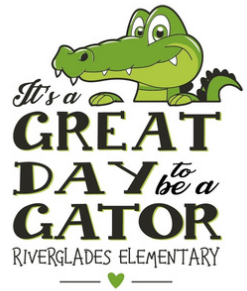


MARCH 2024



GATOR GAZETTE



Important Dates and INFORMATION

March

- 6: Mc Teacher's Night 5pm - 7pm
- 9: City of Parkland Parade
- 15: Jump Day for PreK - 4th Grade
- 18: SAC / SAF 9:00 am
- 18: Field Day for PreK, K , and 1st Grade
- 19: Field Day for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- 19: Texas Roadhouse Family Night
- 20: Field Day for 4th and 5th Grade
- 21: Early Release - Noon Dismissal
- 21: Slime Day - American Heart Association
- 22: No School - Teacher Planning
- 23 - 31: Spring Break

April

- 4: FAST Writing Test for 4th and 5th Grade
- 10: No School Eid al Fitr
- 17 & 18: Spring Pictures
- 25: PTA Meeting at 9:00 am
- 29: SAC / SAF Meeting at 9:00 am

May

- 1: Kindergarten Round Up @ 6:00 pm
- 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 17: Creative Arts Night
- 20: SAC / SAF Meeting 9:00 am
- 27: No School - Memorial Day
- 30: PTA Meeting at 9:00 am

June

- 10: Early Release Noon Dismissal
- 10: Last Day of School
- 11: Teacher Planning Day



We would like to congratulate Mrs. Kathleen Judd for being Riverglades' Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Judd is the Literacy Coach and goes above and beyond in all she does! She works with students and teachers. She is also the community liaison working with PTA and plans our ESOL nights. We can't thank her enough for her hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to Mr. Andre Moise for being Riverglades' Employee of the Year! He is always ready and willing to help wherever needed.





Please see the tentative dates for end of the year assessments. If there are any changes, your child's teacher will let you know. It is important students attend school on assessment days. They should also get a good night's rest and eat breakfast. We appreciate your help to have students ready and on time on testing days.

- April 4 p- State Writing – 4th and 5th Grade
- April 29 – May 3: STAR Reading and Math - Kindergarten
- May 1 – STAR Reading – 1st and 2nd Grade
- May 1 – FAST ELA – 3rd Grade
- May 8 – STAR Math – 1st and 2nd Grade
- May 8 – FAST Math – 3rd Grade
- May 9 – FAST ELA – 4th and 5th Grade
- May 16 – FAST Math – 4th and 5th Grade
- May 21 – State Science – 5th Grade



Support Riverglades Elementary by dining in or taking out at Texas Roadhouse. 10% of the proceeds will go back to the school. Plus, enjoy kids' activities and a visit with Andy the Armadillo on Tuesday Kids' Night!

SPRING BREAK CAMP 2024:

Enrichment Masters is conducting a Spring Break Camp at Coral Park Elementary (which is just 2.8 miles from Riverglades ES) from March 25th - March 29th. The camp is open to K-5th grade students and is currently accepting registrations. The cost is \$165 per student. To register or for more information, please click the link:

<https://www.enrichmentmasters.online/spring-break-camp-2024>



We LOVE our volunteers! As a reminder, volunteer applications MUST be completed annually. Without an approved volunteer application, you will be unable to volunteer, attend class events and parties, chaperone field trips, and so much more. The application takes a few minutes to complete.

[Click here to apply](#)

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE select classroom assistance on your application. This option will cover any and all volunteer activities. This will allow us to preprint badges for events.



NO PARKING

Please be aware - there are NEW no parking signs placed on the west side of Parkside Drive south of the crosswalk. All parking violations will be enforced. I am only the messenger!!!! I completely understand your concerns but there is nothing Riverglades can do about the new signs.



PROMOTION CRITERIA

The promotion criteria has been released. The promotion criteria is based on the results from the 3rd administration of STAR/FAST given in May. Teachers are reviewing data and will inform parents if their child is not meeting promotion criteria at this time. Teachers are using data and continuing to teach new and review already taught standards to help all students meet proficiency and promotion criteria. Math is no longer a promotion criteria for any grade at the elementary level. In addition to the promotion criteria, there are also several good cause promotion criterias. The last FAST assessment was administered in December. Students are still being instructed on the standards. We will be discussing promotion criteria at the next SAC and PTA meetings.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Kids Heart Challenge through the American Heart Association. Last year we were the number 1 school in Broward and the 2nd in the state raising over \$55,000. We have currently raised over \$18,000. If you are interested in donating, you can donate at www.2.heart.org and search for Riverglades Elementary. Jump Day for Prek-4 grade will be on March 15th. 5th Grade date will be shared soon. Slime day for all grade levels will be on March 21st.



We are excited to work with PTA to bring incentives for our students with the kick-off of our RGE Rewards Store. The RGE store will be available in March for students to redeem their PBIS points. Students can earn points for following the Riverglades Schoolwide Gator Expectations in the classroom, specials, hallways, and the cafeteria. Each week classes with the most points earned in the cafeteria, win the Golden Gator Trophy for the week..



Please join us for McTeacher's Night on March 6, 2024 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

See some of the Riverglades staff working at the McDonalds at 6440 N State Road 7 in Coconut Creek.

The PTA receives a portion of the sales.

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING. DO SOMETHING.



- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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JOIN US!



PTA GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY
FEB 29**
9:00 am

**JOIN IN-
PERSON**
Riverglades
Cafeteria

**JOIN ON
ZOOM**
Meeting ID: 885 7532 9380
Passcode: 12345



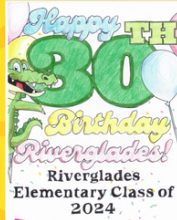
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PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK & AD TODAY

ADS ARE DUE MARCH 31ST
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FOR MORE INFO



Congrats to our cover
contest winner Elorre!

RIVERGLADES

Kindergarten ROUND-UP

Please join us for Kindergarten Round Up at Riverglades Elementary! Learn more about the school, registration process, and take a tour of the campus.

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
6:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you soon!



CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT

ENCHANTING GARDEN

Friday, May 17
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Save the date for this year's **Creative Arts Night: Enchanting Garden!** Bring the family to enjoy our:

- Student art gallery
- Meet the Masters exhibition
- Student talent show
- Crafts & activities
- Basket raffle
- Food trucks
- Local vendor showcase
- and more!

Dress-up is encouraged for all! We can't wait to see all our butterflies, elves, fairies, dragons, and wizards.



Reading is Magic

MEDIA CENTER ARTWORK

The Media Center is where so many of our kids learn to love reading and discover for the first time what makes books so magical.

This spring, the Riverglades PTA will install large new murals and artwork in the Media Center based on that theme: *Reading is Magic*. We invite you to become a part of it by sponsoring a piece of artwork to inspire our new, and developing readers.

Time is limited - sponsor by Friday, March 29, 2024! Learn more at tinyurl.com/readingismagicrge



Learn more



2023 - 2024 BCPS Parent Survey

In an effort to improve system practices, Broward County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take the time to complete this survey. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. The surveys will be available online in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

To complete the survey, click on the link or QR Code:

Parent Survey

Link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/246161/p568>

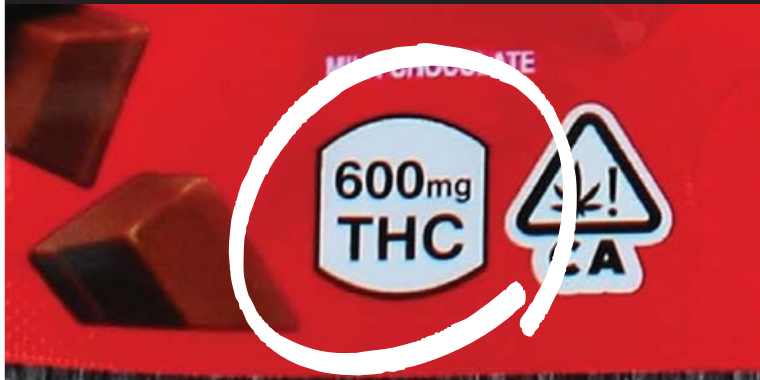


Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.



The survey will be available Friday, March 1, 2024 - Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



**LOOKS CAN
BE DECEIVING!**

Can you tell?

PRESENTED BY THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE BCPS OFFICE OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND SCHOOL CLIMATE

THE DANGERS OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN OUR COMMUNITY

- **Products designed to resemble candy or gummies laced with illegal drugs** such as Fentanyl or THC are becoming more accessible and getting into the hands of youth across Broward County.
- At this important meeting, representatives from the Broward Sheriff's Office will share **insights, advice and practical ways families can help their children make better informed choices** and avoid dangerous medical issues.
- Parents and guardians are reminded to **speak with their children about the importance of maintaining a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle**, stressing the potential risks associated with ingesting edibles that may contain dangerous substances.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Plantation High School Auditorium

6901 N.W. 16th Street

Plantation, FL 33313

No Bags or Purses Permitted inside the Venue



Livestream at becon.tv/bsc, X and Facebook



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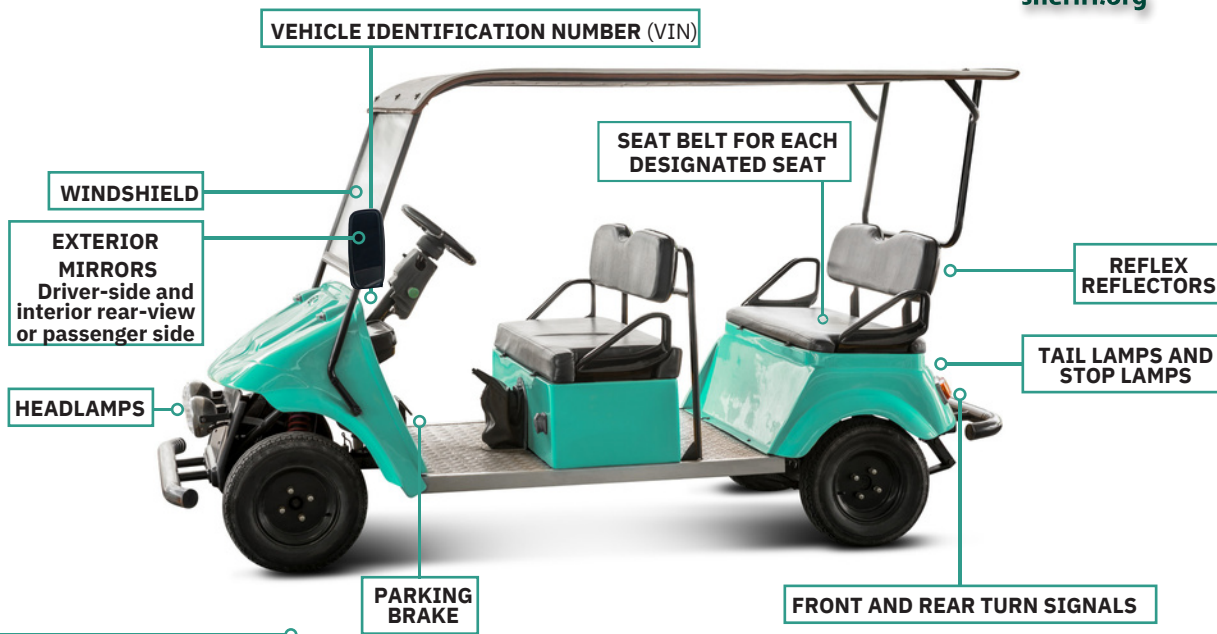
Low Speed Vehicle Guide

For more information about LSVs, visit flhsmv.gov/low-speed-vehicles



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- A low speed vehicle (LSV) is a vehicle with a top speed of 20-25 MPH.
- LSVs must be registered, titled and insured.
- Any person operating an LSV must have a valid driver license.
- LSVs must have personal injury protection (PIP) and property damage liability (PDL) insurance.
- LSVs may only be operated on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 MPH or less.
- LSVs must be equipped with the following safety equipment:



GOLF CARTS

Golf carts are a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 MPH.

- Golf cart drivers under the age of 18 need a learner's permit or a driver's license to operate a vehicle. If 18 or older, you must have valid government-issued identification.
- Golf carts may ONLY be operated on a roadway, or on a sidewalk, that has been specifically designated for golf cart operation by ordinance AND the roadway meets certain criteria.
- Golf carts can only be operated on designated roadways or sidewalks between sunrise and sunset, UNLESS permitted by ordinance AND the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.
- Unconverted golf carts are not required to be titled, registered or insured.

CONVERTED GOLF CARTS

A converted golf cart must be street-legal before applying for title and registration. Prior to titling and registering a converted golf cart, the vehicle must be inspected and assigned a VIN.

An inspection, VIN assignment, title and registration may be obtained at a Motorist Services Regional Office. Visit flhsmv.gov/locations for more information.

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

An off-highway vehicle (OHV) may only be operated on unpaved public roadways where the posted speed limit is less than 35 MPH and only during daylight hours.

- OHVs may only be operated by a licensed driver or a minor under the supervision of a licensed driver and must have proof of satisfactory completion of an approved OHV safety course.
- OHVs are titled, but not registered, and are not required to be insured with PIP and POL coverage.

Source: Florida Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicles

ELECTRIC BIKES Guide

As electric bicycles and vehicles grow in popularity, it is critical riders and motorists know the rules of the road. This guide will equip you with the essential information and best practices to navigate the streets safely.

Electric Bicycle



- ✓ Equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, AND an electric motor of less than 750 Watts
- ✓ Max speed of 28 mph
- ✓ Can be operated on roadways and sidewalks
- ✓ No license or registration required

Electric Motorcycle



- ✓ More than 750 watts
- ✓ Must be registered as a vehicle
- ✓ Must have a driver's license with motorcycle endorsement
- ✓ Can only be operated on roadways



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