



Good afternoon Madeira Beach families,

This is **Principal Athanson** calling to welcome all of our students to the 2025-2026 school year. We are excited to have our students start on August 11th. In preparation for the new year I want to remind families to complete all of the student forms in advance. You can access these forms by logging into your parent portal account. The necessary documents will appear once you have logged in. Additionally, we have other documents that will come home with your students on the first day.

The first day back is an exciting time but can also come with some nervousness. We ask that our middle school students arrive to school having checked their focus account and know where their 1st period class will be. In 1st period they will get a copy of their schedule. If they are unable to access this or forget, we will have staff on hand to assist. Our elementary students will be assisted by our staff to report to their classrooms.

We are excited to announce that all of our students will receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. Please make sure that you fill out the forms regarding free / reduced lunch if you feel that you qualify to make sure your student gets the appropriate services should the schoolwide free option terminate in the future.

For arrival and drop off, students may not be on campus prior to 7:15 am. Our school day starts with students in class at 7:45am for both elementary and middle school. Our elementary releases at 1:55pm and middle school at 2:15. We ask that all families bring their patience with our car line especially during the first two weeks of school. We will send home a hang tag for your car on the first day. Please have a card with your child's first and last name clearly written including grade level in your dashboard, so our staff can see to help expedite the dismissal process.

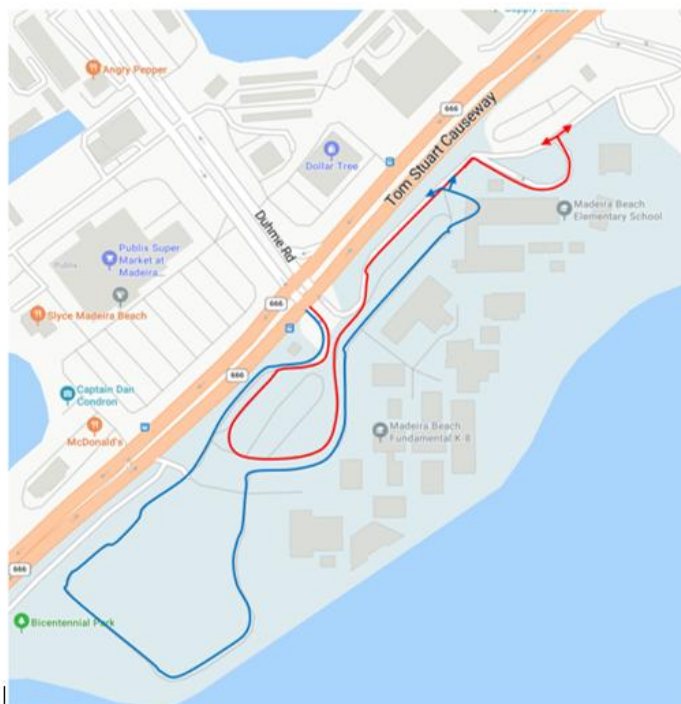
Kindergarten parents only, will be allowed to walk their students into class on the first day but must use the car line in the afternoon. Please utilize the available parking lots and see our staff to check in and assist.

Parents, we ask that you not use our neighboring businesses as a location to drop off or pick up your students. This year we will have two crossing guards to monitor the safety of students crossing Tom Stuart Causeway. They will be located on the school side and the Publix side of the road. There will no longer be an additional crossing guard further down on Duhme Road.

I want to remind our families that if your child is going to be absent at any point in the year you may call the office or use the online absence reporting link located on focus. We encourage all families to send in a note or doctor's note when there will be an absence.

In order to minimize your time in car line, keep the lines flowing and out of the intersection we are asking families to please adhere to the following car line procedures. **See map attached for visual of car line.**

- **ALL** vehicles should have a nametag (carpool name) displayed on dash for faster pickup. If you pick up more than 1 child, use 1 name for all children to listen for.
- **Entrance to car line for morning and afternoon is at the light at Duhme Rd. and Tom Stuart Causeway ONLY.**
- **Earliest drop off in the morning is at 7:15am.** Students need to remain in vehicles until this time and should only exit from the passenger side of the car for their safety.
 - Elementary drop off and pick up should stay in the left (red) lane to ensure you arrive in the right location for your child(ren).
 - Middle School and Sibling drop off should stay in the right (blue) lane to ensure you arrive in the correct location for your child(ren). After the elementary cars split off, the Middle School and Sibling cars can use 2 lanes to go around the field and pull up to the car in front of you until the crosswalk at the Dolphin Gate (or where cones are located). You will merge into one lane at this point for drop off and pick up.
- **Elementary student pick up: PLEASE DO NOT line up until after 1:30pm** at the earliest. We will begin calling names at 1:55pm.
- **Middle school and sibling pick up: PLEASE DO NOT line up until after 2:00pm** at the earliest. We will begin calling names at 2:15pm.



Boys and Girls Cross Country season is upon us for our middle school students. Paperwork for cross-country can be found on our website under clubs and activities. Go to athletics and look for the cross-country tab. You will need a participation form, a physical from a doctor or walk in clinic and school insurance. The insurance is the one for at school activities. The cost should only be \$4 to \$7. Complete packets must be turned into the downstairs front office by FRIDAY AUGUST 15th. Tryouts will be the 2nd week of school. The girls tryouts will be on Monday August 18th. The boy's tryout will be Tuesday August 19th. Tryouts will be directly after school and will end at 3:05. Only students with completed paperwork will be allowed to try out. Teams will be posted on Wednesday, and the first practice will be Thursday August 21st Any questions regarding cross-country please e mail Coach Prevost. 😊

Lastly, a reminder that cell phones are not permitted to be out during the school day for any reason. If you need to get a hold of your student, please reach out to our elementary or middle school office.

We look forward to an amazing year where we choose to be extraordinary each and every day.