

Principal's Message

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WELCOME TO BROWARD COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DISCOVERY MIDDLE!

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the Leona Group, I want to welcome you to our family of schools. I am thrilled with our continued progress and academic success. However, we have more to do! We ended last year with A and B schools and well on our way in making AYP. Details are below regarding our current ratings. Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us. We appreciate your confidence and support. Have a wonderful year and please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything.

SCHEDULING CONFERENCES

Scheduling a conference with your child's teacher is VERY easy! Please email teachers directly through Leona Group email or via Pinnacle. You may also call 954-345-6500 and leave a message. You will be contacted so as to schedule a date and time.

Broward Community Charter School (5315)	B
Broward Community Charter School West (5403)	A
Discovery Middle Charter School (5412)	B

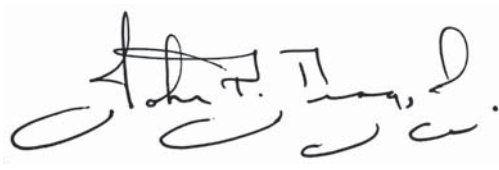
AYP - NO FOR ALL THREE SCHOOLS

PRINTED NEWSLETTERS - EMAIL, PLEASE!

We are trying to GO GREEN!

All future newsletters will be emailed to parents and/or located on our website. PLEASE ensure that we have your email – send to Our Webmaster at browardcharter@gmail.com. We will print only a few copies each edition and have available at the front desk. However, please help us "go green" and access all this information online.

Thank you!



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Mr. Drag

Event Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5 • NO SCHOOL!	13 • Benchmark Testing Continues	7 • BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - OPEN HOUSE	8 • Fall Fund-raiser Begins	16 • Benchmark Tests Continues (Reading and Math)
12 • SCHOOL TOUR 9 AM (Perspective Parents) • Back to School Night - Open House 6-8 Grade from 6:30-7:30PM • Benchmark Tests (Reading and Math)	14 • PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE! 8:15 AM • Stingray Representative Breakfast (9:00 AM) • MEETINGS: - SAC AT 5:00 PM - PTO AT 6:00 PM - BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 7:00 PM	14 • K-2 from 6:00-7:00 PM; 3-5 from 7:30-8:30 PM • Benchmark Tests Continues (Reading and Math)	15 • Benchmark Tests Continues (Reading and Math)	23 • INTERIM REPORTS • STUDENT OF THE MONTH • Dance - Grades 3-5; 3 to 6 PM
19 • School Tours 9AM & 6PM (Prospective Parents)	27 • LAST DAY FOR FALL FUND-RAISER - All money and orders to the office!		22 • EARLY RELEASE 12:00 PM - All Students	30 • Student of the Month 1:30 PM K-8
26 • School Tours 9AM			29 • NO SCHOOL!	

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CHARTER SCHOOL LIAISONS

Each of our three schools is represented by an individual Governing Board Member! All three may be reached by phone at 954-345-6500 and we will send them a message to contact you. Or, you may reach each by email: Ms. Carole Rakoff (Broward Community Charter School – 5315) is at browardcharterscs@gmail.com. Mr. Steffen A. DeLuc (Broward Community Charter School West – 5403) is at browardcharterwest@gmail.com.

And, Mr. Raymond Piquion (Discovery Middle Charter School – 5412) is at discoverymiddlecs@gmail.com

STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

Teachers will conference with you throughout the year regarding your child's progress and the requirements for promotion to the next grade level. You may access the entire document (6000.1 – Pupil Progression) through the Broward County School Board website – <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>

MANDATORY RETENTION!

Did you know that the state has a MANDATORY retention policy for third grade? Stay informed! Speak with your child's teacher. Additional information may be found through the School Board website. Hard copies are also available in the office.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

School policy and procedures are found as part of your registration packet, the Parent Information Folder, and published throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you have any questions regarding school policies and procedures.

OUT-OF-FIELD

Out-of-field refers to a teacher in a classroom that may not possess all of their credentials. For example, all teachers MUST be ESOL (English as a Secondary Language) certified. If a teacher is not ESOL certified, but working on it, then they are considered out-of-field. Students will receive letters should their classroom teacher be considered out-of-field.

PINNACLE AND VIRTUAL COUNSELOR

We use Pinnacle in all grades to report a student's grades and assignments. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have access. Virtual Counselor (VC) is through the School Board and provides you with absence information and testing data. It is a GREAT tool for you. You will need to have your child's FSI number (contact our Registrar, Mrs. Ali, in writing or email at saliesha.ali@leonagroup.com). The website for VC is <https://www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor/>

Some Openings!

We still have some openings for this school year. TEN (10) Volunteer Hours to any parent of ours that brings a "friend" to register a NEW student BEFORE September 30th. IF you bring in more than one family or MULTIPLE students, then you and the new family receive ONE MONTH of FREE After care! Talk about a deal! We have some BEAUTIFUL color flyers in the office that you may take and distribute to family, friends, and local businesses.

MEDICATION

Students with medical conditions that require medication and/or medical treatment during school hours MUST have a Medical Authorization Form on file. This form is completed and signed by the physician and parent. This includes any over-the-counter medication as well! Students may NOT carry medication themselves on campus at any time.



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TITLE I PARENT INFORMATION

Title I programming is available to all schools where at least 50% of the students qualify for free and/or reduced lunch. ALL three of our schools, Broward Community Charter School (5315), Broward Community Charter School West (5403), and Discovery Middle Charter School (5412), are considered Title I and receive additional funding to support our students. Upon approval by our Governing Board, the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school will be available for review through our website, in the lobby of the office, and at all School Advisory meetings. Each school's Title I School Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) is part of the School Improvement Plan and can be viewed together.

The District Parent Involvement Plan is located on the Title I website: http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/PARENT_INVOLEMENT.html. That document is also available in the school lobby and at all School Advisory meetings.

VISITORS

ALL visitors MUST first report to the office when coming to school. You will sign-in and receive a VISITOR badge. Visitors on campus must wear their badges at all times and sign-out when their visit is complete. This is for everyone's safety and it protects instructional time.



ICE CREAM

Ice cream is sold every Wednesday. The cost is \$1.25.



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ABSENCES

The best way to communicate your child's absence is to call the BCCS Attendance Hotline at 954-501-2674. We are REQUIRED to enter all absences via the school computer system which is connected to the district. Any absences NOT called in are considered UNEXCUSED and are treated differently – three or more and your child is considered TRUANT.

Help Wanted!

We need your participation at School Advisory Council (SAC) and PTO! Even more critical is a few of you to run for office! Stay tuned for details – job descriptions and what each organization does for the school and all our children. Check out our website – www.browardcharter.org.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

- SAC MEETS AT 5:00 PM
- PTO MEETS AT 6:00 PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS AT 7:00 PM

Business Tails

Come Partner with our Schools and Donate. Your message could be in this Newsletter.

Thank You

The Stingrays

PTO Bulletin

Welcome Back to another GREAT School Year!

We have a lot of fun and exciting "Fun"raisers planned for this year. Our Fall Fundraiser will kick off on September 8th. We will be offering Volunteer hours for your sales!

The first PTO meeting will be held on September 13th at 6PM in the Cafeteria. You will receive 1 volunteer hour for attending.

I hope to see you ALL there.

(See last two pages for PTO Agenda and Membership forms.)

Twincerely + 1,
Leslie Adams * President PTO

From Broward School Board

Coming in October 2011

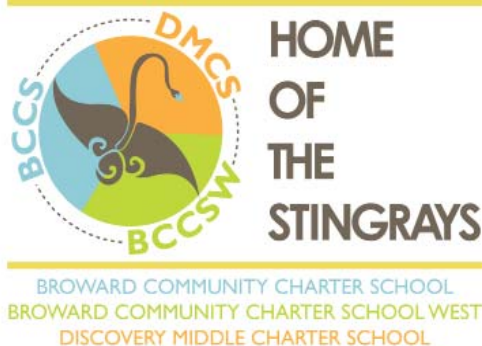
SPEAK UP SURVEYS



HELP FILL THIS SEAT!



Every NEW student that YOU refer to our school will earn YOU TEN VOLUNTEER HOURS! Two or more students will earn you and the new family ONE month of FREE After Care!



Important Notice About SES (Supplemental Educational Services)

SES (Supplemental Educational Services) is a program that offers free tutoring to students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. An SES Brochure was mailed to your home on August 5, 2011. The SES Brochure included a list of SES approved providers, an SES Provider Selection form and a chart to assist you in choosing an SES Provider. If you did not receive this information and are interested in free tutoring for your child, you may obtain an application and a list of SES Providers from one of the following locations:

* Your child's school or * The Title I Office - 701 NW 31 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

The SES Provider Fair

August 29, 2011- Crystal Lake Middle * August 30, 2011- McNicol Middle * August 31, 2011- Arthur Ashe Middle

You must return the completed SES Provider Selection Form on or before Friday, September 9, 2011 to one of the locations listed above. If the district receives more SES applications from eligible students than available funds, the District reserves the right to prioritize applications received by the deadline. Priority will be given to students who scored level 1 or 2 on the FCAT in Reading and/or Math. If you have already completed an SES application, you do not need to complete another application. How can I learn more? Please contact the SES facilitator at your child's school or the Title I Office at 754-321-1400, if you have questions or need additional information.

Sharonda Striggles-Webb

Program Specialist, Title I

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