

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is counting down to the start of the 2017/18 school year! The first day of classes for schools on the traditional school year calendar is **Monday, August 21, 2017**.

Here is Volume 2 of What's New in 2017/18:



### More Schools Offer the Dual Language Program

- The number of innovative District elementary schools offering the Dual Language Program is growing. **Six elementary schools are debuting the popular program in 2017/18, bringing the total number of schools with Dual Language Programs to 41.** The six schools launching programs this school year include: Driftwood Elementary School, McNab Elementary School, Panther Run Elementary School, Pines Lake Elementary School, Riverglades Elementary School and Sea Castle Elementary School.
- The BCPS Dual Language Program offers a school-within-a-school approach to second language acquisition education. The goal of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to become fully bilingual by learning, listening, speaking, reading and writing in English and the target language. The Dual Language Program also promotes multicultural awareness and appreciation for other languages and cultures.

Learn more about Dual Language Programs and participating schools at [browardschools1.com/domain/11484](http://browardschools1.com/domain/11484).



### BCPS Offers the Largest Debate Initiative in the World

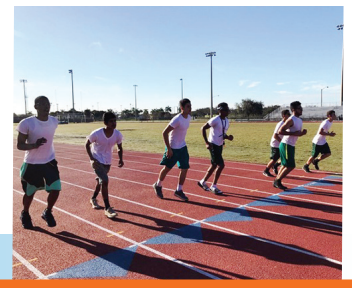
- The BCPS debate initiative is expanding in the 2017/18 school year to include more elementary schools. **This school year, debate programs are launching in 21 additional elementary schools, for a total of 31 elementary schools across the District. Debate continues to be offered in all BCPS middle and high schools.** Speech and debate students learn research, logic, organization of ideas, manipulation of language, assessment of audience, self-esteem and engagement in world events.
- BCPS offers the largest debate initiative in the world, with approximately 12,000 students taking part. Students consistently earn local, state and national recognition for their debate skills. In fact, over the summer, 95 BCPS students competed in the National Speech and Debate Tournament. Three District schools – Cypress Bay High School, Nova High School and Western High School – were recognized as Schools of Outstanding Distinction for finishing among the top 10 schools, out of more than 500 schools from across the country. In addition, five BCPS students ranked among the top five in the nation out of more than 5,000 students.

Learn more about the BCPS Debate Initiative at [browardschools.com/debate](http://browardschools.com/debate).



### BCPS Middle School Athletic Options Expand

- Attention young golfers and cross-country runners! BCPS is excited to begin offering these two sports options for District middle schools in the 2017/18 school year. **Each District middle school has the option to offer girls and boys cross country teams and girls and boys golf teams.** In addition, BCPS middle school students may also participate in girls and boys basketball, flag football, soccer, track and volleyball athletic teams.
- Providing students with opportunities to participate in a variety of athletic programs promotes higher self-esteem, physical health, problem solving skills and academic achievement.





### Schools Welcoming New Principals in 2017/18

BCPS is proud to have incredible teachers, administrators and staff members across the District working hard every day to provide students with a high-quality education. In 2017/18, the following schools are welcoming principals who are new to their school communities.

Schools	Principal
Annabel C. Perry Pre-K-8	Thomas Correll
Bennett Elementary School	Danielle Smith
Bethune Elementary School	Latosha Williams
Broadview Elementary School	Joshua Kisten
Castle Hill Elementary School	Letitia Ingram
Colbert Museum Magnet	Marissa Fishlock
Cresthaven Elementary School	Donald Lee
North Andrews Gardens Elementary School	Catrice Duhart
North Lauderdale Pre K-8	Nichele Williams
Nova Blanche Forman Elementary School	Russell Schwartz
Oriole Elementary School	Sheneka Blue
Park Lakes Elementary School	Rhonda Parris
Park Trails Elementary School	Charles McCanna
Pine Ridge Education Center	Dr. Henry Brown
Rock Island Elementary School	Cormic Priester
Sanders Park Elementary School	Trevor Roberts
Sawgrass Elementary School	Stephen DeCotis
Tedder Elementary School	Shinita Coachman-Beavers
Village Elementary School	Wanda Haynes
Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School	Cynthia Felton
Welleby Elementary School	Francis Fuce-Ollivierre
<i>Note: List of New Principals as of July 2017</i>	



### What's New on the Menu

The District's Food and Nutrition Services Department is dedicated to ensuring students have healthy and tasty food choices in their school cafeterias. Here's "What's New" on the menu this school year:

#### LUNCH

- Chicken Drumsticks (antibiotic free)\*
- Chicken "Snack-atizers" (antibiotic free)\*
- Stuffed Burgers
- Edamame Blend Vegetables\*
- Strawberry Banana Swirls\*
- Walking Tacos (being piloted in middle schools)
- Buddy Fruits
- StarKist Albacore Tuna
- Sabra Hummus
- Del Monte Baked Beans

#### BREAKFAST

- Cheese and Minion Grahams\*
- Whole Wheat Pop Tart and Cheese
- Oatmeal (pilot)

*\*Students taste-tested during the District's 2016/17 Food Show.*



As a reminder, BCPS offers free breakfast for all students every school day. For more details on school meals, visit [broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice](http://broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice).



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