## Welcome to Ponce de Leon Middle School's New Student Orientation!

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# Welcome to Ponce de Leon Middle School



...a place where every child matters!

## Ponce de Leon Middle School

An International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme World School.

- Only Public School in the City of Coral Gables authorized since 2008 to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.
- Ranked by Magnet Schools of America of as one of the country's top 10 magnet programs.
- Certified by Magnet Schools of America as a Magnet Demonstration School.







## Ponce de Leon Middle School ACCOLADES

- Magnet School of America's "School of Excellence Designation 2023".
- Gifted Program.
- Advanced Placement Spanish For 8th graders who qualify.
- Piano Slam Winner-Poetry.
- Leonettes Dance Team- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Regional Winner
- Designated STEM School
- Robotic Hand-First Place South Florida
- Math Bowl- First Place South Florida
- Designated Florida Green School. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has designated Ponce de Leon Middle School as an official Florida "Green School."









# Ponce de Leon Middle School Administrative Team

Mr. Anthony Balboa, Principal

Ms. Kimberly Anderson, Assistant Principal

Mr. Julio Aguilar, Assistant Principal

Ms. Marlene Ramos, IB Coordinator

Mr. Javier Trujillo, Athletic Director



## We are a Title 1 School

Parent Resource Center

Located in Attendance office

Parents Needed



## Teacher Support Team

Yudenis Fernandez: Testing & ESOL Chairperson

Christiane Foderick: Special Education Department Chairperson, Student Support and Interventions

Myleen Barrera: Gifted Department, Student Support

## Counselor

### Shannon Emery



- Call 305-661-1611 to set up an appointment.

\*Please allow 48 hours for a call back.





### Making the best of Middle School

Ponce de Leon Middle is a safe, family oriented school. Our staff is trained in helping our incoming students and their parents make the most of their middle school experience. Every student at Ponce has a counselor, administrator and team of teachers assigned to them that can help to make Ponce an unforgettable and positive experience.

Here are tips to help you get ready.

 It is okay to be nervous. Your classmates are nervous as well. All administrators, counselors and teachers will be outside of your classrooms and ready to help.

2. Work on getting organized. All students will receive a school planner.

- 3. Choose your friends wisely.
- 4. Attendance counts.
- 5. Good behavior directly impacts your opportunity for success.
- 6. Do not let problems build up. Ask for help.



Concerns with 1 or 2 classes: contact the teacher directly at 305-661-1611.

Concerns across all classes: contact Team Leader for team conference at 305-661-1611.

E-mail your child's teacher (all emails found in school's website).

# Setting Up Parent Conferences:

By appointment only.

Leave message for team leader at 305-661-611 or email team leader directly.

# Code Of Student Conduct



# School

Uniform





## **UNIFORM POLICY**



#### Polo Shirts

Only white or navy blue polo style shirts with the Ponce logo allowed.

#### **Pants**

- Kakhi or navy blue style chinos allowed.

- No jeans No sweatpants No leggings No pajama pants

#### **Bermuda Shorts**

- · Kakhi or navy blue
- No jeans No basketball shorts
- No skirts
- No short shorts

#### **Sweaters**

- Only approved colors will be allowed
- No hoodies No inappropriate messages or graphics

#### Shoes

- · Only closed or athletic shoes allowed
- No crocs No slides or flip flops No sandals
- Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times
- THE ITEMS SHOWN ARE JUST SUGGESTED EXAMPLES.

## ATTENDANCE

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You cannot learn if you are not here!

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## Procedures for Reporting Absences

Must bring a written note for every absence within 3 days return to school

All absences will be reported as unexcused until appropriate documentation is submitted to the attendance clerk.

Absences for 5
or more
consecutive
days require a
health
provider's note.

## Opportunities for Academic Advancement

- High School Honors Credits in Mathematics, Science, and World Languages.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses in World Languages.
- Dual Enrollment courses through Florida International University and Miami Dade College.

- Academic performance is of primary importance.
- To play sports, student must maintain good attendance and a grade of "C" or better in academics and conduct.





## Activities, Clubs and Sports

#### **CLUBS**

**Bible Club** 

**Chess Team** 

**FCCLA** 

**French Club** 

**Future Educators of America** 

**Gardening Club** 

**Italian Club** 

Leonettes

**National Junior Honor Society** 

Sea-Perch

SECME

**Spanish Club** 

**Spelling Bee** 

**Student Council** 

Thespians/Drama

Yearbook

**5000 Role Models** 

**FALL SPORTS** 

Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
Volleyball (Boys and Girls)

Winter Sports

Soccer (Boys and Girls)

Flag Football (Boys and Girls)

**SPRING SPORTS** 

Basketball (Boys and Girls)

**Tennis (Boys and Girls)** 













## After School All-Stars Program

- Afterschool program enrollment is open
- Homework help
- Sports
- Activities
- Nutritious Snack
- Minimal Fee
- Contact program manager at 786.517.2868



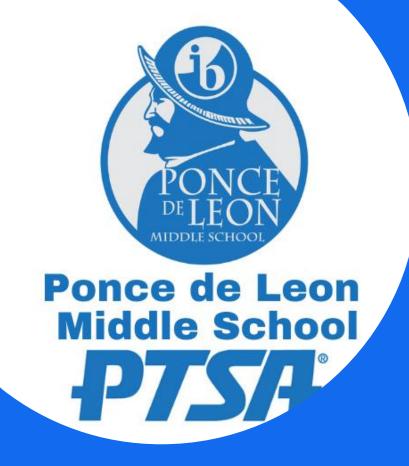
## Parent, Teacher, Student Association

The largest non-profit statewide volunteer organization working exclusively on behalf of children and youth.









It's easy to stay involved and support your child' education as they transition into Middle School

If you want to connect with us, please email us at <u>ponceptsa@gmail.com</u>
Find us on Instagram @ponceptsa

## What is expected of members?

Members pay a one-time annual fee of \$10 per parent and \$5 per student.

#### Become involved:

Volunteer time

Work cooperatively to help make your child's educational experience as rewarding as possible.

Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of the following elementary schools and whose designated home middle school is Ponce de Leon Middle and live farther than two miles from Ponce will receive transportation to our school.

Carver Elementary\* Coconut Grove Elementary\* Coral Gables Elementary\* Silver Bluff Elementary\* Sunset Elementary\* F.S. Tucker Elementary\*

**Kensington Park Elementary** 

Auburndale Elementary\*



Sylvania Heights Elementary

Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of the following elementary schools and have been accepted to the

Ponce de Leon Middle School's International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Magnet will receive transportation	
to our school.	
Citrus Grove Elementary	Kinloch Park Elementary
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**Maya Angelou Elementary** 

Comstock Elementary **Coral Terrace Elementary** 

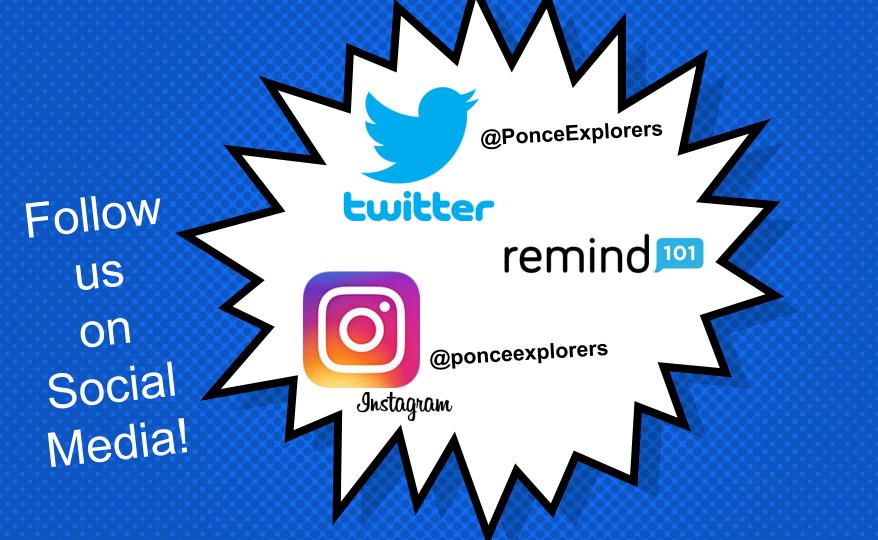
**Riverside Elementary Fairlawn Elementary** 

**Frederick Douglass Elementary Seminole Elementary** 

**Pinecrest Elementary Emerson Elementary** 

**Shenandoah Elementary** 

**Henry M. Flagler Elementary Kelsey Pharr Elementary South Miami Elementary** 





for taking the time to show your child that education is important to you!

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.