

FORT MYERS BEACH ELEMENTARY



2024-2025 Calendar and Handbook

School Information - Información de la Escuela

School Day for Students Horario para los estudiantes	7:55 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.
Breakfast Desayuno	7:25 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.
Office Hours Horas de Oficina	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
After School Program: Horas Programa Después de Clase	Bay Oaks For information call 239-765-4222
School Website	http://bch.leeschools.net

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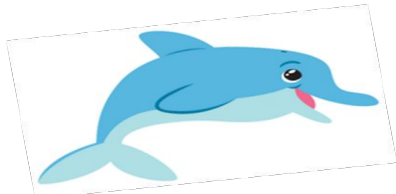
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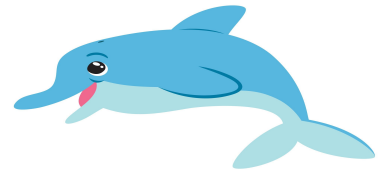
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pre-School Week	3
4	5	6	7	8 FMBE Open House	9	10
11	12 Students First Day 	13	14	15 PTO Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Early Dismissal Severe Weather Make up Day	27	28	29	30	31

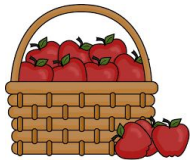
Important Numbers - Números Importantes

Main Office	239-463-6356
Transportation South Zone/Transportación	239-590-4000
Student Assignment/Asignación de Estudiantes	239-337-8247
AR Renaissance Place	https://renlearning.leeschools.net
iReady Learning	https://login.i-ready.com
Focus/Parent Portal	http://focusleeschools.net

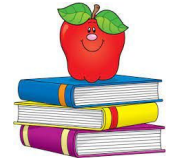


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September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day No School 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 PTO Meeting SAC Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Discipline Policy

When we are all doing our best, the school becomes an exciting and friendly place where every person is learning new things every day. At Fort Myers Beach Elementary School, we are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect. Staff and students work together to help every person in the school reach their fullest potential. Any behavior or action which interferes with another person's learning will not be tolerated.

Office Referral Procedures

Students will be sent to the office for serious offenses:

- Physically dangerous behavior (assault, fighting, etc.)
- Any illegal act
- Insubordinate behavior/open disrespect of staff members
- Disrupting the learning environment
- Defiance

When a child receives a discipline referral, parents will be contacted.

Cell Phones

According to School District Policy, students are permitted to have cell phones in their possession to communicate with parents before or after school hours. School hours are defined as the time the student arrives at school or enters a school bus until they exit school or exit a school bus. Student cell phones may not be turned on or used by students for any functions, including texting and cameras, during school hours. Offenders will have phone confiscated and taken to office for parent pickup. Disciplinary actions will occur for repeat offenses. Students who must contact parents during the school day may use the school phone in the clinic or front office, or in the classroom with teacher permission.

Toys and Valuable Items

It is requested that parents check to make sure that children DO NOT bring to school articles such as: valuable jewelry, toys/games, small computer games and trading cards.

These items are often lost, stolen or damaged. They also cause disruptions in the classroom. The school cannot and will not be responsible for valuable articles lost or stolen.

Assemblies/After School Event

At all times a student's behavior needs to be respectful and courteous. Whether any guests are present or not, each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Classroom teachers will make their expectations clear to all students before each event, so there will be no doubt as to what is acceptable behavior. Students who choose not to follow acceptable and expected standards of behavior will be removed from the assembly. Examples of these behaviors may be, whistling, uncalled for clapping, running around, and talking during a program.



October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Rosh Hashanah No School	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 End of Q1	12
13	14 Professional Duty Day: No Students Severe Weather Make up Day Columbus Day	15	16	17 PTO Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Early Dismissal Day Severe weather Make up day	29	30	31 Halloween 		

Student Statement of Understanding

I have read all of the information in the Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Calendar/Handbook, and I am aware of the school's policies, procedures and behavioral expectations. I understand that:

- There are positive consequences for adherence to, and negative consequences for violations of, the Lee County Code of Student Conduct and the Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Conduct Plan and Dress Code.
- I am responsible for my behavior and I am expected to treat others and myself with dignity and respect. If I am involved in an argument or disagreement, I will inform my teacher, an administrator, or an adult in order to resolve the conflict.
- If I choose to exhibit disrespect or insubordination including: profanity, gestures, religious or racial slurs towards an adult or student on campus, then I am subject to disciplinary action.
- If I choose to exhibit aggressive behavior (threats or intimidations) through words or deeds, or exhibit disrespect towards any adult or student on campus, then I am subject to disciplinary action.
- If my behavior results in disciplinary action, then it is my responsibility to inform my parent or guardian of the incident and consequences and to provide them with the copies of the referrals.
- I am expected to adhere to Fort Myers Beach Elementary's expectations while on campus or on school related field trips.



Parent Statement of Understanding

I have read the expectations provided in the Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Calendar/Handbook and the Lee County Code of Student Conduct with my child. I further understand that there are positive consequences for adherence to, and negative consequences for violation of, the Lee County Code of Student Conduct and the Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Conduct Plan and Dress Code which could include a form of suspension.



November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Daylight Savings Time ends 	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 PTO Meeting SAC Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30
Thanksgiving Break						

Standardized Dress Code

General Expectation: The dress code is to encourage students to focus on the learning process without the distractions of unsuitable dress and grooming. Personal appearance shall not disrupt the educational process. Students dressed appropriately demonstrate a respect for self and others, as well as contributing to a safe and orderly learning environment. The following establishes the minimum acceptable standards for student dress code. ***The final decision of appropriateness rests with the school administration,** as per the Student Appearance and Dress Code in the School District Code of Conduct for Students.

Tops: Shirts/blouses shall be appropriately fastened and the length shall extend beyond the waist line. The following are not permitted: transparent or see-through tops, spaghetti straps, bare midriff, strapless low-cut, halter, backless or tube tops. Apparel with inappropriate wording or pictures such as tobacco, drugs, alcohol, profanity or skulls are not permitted.

Bottoms: Bottoms should be fastened at the waist without undergarments showing. Shorts, skirts or dresses must be at fingertip length or above the knee. Leggings are not appropriate unless worn under a dress, skirt or shorts.

Shoes: Sneakers or enclosed style shoes are required daily.

Sandals with backs, flip-flops, high heels or shoes with wheels are NOT permitted. Articles of clothing may not have rips, tears, or holes. Additionally, makeup and acrylic fingernails are not permissible. Tattoos are NOT permitted, including fake tattoos. Dangling jewelry such as earrings or excessive jewelry is NOT permitted.



Hair and Head Wear

Student hair color is limited to any naturally occurring color. Blue, purple, pink, green, etc. are not allowed. Extreme, distracting hair styles are not allowed. Bandanas, scarves and hats are not allowed with the exception of hats for outdoor activities.

SAC (School Advisory Council)

This team has representatives from all areas of school: staff groups, parents and community members. This team prepares the School Improvement Plan and will be involved in the implementation and assessment of this plan. If you would like to join our SAC committee, please contact the front office.



Volunteer Program

We invite you to become a part of our volunteer program. Our program is designed to work with students who need one-on-one or small group assistance. Students need that caring adult who will make a difference in their life! Do you like to read? Do you want to make a difference? Come be a part of this program and give a child the gift that just may change his/her life! Serve as a responsible role model. **Contact us at 239-463-6356. All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application form.**



December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19 PTO Meeting	20 Early Dismissal End of Q2 Severe Weather Make up Day	21	
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	
29	30	31 New Years Eve	Winter Break				

Sexual Harassment/ Bullying

If any words or actions make you feel uncomfortable or fearful, you need to tell a teacher, the principal, or another adult at school.

You may also make a written report. It should be given to a teacher, the principal, a mentor, school guidance counselor, or the equity coordinator.

Your right to privacy will be respected as much as possible. We take seriously all reports of sexual harassment and harassment based upon race, color, national origin, and disability. We take appropriate action to investigate such claims, to eliminate harassment, and to discipline any persons found to have engaged in such conduct.

The School District will also take action if anyone tries to intimidate you or take action to harm you because you made such a report.

Prevention and Control of Head Lice

Pediculosis humanus capitis (head lice) is one of the most common health problems of childhood. School nurses, health aides, and other school personnel have been trained to identify lice and nits. Parents should be aware of the facts about lice and should inspect their children often. The Lee County School District has a “no nit” policy regarding students and head lice. All nits must be removed from the hair before the child can be readmitted to school.

Facts on Head Lice

Anyone can get head lice, and it is not a sign of being unclean. Head lice cannot jump or fly, but crawl rapidly. Head lice are transmitted by direct contact with a person who is infested by wearing infested clothing or using an infested comb or brush. Head lice make their home in human hair and lay eggs called nits on the hair. Nits are tiny, yellowish white oval specks attached to hair shafts. Unlike dandruff, they will not wash off or blow away. Persistent itching is one of the first signs that one may have head lice. If one person in the family has head lice, there is a good chance others will have it, too. So, each family member should be checked. Dogs and cats cannot get head lice.

Treatment

Parents are responsible for the treatment of their child. Treatment is a two-step process involving the use of a head louse shampoo and a comb made especially for nit removal. Several louse shampoos are available at pharmacies. Read all package information and follow directions carefully. All nits must be removed from the hair before the child is readmitted to school. All students must be re-checked with a parent/guardian present in the school clinic before a student is able to return to school.


Preventative Measures

Do not share articles that come in contact with the head, neck, or shoulders (combs, brushes, hats, coats, towels, ribbons, scarves, sweaters). Inspect children for head lice on a regular basis.



January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
			1 New Year's Day No School	2 No School	3 No School	4
5	6 Professional Duty Day: No students Severe Weather Make up	7 Q3 begins Students Return	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 PTO Meeting SAC Meeting	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Attendance...Absences Matter and You can Help

Attending school everyday and on time is key.

In order for a student to benefit from classroom instruction, regular school attendance is essential. Lee County School Board Policy includes the following rules:

1. Acceptable excused absences are: illness, the death of someone in the family, religious holidays of a child's own religion, scheduled medical appointment, or a court date.
2. A parent should call the school each day a child is absent (463-6356). When a child returns to school, a written note should be sent specifying the date (s) and the reason (s) for the absence.
3. The responsibility for school attendance of children rests primarily with the parent/guardian.

The new district policy on attendance sets specific guidelines for the schools to follow when students are excessively absent or tardy. The following procedures are in place at Fort Myers Beach Elementary School:

1. The school will send the parent a statement outlining the attendance policy and steps to be initiated for continued absences.
2. If absences are extensive, the social worker will contact the parent to document the reasons for the absences and to inform the parent of the compulsory attendance law and consequences for excessive absences or tardies.
3. After 14 absences, the parent will receive a written request to meet at school to discuss and resolve the attendance problem.
4. After 19 absences, the student will be referred to the Academic team review committee to determine whether the student shall be promoted or retained.

Early Dismissal/Withdrawal

Early sign-outs are defined as a parent or guardian signing out a child before the end of the school day.

1. No student shall be released within the final 30 minutes of the school day unless the principal/designee determines it is an emergency.
2. All schools shall establish procedures for early release that ensure that students are treated consistently.
3. Excessive early sign-outs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis to determine if there is a pattern of non-attendance.
4. Unless excused under the provisions of this policy, accumulated early sign-outs may be equal to one day of absence.
5. If a student is to be dismissed early due to an appointment, please notify the teacher by writing in the planner, and or sending a note.


Additionally, it is important that your child be on time every day. School opens at 7:25, and we strongly encourage your child arrive to school between 7:25 and 7:45. This will provide your child with extra teacher support, organizational time, and a great start to the day.

Students are considered tardy for school if they are not in their classrooms at or before the 7:55 bell.



February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16	17 President's Day No School	18	19	20 PTO Meeting	21	22
23	24 Early Dismissal	25	26	27	28	

Parent/Teacher Communication

If you ever have any questions about your child's progress or any reports, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher or the school administration so that we may clarify and assist you. The following are ways that we may broaden our communication.

Teacher/Student conferences

Conferences can be scheduled during non-instructional times. Communication between home and school is very important. We will also have twice a year student-led conferences

DOJO- Your child's teacher will work with you to set up an account.

Focus Parent Portal: <http://focus.leeschools.net>

Email: Teacher email addresses are available on our website.

Report Cards / Interim Reports

A report on the progress of each student is issued every nine weeks. An interim report will be available on Focus halfway through each grading period. These reports include information on the child's skill development, work habits, and personal development.

Parent Pick-Up and Drop Off Procedures: All adults on campus who are not school district employees must sign in at the office with state issued identification and wear a visitor or volunteer badge.

Student Pick-Up and Drop Off: Ensuring the safety and security of students has been at the heart of all procedures established at Fort Myers Beach Elementary. We appreciate your support and compliance with the parent pick-up and drop-off procedures.

Morning Drop-Off @ 7:25: The front entrance is the ONLY entrance to be used. Students should not be dropped off at the gate prior to 7:25 a.m. Under no circumstances should students be dropped off on the street.

Afternoon Pick-Up @ 2:10: Students are picked up at the front of the school. Please remain in your car and display your car tag. Your child/children will be brought to you and helped into the car.

Car tags will be supplied for each family. Additional tags may be purchased for \$1.00 each in the office. Students will not be released without a car tag. Parents/guardians without the tag must park and sign their child(ren) out in the office and provide proper ID. NO EXCEPTIONS! Each tag will have the name of the child and grade written on it. Please display this tag as it will help to expedite our line.






Afternoon Pick-Up Before 2:10: Parents picking children up for pre-approved medical or emergency reasons during school hours and/or before the dismissal bell are to park in designated visitor spaces and sign children out from the front office. Parents should call the [office by 1:30](#) and send a note with any change for afternoon pickup.

Rainy Day Procedure: All students will be held under cover until it is safe for students to dismiss.



March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	10	11	12	13 End of Q3	14 Professional Duty Day: No Students	15
16 	17 	18 			21	22 
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29

Early Dismissal/Withdrawal

Parents are urged to leave their children in school all day. Doctor, dentist or other appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible. Please notify the teacher and office when an early dismissal is necessary. Always send a note to the teacher any day that your plans change from the regular routine. When parents come to school to pick up their child before school is over, they must come to the office first. The secretary will ask the teacher to excuse the child and have him/her sent to the office. Only those people listed on the emergency card will be permitted to sign a student out from the school.

Bus Transportation

Riding the bus to school is a privilege! For safety reasons, it is absolutely necessary for students to obey their bus driver. When a student cannot follow the rules on the bus, the Administration has the right to suspend him/her from riding the bus. It then becomes the obligation of the parent to transport the student to and from school.

Bus Rules:

The driver is in full charge of the bus, and students must obey the driver.

Students shall sit in their assigned seats at all times, with their head and arms inside the bus.

Eating, drinking, chewing gum, and candy are not allowed on the bus.

Anything that interferes with student safety will not be allowed. This includes: fighting, profanity, abusive language, disruptive behavior, etc. Large or sharp objects, radios, animals, glass containers, etc. are not permitted on the bus.



Bus Stop Safety for Students

When waiting for the bus stop, make sure you are at least three giant steps, or six feet away from the street.

Never stand or sit near the street when waiting at your stop. No running or playing.

Wear bright colored clothing that makes it easy for drivers to see you. Carry a flashlight and add reflective tape to your book bag.

Pay attention to your surroundings. Put down phones and remove earbuds so you can hear and see what is happening around you.

Ask a trusted adult to visit your bus stop. Introduce them to your bus driver and show them how you stay safe while you wait for the bus.

Never talk to strangers at the bus stop. Alert your bus driver as soon as possible if a stranger tries to approach you.

School Policy for Bus Referrals is as follows:

1st Referral: The student will receive a written referral, counseling on the bus rules, and parent/guardian will be notified.

2nd Referral: The student will receive a written referral, one day suspension, and the parent/ guardian will be notified.

Subsequent Referrals: The student can be suspended from riding the bus for 1-10 days, and the parent/guardian will be notified. Each offense will be addressed on an individual basis and consequences will be decided by school administration.





April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 PTO Meeting SAC Meeting	18 Good Friday No School	19
20 Easter 	21 Easter Monday No School	22 Earth Day 	23	24	25	26
27	28 Early Dismissal	29	30			

Walkers and Bike Riders

If your child is designated as a walker or biker, this means your child lives within the two mile radius and has permission to leave campus to walk or ride their bike home at the end of the school day. Students who ride bikes to school are responsible for bringing their own bike lock. The school is not responsible for bikes left in the bike rack. All students riding bikes must wear bike helmets. A staff member will walk all students to the walker gates.

Accelerated Reader (AR)

A lifelong habit of independent reading is encouraged through our Accelerated Reader Program. All students participate in AR, a technology-based reading program. K - 2nd grade students are expected to spend 10 to 20 minutes each evening reading or being read to if they are not yet an independent reader. Grade 3-5 students are expected to spend 20-30 minutes each evening reading. Students may also have opportunities during the day for independent reading. Each child has a reading goal which includes points and percentages and are reviewed at the end of each quarter. You are able to check your child's reading progress when you log into the Parent Portal

Celebrations (Birthday, etc.)

Fort Myers Beach Elementary School enjoys celebrating special events with our students. All birthday celebrations will take place during the lunch period. If you choose to send in a treat for your child's birthday, please be sure it is store purchased. We encourage "small treats", which are convenient to eat, such as mini cupcakes or cookies.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

An appointed team of school specialists meet to discuss the progress of students. This team might include any of the following: principal, school counselor, intervention specialist, curriculum specialist, classroom teacher and other professionals as needed. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend any of these meetings for their child. If you feel your child is struggling academically, socially, or emotionally, please feel free to contact the school to set up a meeting so that we can all work together to create a support plan for your child.

Computer Technology

Students will have opportunities to utilize Chromebook/Google Classroom technology throughout the school day to enhance their educational experience. As always, it is our expectation that students use our technology in an appropriate manner. Inappropriate use of technology and/or equipment may result in disciplinary action. Please refer to the Student Network Use Agreement for details.





May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Teacher Appreciation Week						
11 Mother's Day	12	1	1	15 PTO Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	2	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day No School	27	28	29 Early Dismissal	30 Early Dismissal Last Day for Students	31

Curriculum

The curriculum at Fort Myers Beach Elementary School, in accordance B.E.S.T. Standards, is designed to provide students with a quality education that promotes within the students the desire to seek knowledge and to envision learning as a lifelong process.

The curriculum is rigorous and relevant at all academic levels. We will empower our students with the necessary written, oral, and technical communication skills to master the content. Students are encouraged to become cooperative, self-reliant, productive members of their class and society, and to be responsible for their own learning. Fort Myers Beach Elementary School students receive instruction in academic subjects, as well as a firm foundation in technology, physical education, art, and music. You may obtain a copy of the B.E.S.T. Standards and additional information on curriculum on the FLDOE website.

Grading Scale

At Fort Myers Beach Elementary our primary purpose is to provide a learning environment where students are able to obtain high academic success in all academic areas. Our focus is on student mastery of the standards. The following scale is used by the School District of Lee County and will be the scale to determine student achievement. All students will receive letter grades. The following shows how the numerical value converts.

A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 N: 60-69 U: 0-59

Breakfast / Lunch Program Information

Through the Community Eligibility Program, the 2024-2025 **school year breakfasts and lunches will be available FREE of charge**. Free and reduced meal applications are not required to be eligible.

Additional milk and snacks will be available for a fee.

Students may also bring lunch from home. If students need to bring money to school, please be sure it is in a secure place, and they give it to their teacher immediately. Students should not be allowed to carry large bills to school for any reason.

Please send only plastic bottles to school. In addition, no candy, soda, or gum is permitted.

All students are required to bring a plastic/unbreakable water bottle every day.

**We want students to enjoy their lunch time break.
Students are expected to:**

**Speak in a soft, conversational tone.
Remain seated unless given permission to leave their seat.
Respect adults supervising the lunch room.
Clean-up after they finish eating.**





June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
1	2 Professional Duty Day: No Students	3	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	13	14 Flag Day 
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	19 Juneteenth	20	21
22 29	23 30	24	25	26	26	28



MEAL/SNACK PRICES

Student Breakfast: Free for all Students

Student Lunch: Free for all Students

Additional Milk: \$.40

Snacks/Ice Cream: \$.50—\$1.00

Adult Breakfast: \$2.75

Adult Lunch: \$4.50





July 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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