



# The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

August 16, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

**Welcome to our new Faculty!** Please join me in welcoming FIDS's new faculty members for the 2018-2019 school year.

For a complete listing of our esteemed faculty—including grade level assignments, biographies, and emails—please click [here](#).

## **First Day of School—Monday, August 27, 2018.**

- Please plan on having your child arrive at school on the first day, no later than 8:00 a.m.
- Greeters will be on-hand to help direct you to your child's classroom.
- Our Parent Association will be hosting a Back-to-School Coffee for parents at the Fisher Island Club Vanderbilt Mansion, 8:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Please plan on departing from FIDS as soon as your child is settled so that we may begin the learning day.
- We will not be holding traditional Morning Meeting upon arrival on Monday. We will convene welcome-back, student-only assemblies mid-morning in the Neff Family Library.
- **NEW 2018 - 2019 school hours:**
  - 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Early Learning
  - 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Pre-K through Grade 7
  - 3:05 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. – Most Active Hours Classes\*

\* ***FIDS will no longer provide 15 minutes of supervised playground time upon the conclusion of the school day. In order to accommodate our expanded after-school programs and bus services, Active Hours and Study Hall will commence operation immediately following the 3:00 p.m. dismissal. Students who are not picked up or on the bus at dismissal will be sent to Study Hall. FIDS students who are accompanied by a responsible adult may remain on the playground until 4:00 p.m. on school days.***

**Transportation.** All parents will be cleared for ferry access for the first week of school. Bus service will be provided starting on the first day of school (based on need). Please refrain from parking cars on the grass. Ferry clearance is limited to the first week of school. We expect off-island parents to commence using our daily bus service for their children **prior** to the conclusion of the first week of school.



**Student Supplies.** Please be reminded that—as a convenience—basic student supplies for grades Pre-Kindergarten through 7 are now included as part of your child’s tuition and fees. Children should bring their own refillable water bottles (non-glass), insect repellent, sunscreen, and any required personal items. In addition, students in Early Learning should bring their own supplies pursuant to the directions provided by Ms. Larionova.

**Are Your Ducks in a Row?** The 2018-2019 school year will commence for students on Monday, August 27, 2018. The following information is intended to guide your final countdown preparations to ensure a smooth opening of school for your child:

Pre-Enrollment Forms/Tasks Available by clicking the links below or visiting <a href="http://www.FIDS.org">www.FIDS.org</a>	Audience	Action Required <i>All Documents/Payments may be sent or hand-delivered to Mrs. Latour, Office Manager: <a href="mailto:llatour@fids.org">llatour@fids.org</a> or 305.531.2349 FAX</i>
<a href="#">Faculty &amp; Staff</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	FYI. Provides biographical information, email addresses, and teaching assignments of our esteemed faculty & staff.
<a href="#">DCF Enrollment Form</a>	<b>EL – Jr. Kindergarten Parents who are new to FIDS in 2018-2019.</b>	Targeted parents must complete and return a DCF Enrollment Form for each child.
<a href="#">Emergency Contact Form</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	All parents must complete an updated form for each enrolled child.
<a href="#">Influenza Virus Brochure</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	FYI.
<a href="#">Know Your Child-Care Facility</a>	<b>EL – Jr. Kindergarten Parents.</b>	FYI.
<a href="#">Parent-Student Handbook</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	FYI.
<a href="#">R Catering Parent Letter &amp; Contract</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	All parents must complete the contract and remit payment in order for their children to be enrolled in FIDS’s foodservice program.
<a href="#">Room Parent Responsibilities &amp; Guidelines</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	FYI. Details the responsibilities associated with being a volunteer Room Parent at FIDS.
<a href="#">Sample Immunization Form</a> (Original form is available only from your child’s doctor or the Florida Department of Health.)	<b>All Parents.</b>	All parents new to FIDS must have their child’s pediatrician complete and sign the form. Returning parents must do the same prior to the expiration of the form we have on file. Contact Mrs. Latour to determine status.
<a href="#">Schedule of Fees</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	FYI. Details the tuition and fees for 2018-2019.
<a href="#">School Entry Exam Form</a>	<b>Parents New to FIDS.</b>	All parents new to FIDS must have their child’s pediatrician complete and sign the form. Returning parents must do the same only if the form we have on file includes an expiration date. Contact Mrs. Latour to determine status.
<a href="#">Tuition Insurance</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	FYI.
<a href="#">Uniform Information/Guidelines</a>	<b>All Parents.</b>	Details FIDS's regular and formal uniform guidelines and vendor, including long-sleeve uniform options.



**Welcome Kassidee Sadé Johnson.** Kashleigh and Emmett Johnson and family welcomed baby girl, Kassidee Sadé Johnson, into the world on Monday, July 30, 2018. Kassidee weighed-in at 8 lbs. 9 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Mom, Dad, and sibs Breannah, Saharah, and Julius are beaming with pride.

**Debut of FIDS's New Art-Patio by Palazzo Della Luna.** We are grateful to the extraordinary generosity of Palazzo Della Luna for underwriting the construction costs of FIDS's new Art Patio. Thanks also go to Heinrich and Magda Von Hanau for their commitment to enhance the quality of the educational facilities and FIDS. The partnership of Palazzo Dell Luna and Fisher Island Day School extends the resources of our school to enrich our children. FIDS's art teacher—Ms. Jacqueline Roch—is set up and ready to take our children on a creative journey in this lovely space.

Thank you for your support in making every week at FIDS a wonderful learning experience for our children. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Michael Bell  
Head of School

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