.

This newsletter contains information for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

1. All students should have an assigned locker. If your student did not receive a locker or is having trouble with the combination lock, please have them see Ms. Sharon Campbell, in the front office.
2. Our ID machine is up and running. All student IDs will be delivered this week and we will start taking ID pictures of those students who were unable to attend orientation.
3. Remember that students canNOT be dropped off before 7:45 am. This is a safety concern, as volunteers are not on campus until 7:45 am. If you must drop your student off before 7:45 am they need to be enrolled in our morning Extended Day program. Parents will start accumulating fees for supervision this second week of school for students dropped off early and not enrolled in Extended Day. Students should also be picked up no later than 3:45 pm. If your student needs to stay later than 3:45 pm, enroll them in the Extended Day Program. Fees will also apply to those students left after 3:45 pm and not enrolled in our Extended Day Program. The contact number for Extended Day is 904.633.6069 ext. 1008.
4. We are continuing to improve our morning drop off procedures. Please note that cars should not be parked in the circle drive prior to 7:45 am. Please park in the grassy lot if you arrive at LaVilla prior to 7:45 am. For the safety of our students, do not drop students off on Davis or any other surrounding streets. Students should be dropped off on the circle drive sidewalk.
5. Parents should follow this link to set up a Parent FOCUS account. This will allow parents to view attendance, grades, and assignments. <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/15745>
6. Students received a Wellness Wednesday Flyer this past Friday. Wellness Wednesday was created by DCPS in response to state legislation. The goal of this Mental Health Education Initiative is to teach students to identify signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, and how to access help for

themselves and their peers. Wellness Wednesdays will take place on Early Release Wednesdays (August 28 and September 25) during the school day.

7. Students received information about the Flu Vaccine. If you would like your student to receive this vaccine at school, please complete the paperwork and return it to the front office by October 30th. The paperwork includes a link for parents to register their student online if this is easier. Students who are registered will receive the flu vaccine on November 5.

8. We are partnering with Haskell on the Green Apple Day of Service Beautification Program. On Saturday, September 7, we ask that volunteers join us for a day of landscaping and upgrading the look of the front of our school. We are in need of gardening supplies, plants, mulch, and gravel. If you are able to help us with some of these items or know of a business willing to donate, please contact Mr. Brown at brownw2@duvalschools.org.

9. School Pictures will take place on Tuesday, September 3. A packet with school picture information will be sent home soon.

10. Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3. Please join us as early as 5:00 pm and visit our Booster Organizations and PTSA booths in the Dining Hall. They will have a variety of LaVilla merchandise for purchase. Classroom visitations will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

11. The last day for schedule changes is August 31st. If you have a concern with your student's schedule, please contact Mr. Sznakowski at sznakowska@duvalschools.org.

For day-to-day notifications and reminders, please visit our school calendar at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/337#calendar173/20190817/month> and follow us on Facebook and Instagram at The LaVilla School of the Arts.

We are looking forward to an outstanding first quarter of learning and growing!

Sincerely,

Lianna Knight

Principal