# Kingsway Elementary School



# Family Handbook 2022-2023

#### KINGSWAY ELEMENTARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Kingsway Elementary School is to provide a safe, studentcentered learning environment that empowers students to become responsible, lifelong learners.

The administration, teachers, and support staff look forward to assisting your child in achieving high academic and behavior standards. At Kingsway Elementary School, we are committed to student success.

Kingsway Cougars...Proud to LEAD is our motto.

**VISION-Student Success!** 

# SCHOOL WIDE EXPECTATIONS

Always Be Proud to LEAD

Lead by Example

Earn Respect and Respect Others

Act Responsibly

Do your Best

Kingsway Elementary School

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School (941) 255-7590 Fax (941) 255-7591 23300 Quasar Blvd. Port Charlotte. FL 33980

Bell Times: first bell-8:10 am, last bell-8:40 am, end bell 3:40 pm.

# **CORE TEAM**

Principal: Kristina Kelch

Assistant Principal: Melody Hazeltine

Dean: Rob Herndon

Lead Teacher: Kalee Joiner

Reading Interventionist/Coach: TBA

Guidance Counselor: TBA Social Worker: Vicky Daly

ESE Liaison: Dawn Pressley

Behavior Specialist: Samantha Dube

School Psychologist: Joline Tsoronis

**SRO**: Deputy Guerin

School Monitor-Wanda Quiles

#### **OFFICE STAFF**

Confidential Sec./Bookkeeper: Erica Bernicchi

Registrar/Data Entry: Lisa Burdick

Front Desk: Dorothy Miller School Nurse: Brenna Miller

Champs Café Manager: Nancy Adams

Head Custodian: William Hough

# SUPERINTENDENT

Steve Dionisio

# SCHOOL BOARD OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

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# CHARLOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' VISION STATEMENT

Student Success!

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To promote character and competence in a positive learning culture that ensures success and inspires purpose for all.

# **DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The Charlotte County School Board does not discriminate in educational programs/activities or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, or handicap.

#### WELCOME TO KINGSWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kingsway's Family Handbook is designed to give parents and students an overview of school procedures and expectations. Please read and familiarize yourself and your child with the information contained in this handbook. More detailed information can be found in the Charlotte County Public Schools (CCPS) Code of Student Conduct. You can access this document through the district website at <a href="http://yourcharlotteschools.net">http://yourcharlotteschools.net</a>. It is important to have an awareness of both the Code of Student Conduct and the Kingsway Elementary School (KES) Family Handbook.

# ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

If your child is absent, call the school attendance line, 255-7590 (option 1) before 9:00 a.m. Absences that are not called in will be considered unexcused. A combination of three unexcused tardies and/or early release days will be considered one unexcused absence. Improved attendance will lead to increased student achievement. Our goal is to have the best possible attendance for each student throughout the school year. Tardiness and early releases disrupt your child's education. Please help him/her avoid this problem. Students should be in their seats, ready to begin their instructional day by **8:40 a.m.** and stay all day until 3:10 p.m. All students who enter school after 8:40 a.m. must be signed in at the office with a parent. Please make every effort to schedule appointments and other obligations after school hours if possible. If emergencies arise, you must sign your child out at the office. Written documentation must be provided to the school for tardies or early releases to be considered excused. Perfect attendance awards will be given each quarter. Students must receive instruction to be considered present. Students with any unexcused tardies or unexcused early releases in a grading period will not be eligible to receive perfect attendance. Excessive unexcused tardies and/or early releases may result in revoking reassignment privileges for those students who live outside KES boundaries.

The School Board maintains that daily school attendance is essential to the educational success of each student. Students are expected to be in school and in class on time in order to receive full benefit from the instructional programs of the Charlotte County Public Schools. School Attendance is state law. Refer to the CCPS Code of Student Conduct for more information on attendance.

Parent will sign in child outside the office area in our lobby. A staff member will be assisting you with this process. Student will be buzzed in to the office and obtain and late pass.

#### **AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

Florida school laws grant principals, assistant principals, teachers, bus drivers, and other school staff members authority for the control and discipline of students. Students are expected and required to follow the directives of all CCPS staff members, school volunteers and chaperones when on school board owned property or at other places where they are under the supervision of school board personnel.

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Students are expected to follow these expectations at all school programs and activities whether they take place during the school day, in the evenings, or on weekends.

The CCPS Code of Conduct outlines unacceptable behaviors with consequences. Students who have repeated problems with discipline will be referred to the office to speak to the guidance counselor, school social worker or an administrator. Kingsway will follow the discipline matrix in appropriate situations. The consequences which may result from a student choosing not to follow school rules may vary according to the frequency and severity of the offense. These consequences may include (but are not necessarily limited to): parent contact, counseling, behavior plan development, loss of privileges, timeout, out-of-school suspension, and in severe cases, expulsion. Teachers will notify parents when student behavior becomes a problem. Cooperation between parents and teachers is imperative to successfully solving student behavior concerns.

Kingsway Elementary School is a proud PBIS and CHAMPS school. CHAMPS posters are posted around campus for students to refer to.

#### **BULLYING**

Bullying is not tolerated. Bullying occurs when a person or group of people purposefully and repeatedly hurt, embarrass, or frighten another person and when there is an imbalance of power. Any child who is being bullied or is aware of bullying should report it to the classroom teacher, guidance counselor, school resource officer, or assistant principal. Anonymous bully reporting is also available through the school

website. Students who witness bullying should do the following: refuse to join in, never fight the bully, get others to help, speak out against the bullying, distract the bully, and make a report. The assistant principal conducts investigations related to bullying. Students who participate in bullying will face consequences as outlined in the CCPS Code of Student Conduct.

# CHAMPS CAFÉ BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Studies have shown that a child who eats breakfast is more attentive in class, performs better on tests, and is a better-behaved student throughout the day. Breakfast is offered to all our students beginning at 8:00 a.m. every morning. Students refuel for learning at lunch time at Champ's Café where the certified food and nutrition services staff offer many healthy choices every day. The monthly menu can be found on the district website under "Champ's Café". All K-5 students receive free breakfast and lunch.

The following price schedule will apply for the 2022-2023 school year: Student Breakfast and Lunch - No charge Adult Breakfast \$1.60 Adult Lunch \$3.60

Children who are not CCPS students: 2.40 for elementary lunch \$1.20 for breakfast district-wide.

#### Visitors for Lunch:

Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child in our lobby area. Please do not invite other children to join you. Remember you must check-in and sign your child out and back in at the office with your driver's license or state ID to obtain a visitor's badge. In order to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, parents will need to wait in the main office until their child's class has entered the cafeteria for lunch. We want mealtimes to be pleasant for all of us.

# **CONFERENCES**

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers at any time to schedule a parent/teacher conference to find out more about their child's academic progress. Teachers may be reached by phone before or after school in addition to their contract planning time. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher via email or telephone at 255-7590.

#### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

Kingsway Elementary has a full-time School Counselor! The counselor provides counseling to individual students, small and large groups, and is available for consultation with parents. The School Counselor facilitates all 504 meetings and is the main TST/MTSS coordinator. The principal and assistant principal are also available to assist students and parents in any area that can affect school performance. Please do not hesitate to email or call our School Counselor at 255-7590. if you have questions or concerns

#### **CUSTODY**

Your child's safety and welfare are our primary concern. Please notify the office immediately if your child has custody restrictions. Official court documentation must be provided. We want to be sure all court rulings are upheld in these matters.

#### **DRESS CODE**

All students are expected to be clean and neatly dressed for school. Please use the following guidelines in making decisions about the proper attire:

- 1. Shoes/sneakers must be worn at all times. All students will participate in PE daily. Flip Flops, sandals, slides, heels, and open-toed shoes are not appropriate for daily school activities.
- 2. Pants, skorts, shorts, skirts and dresses whose length is about the knee or longer when standing are acceptable. Pants, skorts, and skirts are to be fastened at the waist. If the pants, skort, shorts, skirt, or dress has a leotard or leggings, etc. underneath, the pants, skort, shorts, skirt, or dress still must meet the appropriate length. Sheer leggings are not a substitute for pants. Clothing which exposes the mid-part of the body should not be worn.
- 3. Halters, backless or sleeveless dresses or tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, tops with low or revealing necklines, or any other clothing which may be distracting unless covered by an appropriate outer garment which remains as part of the outfit.
- 4. Clothing or jewelry with profane writings, insignias or pictures is prohibited.
  Clothing that refers to drugs, alcohol or tobacco should not be worn.
- 5. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors, except for medical reasons.

#### **EMERGENCY CARD CHANGES**

Please update your FOCUS portal as soon as possible regarding changes in information such as home address, e-mail address, phone number (home, work, or cell), emergency contacts, doctor, etc. It is VERY IMPORTANT that we always have current information on your child in case of illness, accident or emergency. Each child attending Kingsway Elementary School must have a current Emergency Card on FOCUS. This includes vital information such as allergies; this is needed in case of illness, accidental injury, or an emergency at school.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION**

Every identified exceptional education student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will be afforded a free, appropriate public education in compliance with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and PL 94-142 of 1975. For further information please contact the ESE Liaison at 255-7590.

#### **FAMILY READING CENTER:**

The Title I Family Reading Experience (FRE) Center is an integral part of the school wide effort to offer educational support to our families. The atmosphere of the center is friendly, fun-filled, comfortable, and informative. Families are encouraged to come to the Center and talk about their child's reading and ask questions about agencies in the community that can assist them with any current needs. The Family Reading Experience Center is open most Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the school year. The Center is stocked with many books of varied reading levels. All students in grades PK-5 are welcome to attend with a parent. Parents locate books that are "just right" for each child's current reading level. Having books on the correct level provides the greatest opportunity for reading skills to grow. Assistance is always available to help with book selection. In addition to the weekly check out, each child receives a "keeper" book for their home library, and "LiveSchool" points. We offer weekly drawings for those who visit the Center. Lots of "fun reading activities" are planned for you and your child. Special events are held monthly. See brochure for further information.

Monday- 7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Wednesdays-7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Fridays-7:30 AM-8:30 AM

#### FIELD TRIPS

We believe that field trips are a valuable extension of the child's school curriculum. Field trips also provide opportunities for social growth and an understanding of our county and state. All children must have a signed permission form from a parent or legal guardian to attend field trips. (We can not take permission on email or over the

phone) Permission forms will be kept on file with the classroom teacher. Exceptions and rules of behavior will be set up prior to the trip, and all students are expected to meet these standards.

#### GRADES/GRADEBOOK

Kingsway Elementary School students receive four report cards during the school year. Students will also receive midterm reports. Student grades on individual assignments and classroom tests and other information are accessible through the FOCUS Parent Portal. You can access your child's account by clicking on the FOCUS button on the KES website at kingswayonline.net. FOCUS information is housed on our district website—www.yourcharlotteschools.net. (registration, log in, how to guides etc.) If you need a copy of your confidential log-in and/or password please contact our registrar at 255-7590.

FOCUS uses the following scale to convert percentages to letter grades in grades 3-5:

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F Below 60

K-2 Teachers should use the following rubric when determining progression towards end of the year standards from a collection of evidence for grades.

E	The student is meeting end of year grade level expectations with distinction. Performance is characterized by self- motivation and the ability to apply skills with consistent accuracy and independence, and a high level of quality.
3	The student is meeting end of year grade level expectations. Performance is characterized by thorough understanding of concepts and skills.
2	The student is progressing toward end of year grade level expectations. Performance is characterized by the ability to apply skills with increasing success. Performance varies regarding accuracy, quality, and level of support needed.
1	The student is not meeting grade level expectations. At this time, performance does not demonstrate understanding of basic concepts and skills. Performance is inconsistent, even with guidance and support.
ı	Introduced, but not assessed.
NI	Not Introduced

#### **HEALTH CENTER/CLINIC**

The Kingsway Elementary School Health Program is coordinated by a nurse employed by CCPS. The aim of the school nurse and those who work with her, is to make our school a happier, healthier place. Parents desiring the school nurse to administer medication to a child must provide the appropriate information and complete required medication forms. Please do not send medication to be taken by your child in the classroom. Only prescription medications will be administered by the school nurse or an UAP. Students may not transport any medication to or from school on a CCPS bus. The parent/guardian must transport the medication to or from the school. The safety of all children is our top priority. With that in mind, no medication of any kind is to be anywhere in the school except in the nurse's office, where it is locked up.

You can help by following these guidelines:

- 1. All medication must have a parent permission/physician's form filled out. Handwritten notes from home will not be accepted.
- 2. Any prescribed medication given longer than 3 days must have a physician's order form.
- 3. All medication must be hand-delivered, by an adult, to the nurse.
- 4. Medicines of any kind need to be in the original container showing the child's name, medication, dosage, time to be given, and the doctor who ordered the medicine. Parents should ask the pharmacy for an extra labeled container when purchasing medications. The school nurse will count the number of tablets received and document the information.
- 5. No over-the-counter (non-prescription) or herbal medications will be given without a prescription from the physician, including sunblock. Apply sunblock before school when needed.
- 6. Notify the school health nurse of any change in your child's health, or of any existing disease or condition.

Our Health Center provides for minor first aid only and is not a medical facility. Please do not send your child to school ill or injured to be checked by the nurse. If your child is ill and should go home, we will call you. It is essential that we have a current phone number where you can be reached during the school day.

#### Lice:

From time to time, we do discover cases of head lice among the students. When such a discovery is made, parents are notified by the nurse to pick up their child and take him/her home. Students are not eligible for bus transportation if they are found to be infected. At the time you come for your child, the school nurse will be happy to give you information regarding the treatment of lice/nits. Upon returning to school,

the parent and student must check into the office to see the school nurse. After providing proof of treatment and verifying the student is free of nits, he/she may return to class. Parents are asked to report any cases of lice to the school nurse so that, if appropriate, any follow up actions can be made.

#### **HOMEWORK**

Well-developed reading skills are the foundation for student success. Research shows the more a child reads and is read to, the better reader that child becomes. As part of daily homework, students at all grade levels will be required to read and log books which they have read. Look for further information from your child's teacher as to the number of minutes which your child will be required to read for homework each night. In addition to reading, written homework may be assigned to reinforce skills in math or other academic areas. Homework is an extension of school day learning.

#### Homework Guidelines:

The general rule is approximately ten minutes of homework times the grade level (i.e.  $10 \text{ minutes} \times 5 \text{ th}$  grade = 50 minutes of homework).

# Student's Responsibility:

- •Record homework assignments on a daily basis in KES student planner and carry assignments home in a designated folder
- ·Have a clear understanding of the assignment before leaving school
- ·Have all materials necessary to complete assignments at home
- ·Turn in assignments on or before due dates

# Parents' Responsibility:

- Provide a place for completion of homework
- ·Supervise homework, but not do it for the student
- ·Allow time for student to complete homework
- Initial the student planner daily
- •Communicate with teacher any difficulties or concerns about homework assignments signifying that all assignments have been completed and checked for 80% accuracy
- •Provide basic materials necessary to complete assignments for more information regarding homework, please contact your child's teacher.

#### **INSURANCE**

Information concerning school insurance will be sent home with your child during the first week of school. The decision to enroll in the plan is left to the parents. If you wish to have this coverage, the business transaction is between you, the parents, and the insurance carrier.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Please put your child's name on all items he/she brings to school, including clothing. Any lost articles are turned into the lost and found rack in the cafeteria. At the end of each quarter, any unclaimed items are placed in our Kingsway emergency clothes bin, and given to children as needed throughout the school year. Please help your child keep track of his/her own personal items.

#### PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We recognize that our parent partners are a great asset to our school, and we welcome your visits, comments, and suggestions. Our School Advisory Council (SAC), Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), and Parent and Family Engagement Planning Team (PFEP) work actively to support the Kingsway School Cougar Community. Meetings are held monthly and are advertised on our website/social media. Your participation in PTO, SAC, school functions, and our volunteer program is essential to Kingsway's success. For more information on volunteering, check out our website and become more actively involved in our school community. Research shows students are more successful when their parents are involved! Meetings will be in person and virtual.

#### PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Communication must be two-way. Expect frequent information from Kingsway concerning your child via envelopes, student planners, email, phone calls and conferences. We do our best to answer email and return phone calls within 24-48 hours. Student Planners will come home every day. Please review nightly to verify daily homework and behavior requirements. Initial and return to school daily. This is a communication tool for home and school. If at any time you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. See website, Facebook and Remind for further information regarding events, programs, activities etc.

# PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

PTO's function is to benefit students as well as provide an opportunity for parents to be involved with their school. PTO organizes and supervises fundraising activities to supplement curriculum and enhance our academic programs. The PTO consists of relatives of Kingsway students and staff members. PTO meets one Tuesday evening each month at 6:30 pm, unless there is no SAC meeting, meetings will start at 6:00 pm.

#### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

CCPS Transportation Policy: Students who live two miles or further from their home school shall receive bus services. Bus stops may be up to one mile away from students' houses. Students who live less than two miles from school will be considered walkers to and from school. Students who are not eligible for bus transportation are not allowed to ride a bus for any reason. Students must get on and off the bus at their designated

stops. Kindergarten and first grade students must be met at the bus by a responsible adult designated in advance in writing by the parent/guardian. Any such student not met in the afternoon will be returned to school whereupon the parent will be contacted to pick up the child. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students must obey the driver. Students shall keep to assigned seats at all times with arms and heads inside the bus. Eating, drinking, using tobacco products or chewing gum will not be allowed on the bus. Anything that interferes with student safety will not be allowed, such as fighting, profanity, abusive language, large or sharp objects, fireworks, balls, bats, animals and glass containers. Any behavior that is unacceptable in the classroom is unacceptable on the school bus. Students who misbehave on the bus may be referred to the assistant principal for disciplinary action. School bus rules have been developed to promote the safety of all students who have been granted the privilege of riding a CCPS school bus. Failure to comply with these rules could result in the loss of riding privileges. Please refer to the CCPS Code of Student Conduct for further details regarding school bus safety rules. Often, students do not realize that the school bus is an extension of their school environment. KES students have the opportunity to receive rewards for model bus behavior.

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#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

For school news and upcoming events please visit the KES website: https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/kes

You will find links to teacher websites as well as other important information.

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The main purpose of SAC is to develop, implement, and evaluate the Student Success Plan in collaboration with the principal/assistant principal and the school. Membership is representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic make-up of the community served by the school. The council includes school administration and a balanced representation of teachers, parents and community members. Both SAC and PTO meet on one Tuesday each month. The meetings begin at 6:00 PM. The agenda for each group's business is separate. We attempt to complete all business within one hour whenever possible. If you are interested in more information about our PTO or SAC, please check the school website or call the school office at 255-7590.

#### STUDENT ARRIVAL

Kingsway Elementary is neither open nor supervised until 8:00 a.m. For the protection and safety of your child, do not drop your child off before 8:00 a.m., unless your child is enrolled in a before school program (KEEP morning care, Safety Patrol Leader, etc.) Students eating school breakfast are permitted in the cafeteria beginning at 8:00 a.m. Car riders are to be dropped off through the car line in the front of the school. Parents are not permitted to park and walk their children to class after the first week of school unless prior arrangements have been made with the office. Students need to develop confidence and leadership in finding their way around campus. Parents must report to the office and present a driver's license or state ID to obtain a visitor's badge before entering the school. Students are released to their classrooms at 8:10 a.m. Classroom instruction begins promptly at 8:40 a.m. following the morning announcements. To ensure student safety, if you arrive late and your child does not have enough time to get to the classroom by 8:40 a.m., you will need to park your car and sign your child in at the office.

#### STUDENT DISMISSAL

Please notify the office in the morning in writing if your child needs to go home a different way. (We will not accept changes over the phone or on email) In case of an emergency requiring a change after your child has arrived at school, you will need to come into the office in person to make the change. For the safety of all children, we do not accept "call in" changes. Parents, your cooperation in following the car line procedure is essential to keep both you and your children safe.

Parent pick up of students in Pre-K and grades K-2 is from Quasar Blvd. at the front of the school. You may only enter from the right into the parking lot entrance.

Students in grades 3-5 & the CD Unit, are to be picked up from the bus ramp, located on Alward St. You may only enter from the right into the bus ramp entrance.

Your official parent pick-up card should be visible through the front windshield and remain visible until all children have entered the vehicle. Students will only be released to vehicles with an official parent pick up card displayed. Children will be loaded into vehicles by staff members, safety patrol leaders, and/or volunteers. Please be reminded that the National Transportation and Safety Bureau recommends children under the age of 13 ride in the backseat and children five and under should be in a child safety seat. (If you do not have a PPU card, you will need to come in the office and show your ID. You must be on your child's emergency card)

Walkers/bikers are dismissed and escorted by staff. On days with lightning/storms, walkers/bikers will be dismissed through parent pick up in the front of the building. Only those students in the walking zone (two mile radius around the school) will be

considered for dismissal as a walker or biker. Train your children to use sidewalks and safe walking zones when possible. **Kindergarteners and First Graders must be escorted** by a designated adult. A walker card must be shown. If you do not have one please contact the front office.

Riding a bicycle to and from school is a privilege, not a right. Students riding bicycles are expected to obey the rules of the road and keep safety foremost in their minds. Students riding their bicycles in any manner which may endanger themselves or others may not be allowed to ride their bicycles to school. Bicycles must be locked in the designated bike racks. Florida law requires all children sixteen and under wear bike safety helmets. The school is not responsible for damage to helmets or theft of any bicycle brought on school grounds.

Parents are discouraged from parking and dropping off or picking up students during arrival/dismissal times. Please be courteous to all of our families that are waiting in line.

#### **CHANGES IN DISMISSAL:**

To ensure student safety, School Board policy states that requests must be made in person or in writing by a note or fax (941) 255-7590. A regular procedure for coming to and going from school should be established with your child. If changes become necessary, you must notify the school in writing before 2:30 p.m.

#### STUDENT RECOGNITION

KES recognizes students for excellence in academics and behavior including outstanding grades, attendance, and character. These award winners are recognized during grade level award ceremonies. Appropriate audience behavior is expected during all assemblies where our student leaders are often speakers. Liveschool is an online school wide behavior system that we use at Kingsway Elementary School. There are many opportunities throughout the school day for students to earn points. Students can use their points for certain incentives.

#### STUDENT WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

Notify the office as soon as possible prior to the withdrawal date. Return all textbooks, library books, and school materials. Pay money due for lost or damaged instructional materials as well as any outstanding balance at Champs Cafe.

#### TECHNOLOGY CONSENT FORM

We do permit students to bring personal technology to school to use. However, students must have a Technology/Electronic Reader Consent Form on file with their teacher. Please note that the school is not responsible if the technology should

become lost, stolen, or damaged. Students will be 1-1 with a Chromebook. If a child is bringing a Chromebook home, the student and parent must sign the district form. There is also a form if you wish to have your child be photographed. Please fill this out accordingly.

#### **TEXTBOOKS/MEDIA CENTER**

Textbooks and library books are loaned to students for their use during the school year. Books are to be kept clean. They are expected to be returned in the same condition in which they were checked out. Parents will be required to pay for lost or damaged books.

#### VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

For the safety of our students, all visitors/volunteers on campus must report to the office and present a driver's license or state ID to obtain a visitor's badge. Please use the parking lot and entrance located in the front of the school on Quasar Blvd. All visitors/volunteers will be announced and need prior approval before going to classrooms. This will be closely monitored for the school year for the safety of our staff and students. If you need any further information feel free to contact administration.

#### **VOICE LEVEL EXPECTATIONS**

All students and visitors on campus should be aware of our Voice Level Expectations:

- 4 Outside/Recess Voice
- 3 Loud, Proud, Sharing Voice
- 2 Conversation Voice
- 1 Working Whisper
- O Transition/Test-Taking

The expectation for traveling around campus is a Voice Level O. The expectation during Dismissal is a Voice Level O, so students can hear their name being called. The expectation for the Cafeteria line is Voice Level O.

For questions about the Voice Level Expectation in any given area on campus, please ask the nearest adult.

# **WELLNESS POLICY**

At Kingsway Elementary, we want our students to be happy and healthy in their life choices because so many of the decisions they make now will affect their habits and lifestyle in the future. We welcome families to help us encourage positive, healthy alternatives to traditional sweets and snacks and ask for your consideration when celebrating a birthday or special event:

- · Consider providing smaller portions of food treats (mini rather than full size)
- Fruit is a natural sweet treat (parfaits, kabobs, cups, etc.)
- · Tokens such as stickers, pencils, coupons, etc. in place of food
- · Present vegetables in a fun/creative manner (faces, characters, etc.)
- · Offer fun physical activities, games, or music
- · Make him/her feel special by providing a unique opportunity to lead
- · Provide a creative outlet with a craft or art activity

Please contact your child's teacher in advance to plan for celebrations and allow for a celebration that does not interrupt instructional time. We are happy to share in these important milestones and enjoy watching children make healthy, responsible choices! Kingsway Elementary School abides by the Charlotte County Public Schools Wellness Policy that can be located at http://www.neola.com/charlotte-fl/search/policies/po8510.htm

In addition to healthy nutrition, we encourage regular physical activity, plenty of sleep, and good personal hygiene.