



# Somerset Happenings!

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## Welcome Back!!

### Upcoming Events

Fall Fundraiser begins	8/29
Labor Day - No School	9/1
Elementary Open House	9/4
Spirit Day (jeans & spirit shirts)	9/5
PTSO Meeting 7pm	9/9
Chick-fil-a night	9/10
Spirit Day (jeans & spirit shirts)	9/12
Speeches for class officers	9/17
Welcome Back Bash!	9/19
Papa John's Night	9/24
Early Release Day 12 noon dismissal	9/25
Dress Down Day \$2	9/26
No School - Rosh Hashanah	9/30

Welcome back to Somerset Academy for the 2008-2009 school year. We are excited and proud to announce that we are an "A" school - 5 years in a row! The entire staff and all of our students worked extremely hard throughout the year to achieve these results. We will continue to strive toward our goal of being in

the Top 100 schools! This is the first issue of a monthly newsletter that will be sent home to keep you informed about our Somerset Happenings! For weekly updates, please check [schoolnotes.com](http://schoolnotes.com). Each teacher has their own page and I will also have one that you can access as well. Each year we strive to

do our best and make our school just a little bit better and with your support we will achieve that goal! Please know that I am always available if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Drop Off and Pick Up

As we are finishing our first weeks, we want to go over some procedures to follow for drop-off and pick-up. Together we can assure that SAFETY is our primary concern.

- Morning Care starts promptly at 7am, NO students may be dropped off before and students should never be left unsupervised.


- If you are walking your child to the building, there is limited parking on the west side of the building. There is additional parking at Rose Price Park.

- For Pick-up in the afternoon, all elementary cars must have hang tags displayed. For parents in 3-5, this will enable you to enter the right lane on the west side and will expedite dismissal. Please make sure you are following ALL directions given by staff when in carpool lanes, we are all trying to make sure that traffic runs as smoothly as possible.

- For the safety of all students, parents must only use designated drop-off/pick-up areas. Also please make sure all vehicular traffic is

obeying the campus speed limit of 15mph. We will have the Pembroke Pines Police Dept. on site during these times, so please drive carefully!

- Thank you for patience and support as things smoothed out for carpool and for sibling dismissal - it gets a little easier every day!



**Teacher**  
Grade

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CHILD'S NAME



### *Respect Curriculum*

*This year we are implementing a Respect Curriculum into our school. We want to foster life long behaviors in our students that will make them not just great students, but wonderful and caring people as they get older.*

*In conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League, Broward County Public Schools Anti-bullying Policy, and Wise Skills Character Building, we will implement our new program in September.*

*One of our components is a parent run enrichment in the classrooms, if you are able to donate your time to go into the classrooms once a month, please email me at [dkaye@somersetacademy.com](mailto:dkaye@somersetacademy.com)*

*The more volunteers we get, the better our program will be!!*

## Reminders for our new year

- Ask your child to show you his/her agenda each day. Along with the yearly calendar, it is your most direct form of communication with your child's teacher.
- Call into the school attendance hotline each day that your child is absent from school and please make sure to send in a note when they return to school.
- Please remember students are only allowed to miss 5 days of school per quarter, excused or unexcused.
- Sign-In at the office and obtain a visitor's badge every time you are in school. Please make sure to bring your license with you, it will need to be scanned through our security system each time.
- All school staff wear ID's. Visitors
- and Volunteers must have a pass from the office that is visible or you will be stopped by security. Under no circumstances are parents permitted to enter classroom buildings without proper identification.
- Early dismissal must be done through the Elementary Office. School staff will escort students to the office. Students may not be picked up for early dismissal after 1:30pm.
- Please write your child's name on your hanging car tag and make sure to have it in your car for dismissal. This will ensure our carpool running smoothly. If you need an additional tag, please just ask!!
- Immunization Records must be up to date as of August 31st. Please see Mrs. Maggie Oharriz in the main office or call extension 332. If we do not have updated records by this date, your child cannot remain in school.
- Free/Reduced lunch applications must be turned in to Mrs. Sanchez (ext. 331) in the Elementary Office no later than September 29th.
- Be on the look out for information about the brand new Afterschool activities we will be starting!

