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awgrass Elementary ounseling Newsletter!

September 2026

Starting off strong!

First month of school down!
As the school year really starts to pick up, we'll include monthly lessons, skills and strategies, and more to help you and your children succeed.

The Importance of a Good Routine

It's important to stick to a routine! Having a set after-school schedule that includes homework, leisure, snacks, and rest is important to not only help our students complete all their work, but teach them self-regulation and work ethic skills. A good routine helps students be their best self!

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The Panthers' Print

Important Morning Reminders

- Students should be dropped off at school no earlier than 7:30. Adult supervision starts at 7:30
- All students who enter the front gates at 7:30 are to go directly to the café and wait at their grade level table till 7:40 regardless of if they are not having breakfast.
- If you are wanting your child to go directly to their hallway upon arriving at school, please drop them off after 7:40
- Our first bell rings at 7:55. For those having breakfast, when the first bell rings, they are to throw away their breakfast and are to go right to their classroom.
- School starts at 8:00 am. At the 8:00 am bell, our front gates are shut. Any student not in their seat at 8:00 am are marked tardy.

• As a friendly reminder- Learning starts at 8:00, you don't want your child to be late!

Important Lunch Information for 26-27 School Year
Please see the attached documents regarding changes to the lunch program for the district. The district no longer will be providing free lunch. The menu will show you up to two weeks of meals. The full cost for student lunch for the 26-27 SY will be $4.00.
Application Link for Free & Reduced Lunch
School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Important Dates
Week of 8/1: FAST PM 1 ELA testing (See your child's teacher for specifics)
8/1-8/18: K-2 STAR PM 1 Window (Reach out to your child's teacher for more detailed information)
8/4: Fun Friday- Favorite Hobby Day
8/7: NO SCHOOL
Week of 8/8: FAST PM 1 Math testing (See your child's teacher for specifics)
8/9: 1st Quarter Interims issued on FOCUS
8/11: Fun Friday- Celebrate America Day- Wear Red, White & Blue
8/18: Fun Friday- Tie-Dye Day
8/21: NO SCHOOL
8/24: SAC/ SAI/ PTA in Media Center @ 7:35 am
8/25: Fun Friday- Sweet Treat Day
8/25-10/1: Scholastic Book Fair (A schedule will be sent out later in the month)
9/30: Book Fair Night- 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Media Center

Do you follow Sawgrass Elementary on Instagram?
Follow us @sawgrass_elementary
Sawgrass Elementary is a Uniform school. Our PTA sells both uniform approved polos and t-shirt. Check out their gear in the link below:
Sawgrass Apparel
Follow Sawgrass Elementary PTA on social media

FOCUS
Please see the attached information about creating a FOCUS account. It is recommended to create your account **using a computer**, prior to downloading the app. Here you will complete your **mandatory** back to school documents, **opt-in for the 1:1 laptop program**, see attendance, quarter grades, access report cards & interims, state test scores, and more!
FOCUS PARENT REGISTRATION PAGE
DISTRICT FOCUS HELP PAGE

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PTA Updates!
EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

We've moved from Cheddar Up to Zeffy! Our new platform for PTA memberships, purchases, and donations.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS ON OUR
new PTA LINKTREE!
Easy access to everything PTA all in one place!

- **PTA MEMBERSHIP** – Join today and help support our students, teachers, and school!
- **PANTHER LOGO STORE** – STORE IS OPEN! Show your Panther pride with spirit wear and more!
- **TEACHER & STAFF BREAKFAST DONATIONS** – Help us welcome our amazing teachers and staff with a special back-to-school breakfast!

Visit our new PTA Linktree!
http://linktr.ee/SawgrassElementaryPTA
Save the link for easy access all year long!

Thank you for your continued support!
TOGETHER, WE MAKE SAWGRASS STRONG!



FOCUS School Software

Enrollment
Parent Portal Registration & Mobile App

To add another student, select ***I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled*** and repeat the steps above as necessary. If you are done adding students to the portal, select ***I am FINISHED adding students.*** ***Please take me to the Portal.***

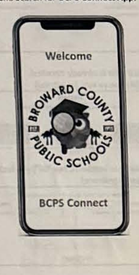


Download the Mobile App

Focus' **BCPS Connect App** provides teachers, students, and parents a streamlined way to access student information.

Note: Before downloading the app, you must follow the steps to *Create an Account* found on page 1.

Then go to Google Play or Apple Store and search for **BCPS Connect App**.



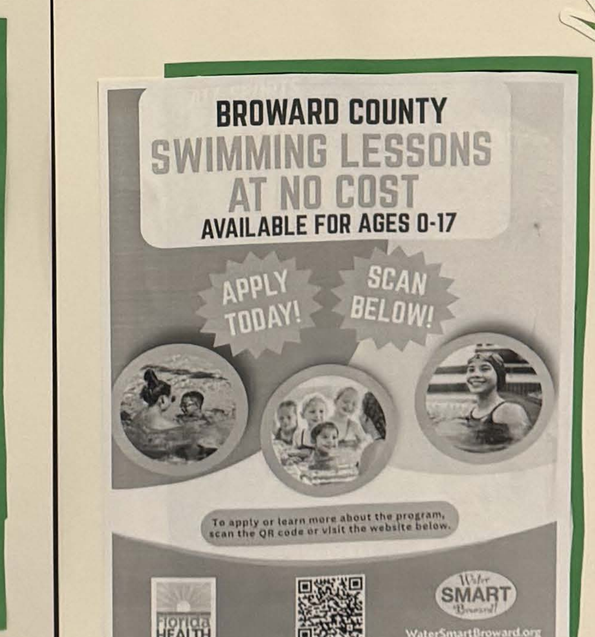




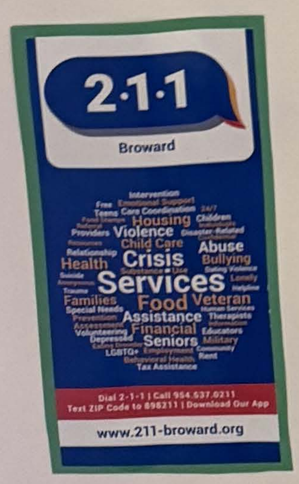
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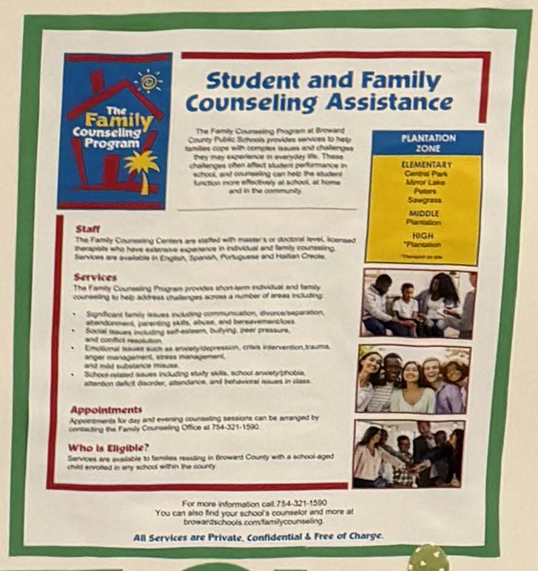












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