

August 10, 2020

Welcome, J.D. Parker Students and Parents to the 2020/2021 School Year!

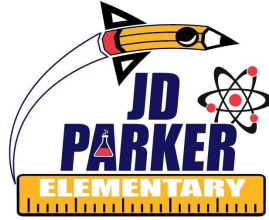
As principal of J. D. Parker Elementary, The School of Science, Math, and Technology, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back. We are all excited to have students back on campus, in our classrooms and hallways. As educators, our goal is to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and part of our school family. We have the best teachers and staff, who have spent hours planning and creating the best learning environment for our students, both brick and mortar or remote learners.

If you have not already done so, please join our Facebook Page, The School of Science, Math, and Technology J. D. Parker Parent Page. Also, please refer to our school website:

<https://www.martinschools.org/jdp>. Should you have any questions regarding student log-in and passwords, please contact [winterj@martinschools.org](mailto:winterj@martinschools.org). Other helpful videos are ClassLink [Sign-in: District Device from Home](#). Parents of remote learners informational videos: English- <https://youtu.be/OvgL17Tdvpc> Spanish- <https://youtu.be/an33UcRvS4c>. We will arrange for materials to deploy for remote learners to parents. Deployment Days will be every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 from the front office. Teachers can also arrange student material pickup for their class.

Safety provisions you can expect for campus learners:

- First and foremost, we are asking parents to keep students home when they are not feeling well. Once on campus, our staff will conduct wellness screening to identify students that are displaying symptoms of not feeling well. Should a student not feel well at school, the student will be sent home according to the district protocol. [Martin Schools Reopening Resources](#)
- All students will enter through the front doors. Students dropped off in the carline will walk to the front of the school to enter the school building. Staff will provide hand sanitizer and reminders for the students to wear their masks.
- Masks are required for all students and staff while on campus. The only exception is while students are playing outside or having an outside snack and eating lunch in the cafeteria.



- NO visitors are permitted on campus. If you receive a call from our clinic to pick up a sick child, you will show your identification through the glass at the front of the school. Your child will be escorted to the front office and released to you.
- To ensure social-distancing in the cafeteria. Please talk to your child's teacher about lunchtimes; snacks are highly recommended because of the lunches to practice social-distance.

A Special THANK YOU to the United Way for purchasing our student supplies.

Our Parker Family is THRILLED to announce our newest staff members. Please join me in welcoming:



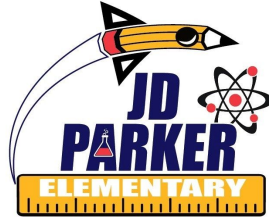
Ms. Vanessa Brissault is teaching second grade. She is graduating from FAU in December and has extensive experience in education.



Ms. Jovele Castoro is not new to Parker, as many of you will remember her from the front office. Ms. Castoro will be teaching 2nd Grade too.



We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jana Solomon back! Ms. Solomon is teaching 5th Grade Math. We are thrilled for her to return home!



Mrs. Melanie Smith will be joining our school family in a different capacity this year. While she is still President of our PTO, she will also be joining us in the front office as the School Counselor Secretary.

Ms. Brenda Elijah will be joining the Parker Family, our new VPK Teacher.

As we embark on this school year, it is our pleasure to serve as your Principal and Assistant Principal. Thank you for sharing your children with us everyday!



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