

# BISCAYNE ELEMENTARY

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# **School Hours**

8:25 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

8:25a-12:45 p EARLY RELEASE DAYS

### **Important Dates**

Sep 4 NO SCHOOL | Labor Day

Sep 7 Progress Reports

Sep 7 Open House VPK-2

Sept 14 Open House 3-5

Sept 19 SAC Meeting @ 5:30p

(Media Center)

Sept 27 Early Release Day



### Greetings STELLAR Families –

We are off to a GREAT School Year! I want to start by saying THANK YOU for the flexibility and patience you've shown us as we all adjust to new district- wide platforms this school year—Bloomz and PikMyKid. Parent Pick-up and Drop-off continues to increase in efficiency each day. Students are learning classroom and building routines and procedures quickly. Most importantly students are excited to start their school day each morning!

Baseline testing also referred to as Progress Monitoring Assessments have already begun and will continue over the first few weeks of this month. Please ensure your student(s) arrive to school daily and on time. Baseline testing allows our teachers to assess where students are and build plans to meet their needs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Although seemingly small, just 20 minutes per day of reading with your student leader makes A DIFFERENCE! Life is busy, but please take this time daily to spend with your student or build into your afternoon routines. See page 3 for more benefits and help to GET STARTED!

Meet<sub>the</sub>

Meet the leaders of our Stellar school administration team. This school year we have added an additional Assistant Principal to meet the needs of our growing student body ,families, and teachers /staff.



Sanaa McBride

**Principal** 



Tumika Mondy

**Assistant Principal** 



Latoya Keys

**Assistant Principal** 





# **Uniform Policy**

Students are REQUIRED to be in school uniforms

TOPS: RED, BLACK, GREY

BOTTOMS: BLACK, GREY, KHAKI

\*\*School SPIRIT SHIRTs are worn **EVERY FRIDAY** with bottoms of your choice.

ORDER AT: myspiritwear.com/biscayne

### Parental Involvement and Communication



# Create your parent portal account TODAY!

- -Download Progress Reports & Report Cards
- Monitor grades and attendance
- View and Submit School Forms
- View district messages



Biscayne website: duvalschools.org/Biscayne



Search: <u>Biscayne Elementary Leadership Academy</u>. Check out candid photos of our students, staff, school happenings! As well as school updates and reminders



Your childs teacher will send an invite to get connected. DOJO allows you to: Connect with your students teacher, see classroom specific updates, communicate directly with teacher. Communicate any transportation changes



Instagram: Search <u>BiscayneElementary</u>. Checkout school happenings, updates and reminders



Students will begin baseline testing or Progress Monitoring Assessment 1 this month.

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track students progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (BEST) Standards throughout this school year.

For more information about Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at

www.FLFAST.org

### **Get Involved**



PTA your way ... donate, volunteer , share your voice , advocate for students — however participation works for you! Your schedule, your fit. Do what you can do at whatever degree you can!

We just need you!

# Join PTA for \$10 @

http://

# besknights.memberhub.com

We have an AWESOME PTA that supports our students, teachers, and school in big and small ways. We are looking for ALL levels of support!!

# Sign up TODAY!

Multiple volunteer opportunities for the month of October



# Plan to Volunteer?

<u>Visitor / Volunteer Application—</u>
<u>DCPS REQUIRED</u>

Duval County Public Schools requires <u>all volunteers and visitors</u> to register and be screened.

Apply online today at <a href="https://www.duvalschools.org/volunteer">www.duvalschools.org/volunteer</a>

# Benefits of Volunteering in Schools

- Support teacher, students, and school
- Build network with teachers, staff, and other parents
- Stay informed of all volunteer opportunities
- Engage in your childs' academic and social success

# **READING MATTERS**

Reading MATTERS! Reading for 20 minutes per day makes a HUGE difference. Studies have shown students who read daily are exposed to more words and perform better in the classroom.

To help you **Get Started** this school year, Principal McBride has selected a Book of the Month for you and your student leader to read together, with an accompanying activity to help shape our student leaders development.

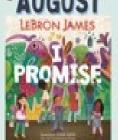
Reading daily also:

- Builds vocabulary and a love of reading
- Helps develop listening skills
- Strengthens brain activity
- Boost communication skills
- Helps children make connections to new places, people, and concepts
- Enhances Creativity









# **I PROMISE**

**ACTVITY:** Students will illustrate one promise they will make to be STELLAR student.

# GROWTH MINDESET

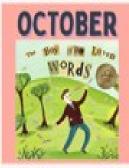




# THE MAGICAL YET

**ACTVITY:** Students will think and illustrate about a time when you tried something that was more challenging than you expected it be.





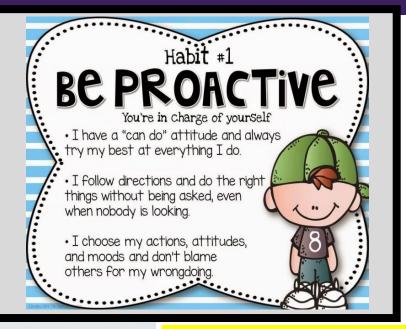
# THE BOY WHO LOVED WORDS

**ACTVITY:** Students will locate 3 words in a magazine that are unfamiliar to them. They will find the meaning of the words.

# **Leader in Me**

# What makes Biscayne Elementary a Leadership Academy?

We are entering year 4 of being a **Leader in ME®** school. A program developed by Stephen Covey based off the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Our goal is to Build leaders in each of our students. This model creates leaders by changing the way you see things, which will influence what we do, and the results we get. EVERY student is a leader, NOT just some students. Every month we focus on a Habit with students and we will share this habit with you to continue the conversation at home.





Once you have downloaded the app and registered — If you are having trouble viewing your child(ren) on the PikmyKid app please email Ms. McDougal at

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# <u>Pikmykid</u>

The app is available for download. Search " Pikmykid" on your smartphone's app store (Google-Play, Windows or iTunes).

### Registration

Once you have downloaded the PikMyKid phone app, you will press the "Sign Up" button and fill out the form.

After you press submit, you will be sent an OTP code by text message. Please enter this code into the next screen. This will complete your registration process!

# Don't see your child?

If you are a parent/guardian and see a blank screen, please contact support@pikmykid.com to correct the issue. It is likely that the school did not have your mobile number on file.

# PARENT APP **USER GUIDE**

Each parent & user will need to register on their own smartphone with their own information.



Questions?
Email support@pikmykid.com
Be sure to include the name of your
child's school, the child's name, and
your mobile number - as well as outline
any questions (i.e. Blank Screen, OTP
code missing)

# Pikmykid

## **PARENT APP USER GUIDE**

### Q How do I change my child's Pick Up Mode?

- Open the Pikmykid app and click the pencil icon next to the school name. Then select the blue edit button next to your child's name. A new colendar page with student information will then be visible. Choose the date on the calendar, select "Change Pick Up Mode" and continue.
- Select your child's new pick up mode from the drop down menu and decide if it is a recurring change—if so, for how long and how often (weekly, daily, monthly etc).
- 3. Press Done! You and the school will now be able to see the change on your child's calendar!

# Q How do I allow someone else to pick up my child?

- Open the Pikmykid app and click the pencil icon next to the school name. Then select the blue edit button next to your child's name. A new colendar page with student information will then be visible. Choose the date on the calendar, select "Delegate" and continue.
- Enter the person's name and mobile number from your contact list. From the drop down m select how they will be picking up your child and decide if it is a recurring change—if so, for how long and how often (weekly, daily, monthly etc).
- 3. Press Done! You and the school will now be able to see the change on your child's calendar!

### Q How do I announce my arrival to the school?

Parents can only announce during your school's set dismissal hours for car riders or walk ups.

3. Stop at the stop sign and click the GREEN ANNOUNCE

App Support
From the menu (IIII) in the top right
corner of the app , select "Support"
Fill out and submit the form to be
connected with a friendly customer

# **Important Reminders**

- No student checkout after 2:15p (per district policy)
- Teachers provide bell to bell instruction. EVERY tardy, EVERY early checkout MATTERS!
- Classroom/school birthday parties or balloons are NOT permitted.
- Any snacks for classroom distribution must be prepackaged, individually wrapped and storebrought (for the safety of our student leaders)



September 2023							
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