

Dear Bulldog Families,

The recent tragedy at Stoneman Douglas weighs heavy on our hearts as we move into March. We have spoken to several families seeking reassurances that our campus is safe. Being a new facility is to our advantage as we have perimeter fencing, key card access to buildings, and security cameras. We also have polices and procedures in place to support safety. If we all commit to supporting those polices, we can be proactive and ensure that Every Bulldog, Every Day feels safe coming to school. Some reminders:

1. All visitors must sign in and be scanned through our raptor system. Even those who are known to us, frequent visitors, and volunteers. This is the Superintendent's expectation.
2. Families may drop their children off at the front gate each morning. Please wait to the side so that we can easily open the gate. In the afternoon, parents of Hiker/Biker students who want to wait for them must do so off campus behind the sign designating the pick-up area.
3. If you are joining your child for lunch, we will radio the cafeteria or call the classroom to have your child join you. This is a change as we have previously asked parents to wait outside until the line passed. Only your child will be allowed to join you.

We understand that some of these procedures are different from previous schools or inconvenient and appreciate your cooperation! In addition to the above measures, we continue to have our crisis plans in place. In the first semester, we practiced barricading ourselves by "building a fort" and in the next few weeks we will be partnering with law enforcement to practice evacuation. These events are planned with care and thoughtfulness and in consideration of the age of our students.

Finally, if your child expresses concerns fears about recent events, our School Counselor is available for support. Ms. Strickland can be reached at 813-346-4308.

*Mrs. Wolin*

# Bexley Elementary Canine Headlines



Remind your Bulldog to follow  
our Positive Behavior  
Intervention System

(PBIS)

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Thank you to our volunteers who assisted Mrs. Butts and our Bulldogs with our Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration! We appreciate the support of our families during these special events! If you are an approved volunteer and would like to support our Spring Carnival, please contact our PTO!

- March
- 2 Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
- 5/6 FSA Writes Grades 4/5
- 7 Planet Smoothie Night 4-7
- 8 SAC Meeting, 8:00am
- 13 Sonic Night
- 14 STEM FAIR, 6:00pm
- 15 PTO, 4:15 pm REC Center
- End of Quarter 3
- 16 Teacher Planning Day
- 19-23 Spring Break- No School
- PLACE Open
- 29 Spring Pictures
- 30 All Pro Dad's Breakfast

FSA testing for grades 4 and 5 will take place on Monday and Tuesday. No visitors or volunteers are allowed on campus during these two days.

Incoming Kindergarten families should plan to attend our K Bulldog Orientation on April 30 at 6:30 pm.

**Congratulations to our students who were selected for All-County Chorus and Instrumental:**

Emma DiGiuseppe-Chorus  
 Emma Reed-Chorus  
 Olivia Brady-Chorus  
 Caitlyn Wyne-Orff  
 Emmalee Vitale-Orff

**FSA Testing Schedule**

March 5	Writing	Gr. 4/5
April 9-10	Reading	Gr. 3
April 16-17	Reading	Gr. 4
April 18-19	Reading	Gr. 5
April 23-24	Math	Gr. 4
April 25-26	Math	Gr. 5
April 30-May 1	Math	Gr. 3
April 30-May 1	Science	Gr. 5



We would like to invite you to become a substitute teacher at Bexley Elementary! Substitute teaching allows you the flexibility to choose which schools and grade levels you are assigned, what days of the week you choose to work, and the ability to end your work day along with your child. Please call 727-774-2000 for more information.

