

# The Defenders

## Parent Informational Newsletter



### Special Reminder

- School begins at **8:00 a.m.** each school day
- P.E is scheduled for all grade levels on Tuesday of each school week
- Parents please ensure that your child/children have hot lunch, water and snacks each day. Please see our section on **Meals/Snacks.**

## Welcome to New Providence Classical School!

Teachers, staff and members of Administration here at **New Providence Classical School** would like to extend our greatest appreciation to you for choosing our learning institution and for trusting us with the sculpting and building of your child's early and wonderful years of education. We look forward to working hand in hand with you this year as we seek to "bring out the genius in each and every one of our students"

**"Building a bright future for our little leaders, one day at a time"**

### COMMUNICATION

- As Key is moving more fully to electronic communication, all information including parent letters, newsletters, sharing schedules, field trip notices/permission slips will be posted on the school's web page at: [www.newprovidenceclassicalschool.org](http://www.newprovidenceclassicalschool.org) Parents living in separate households and are **both active** in their child/children's enrollment here at **New Providence Classical School**, we ask that you please communicate effectively with one another as well as the office and do **NOT ASSUME** information. This causes information to be misconstrued and also makes the child feel unloved and that they are the cause of disharmony.
- Homeroom Teachers will respond to parent notes, emails, and phone messages in a timely manner, once received. We are eager to join with you to support a strong, positive school experience for your child.

#### INCREASED INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CLASSROOM ROUTINES

We are working toward helping our children gain greater independence and responsibility this year through the consistent practice of routines and procedures in the classroom.

- Unpacking their belongings in homeroom (removing homework, notes from homework book, putting homework book in designated spot)
- Taking responsibility for getting homework/notes to home from school
- Packing themselves up at home (homework in folder, homework book/library and literature books, lunchbox, etc.)

While it may seem easier to do these tasks for your child/children, this approach does not support the development of increased confidence, independence and responsibility in your child.

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## School Arrival Time

It is important that children arrive to school on time. The first 45 minutes are designated for devotions, memory period, community building, catching up on work, and important announcements. The children learn their jingles, math facts, grammar, Latin or any other facts that will help them throughout the day. Children who arrive on time are better able to start their day in a successful manner. Please remind your child/children that we **do not** bring toys to school, including trading cards.

- Students may enter the classroom at **7:30 a.m.**
- Aim to have your child here with plenty of time to get unpacked and settled **BEFORE 8 a.m.**
- Children who arrive **AFTER 8:25 a.m. must** sign in through the Main Office before entering their classroom.

## After-School Dismissal

Children are accompanied outside to the parking lot area and are expected to remain in this area until they see their parent or carpool driver. The Para-Professional will make visual contact with the parent or designated adult in order to release their child/children.

K4 to Grade 1 children **are not allowed** to walk independently across the campus to meet a parent, older sibling or carpool at dismissal.

- Please inform the homeroom teacher, in writing, of any change in dismissal travel plans.
- Please inform the Office, in writing, of designated drivers for your child.
- Rainy day dismissals take place in homeroom classrooms. Parents may wait on the porch area for the Para-Professional to make eye contact for dismissal.
- The After-care is available effective Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Children who have not been picked up **by 3:30 p.m.** will automatically be placed in After-care and charged **\$4 for After-care (per child, per day).**

## Absences

- If your child is sick please contact the school via telephone before the start of the school day and we will then inform your child's teacher that he/she will not be present. If appropriate, we will gladly send home any written work your child may have missed that day so teachers can have work ready by dismissal for your collection. If your child has a prolonged illness we will work together to determine how best to help with catching up on critical work missed.
- So much of what we do is based in experiential learning and does not translate as "make up" work. We will, therefore, not attempt to replicate the day's classroom experience.

## Brigance Diagnostic Comprehensive Inventory of Basic Students

- Students received a complete comprehensive evaluation within the first two weeks of school. The evaluation was to determine their exact cognitive and grade level. As a result of our findings we will design a personalized program to fill student's gap that will meet the child's need. This program will be a home activity for both child and parent/guardian that can be completed over monthly period.
- Parents Teachers Meeting is scheduled for Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm. At this time parents will be updated on their child/children's evaluation results and the assistance that will be allotted to them. Other matters will be addressed and discussed.

*"It takes a village to raise a child"  
-- at New Providence Classical  
School, we're raising an empire  
of Leaders!*

## Homework

- Please **allow your child/children to complete their own homework**. Your duty as a parent is only to supervise and ensure that homework meets the appropriate standards. For e.g., full completion of homework, tidiness, etc.
- Spelling words are given to students on a weekly basis. Spelling tests are on Fridays, unless indicated otherwise. Teachers will gradually introduce students to procedures and routines in order to foster independence.

## Field Trips

Field trips are planned throughout the school year. You will be notified in ample time of dates and costs.

Field trips will include:

- The Bahamas Humane Society
- Bahamas Lighthouse Museum
- The Pompey Museum
- Balcony House
- The National Museums of The Bahamas
- The National Art Gallery
- Dolphin Encounters
- National Theatre of Performing Arts
- Bahamas National Trust Retreat

## Meals and Snacks

- Children are encouraged to relax and enjoy conversations with classmates during snack and lunch periods.  
**Parents are strongly asked to not** send their child/children to school without them having something for breakfast to eat. Breakfast is to be eaten before the start of the school day. A hungry child is not receptive to what is being taught in the classroom, and we would like our students to grasp, if not all, most, of what is being taught each day. We are empathetic that you will have an occasion where your child/children did not get to eat; however, we are enforcing effective immediately that **ALL STUDENTS** eat prior to coming to school or **BEFORE** school begins at **8:00 a.m.**
- **Parents are strongly asked to SEND** their child/children to school with lunch and water EVERYDAY! There is an increasing number of students who come to school each day and we later find out, during recess, that their parents **DID NOT** send them with hot lunch **and/or** snacks. This is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Parents can place hot lunch orders at the office for their child/children or they may send a prepared meal from home that can be warmed at school. During cold /rainy weather, we will provide our students with hot water for instant soups and hot chocolate. The staff will NOT be accountable for students without lunch and/or water.
- We are no longer providing children with plastic utensils as we have deepened our commitment to environmental stewardship. Please ensure that your child/children have necessary utensils for eating.
- **Please do not send candy to school!**
- Parents who wish to **occasionally** treat their child/children at school are welcomed to do so by bringing fast food or treats to school. However, we **will not** accept fast-fast food on a constant basis for any student. We ask that if parents are unable to support the school's hot lunch program that they kindly send their children to school with a cooked meal from home **AND** lunch. The price of for hot lunch each day is **\$3 for students in grades K-4 to 2 and \$4 for students in grades 3-5.**

## Birthdays

- **New Providence Classical School** welcomes a special class treat to celebrate birthdays. Please contact your homeroom teacher to arrange date and time and to learn specific food and allergy. Children with food allergies will have an approved treat on hand for them at school to enjoy, as well.

## Food Allergies

- **Please inform the Main Office if your child is allergy sensitive. This is VITAL to us and we would like to prevent any emergencies from occurring by being fully informed of any medical conditions our students may have.**

## PTA

We are praying for a group of our parents that will connect, "catch and run" the vision and stream a Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) here at **New Providence Classical School**.

*"Nothing we do for our children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is NEVER wasted"*

*Garrison Keillor*

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Attn: Our Beloved Parent(s) or Guardian(s)  
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