

Hello Students and Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools wants to ensure that parents are informed and ready to undertake what we know is going to be a challenging year. District and school level staff have been working diligently during the summer months to make this transition as smooth as possible.

To assist you, a virtual Week of Welcome is being offered to all families from August 24-28, 2020. M-DCPS has developed and curated material to assist families and students in preparing for the reopening of the school year and to introduce families to the My School Online routines. During Week of Welcome, daily offerings may be accessed at the following website: <http://miamiweekofwelcome.com/> . The four main themes covered include: Connecting Virtually, Healthy Mind and Body, Supporting Student Success, and Your Child on Campus. All families are encouraged to actively participate, and Superintendent Carvalho will be addressing families and community stakeholders on the reopening of schools on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

You may also view a 60 second Public School Announcement for a brief introduction regarding Week of Welcome by clicking on the following link. [WOW PSA ENGLISH](#) [WOW PSA SPANISH](#)

I have also attached a Week of Welcome flyer to inform families about Opening of School expectations and resources. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has put together The Guide to The Reopening of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. You may access this publication by clicking on the link below: <http://pdfs.dadeschools.net/reopening/Reopen%20SMART%20Return%20SAFE%20-%20A%20Guide%20to%20the%20Reopening%20of%20Miami-Dade%20County%20Public%20Schools.pdf>

Students' success in My School Online is dependent on both the students and parents remaining connected and informed. The Parent Portal contains valuable student information and more than ever parents/guardians are highly encouraged to open a Parent Portal account. I have also attached directions that will assist you in accessing the Parent and Student Portals.

Please ensure that you are able to access the parent portal account and that your child can access the student portal account prior to August 31st. This will minimize any disruption and students can begin on-line instruction on the first day of school. We are in the process of distributing the Parent Personal Identification Number (PIN) Information to parents of all new students. If you are the parent of a new student and have not received the PIN number by Thursday, August 20th, please call the school.

On August 31st, the first day of school, teachers will provide parents with links to important information on free & reduced lunch, school insurance, school site information, etc. As always, please visit our website <http://benttree.dadeschools.net> regularly for up-to-date information.

By working together, we will make all of the pieces fit. Moreover, As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school or email me at efalcon@dadeschools.net or our assistant principal, Ms. Carmen Ruiz-Garcia at cruiz-garcia@dadeschools.net.

Respectfully,

Emily Falcon, Principal

