

Many Lions, One Pride

August 14, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Chiamonte Elementary. I hope you and your children had an enjoyable summer and are ready to embark on an exciting adventure in which our boys and girls will be challenged to learn and experience new things.

Although the 2019-20 school year was one like none of us have experienced before, we had success and now we plan to build on it and reach even higher. The hard work from our students, teachers, staff, and parents has resulted in growth in many areas. Our goal is to reach the school grade of an "A." We will continue to improve and move even closer every day. With this continuous improvement, we will reach our lofty goals. It definitely has been a TEAM effort and everyone should be proud of what we have accomplished and where we plan to go this year.

There will be a lot of wonderful things happening at Chiamonte. Please read your monthly newsletters to keep abreast of it all. They will be posted on our Chiamonte School Website, beginning in September.

NEW**Important Information for 2020-21****NEW**

- We will follow all CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- **To limit to amount of people on our campus, Volunteers and Visitors will not be allowed to enter the campus. Only students and staff will have access.**
- At arrival **ALL** students will be dropped off at our front gates (K-5th) or cafeteria doors (ESE-Head Start-PEEPS/VPK students) and will be escorted/monitored on their way to the classrooms.
- **ALL** Breakfast will now be picked up at stations throughout the campus and taken directly to the classrooms. Students will remain at a 6 ft. distance when picking up the breakfast. This is the district's **Breakfast in the Classrooms** program. There will be a hot and cold option. This will allow students to get settled faster and ready to learn, as well as decreasing the number of tardies at Chiamonte.
- Breakfast will be picked up at 2 Breakfast Carts and taken to the classrooms
- **Masks will be Mandatory.** Students and staff will be issued 3 reusable face masks.

- Procedures will be in place for Custodial Staff to clean and sterilize ALL classrooms and Common Areas at regular scheduled times throughout the day and when needed.
- Hand Sanitizer Stations will be available at our front entrance and in all common areas.
- Sanitizing Stations will be in every classroom (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, wipes)
- We will practice Social Distancing whenever possible.
- Movement around the school will be limited for students and staff.
- Students will be trained on Procedures for Washing Hands and using Sanitary Wipes to assist in the cleanliness of ALL areas.
- Lunch schedules will be adjusted to accommodate Social Distancing to the best of our ability
- All large gatherings (Terrific Kids-Veteran's Day Celebration-Fun Fridays-Awards Celebrations) will be cancelled until further notice
- All school related meetings (PTA-School Advisory Committee-Parent Involvement) will be conducted through the ZOOM Online format.
- Dismissal will be adjusted to ensure Social Distancing to the best of our ability.
PLEASE BE PATIENT. We **HIGHLY** encourage you to use the Car Pick-Up lines to limit the crowds at our front gates.
- Students will be allowed on campus at **7:10**. Gates will remain locked until that time.
- **OPEN HOUSE** is temporarily suspended. We will let you know when the decision is made.

******* BELL TIMES FOR 2020-21 VERY IMPORTANT*******

- Starting time for school will remain the same as last year. School Hours are **7:40 - 12:55 on Mondays (Early Release Time)** and **7:40-1:55 on Tuesdays-Fridays.**

REGISTRATION

Students who attended Chiaramonte Elementary last year **will not** have to come to school to register. However, it is critical that you update the emergency information card, which will be sent home on the first day. **If you plan on having someone sign-out or pick up your child from school, their name MUST be on the Emergency Card. They must have a valid Driver's License or ID.**

The first day can be very hectic and frightening for some young children. In order to assist our students getting to their proper classrooms, we have included a nametag for our primary children (VPK/PEEPS, Head Start, and K-2) and ask that you write your child's name, teacher, and room number on it so that he/she can be directed to the appropriate classroom. Also, include how your child will be going home. (Name of daycare provider, by car, bus rider, walker, bike, etc.)

LUNCH

Free meal applications are now online through the School District of Hillsborough County website. (www.sdhc.k12.fl.us) Type "**Go SNS**" in the search bar, click on the big green button, and follow the instructions. Contact the Healthy Meals Application Center at 813-840-7066 if you have any questions about the online application process. **Everyone is strongly encouraged to complete one.** We receive federal dollars through the Title 1 Program because we currently have 77% of our students on free lunch. You are helping us when you qualify. We don't want to lose our Title I status. These funds are used to purchase additional resource teachers to help our students.

The lunch price is \$2.25 and breakfast is free for all students. Extra milk is \$.50. Lunch payment can be made online or BEFORE school in the cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to **Chiaramonte School Lunchroom**. If you place the money or check in an envelope with the child's name, teacher's name, and amount written on the front, it will save much time for all concerned. Students are not allowed to pay for lunch with cash during the lunch serving hours.

TRANSPORTATION

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE) PARENTS of children who ride the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) bus, will be contacted by the transportation department as to the time and pick up point. If you have any questions, or have not been notified prior to school starting, please call the ESE transportation route coordinator at 233-2872.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

If you will look at the address label on the outside of the envelope, you will see your child's room number. Below is a listing of the room numbers and teachers:

101 Mooney-1st***	301 Nicodemus-2nd	404 McQuay-3rd
102 Reschke-1st	302 Open 2nd	501 Komperda-eLearning
103 -Kracker1st***	303 Axe-2nd	502 Sanderson eLearning
104 Onisawa-AGP	304 Muslin-2nd	503 Lookingbill-ESE K-5th
201 DeLaVina-K	401 Miller-4th	504 Duncan VPK-PEEPS
202 Pfeffer-K	402 Trenchik-4th	601 Ferguson-3rd
204 Hoffman-K	403 Carrillo-3rd	602 Mercer-4th
603 Levan-5th	604 Trevino-5th	702 Peacock-Head Start

***Mrs. Mooney is on Leave until December. Mrs. Julie Carter will be the Long Term Substitute.

***Mrs. Kracker will begin the year as a Long Term Substitute in Room 103

The following professionals/paraprofessionals serve our students in the areas of special education or special services:

Bojana Jokic, School Psychologist	Jody Orlando, Social Worker
James Nicodemus-VE	Courtney Francese-VE
Grace Gustafson-VE	Renee Bostwick-ESE Specialist
Michelle Onisawa-AGP	Mary Etherton, PE
Karen Stonis, Art	Anna Jean Rice, Music
Kim Torres, School Counselor	John Demid, Speech Therapist
Sandy Kirkner, Media Specialist	Kim Connell, Reading Resource Teacher
Donne Mills, Math Resource Teacher	Sofia Moya, English Language Learners
Kim Bishop, K Assistant Teacher	Trey Elliott, ESE Attendant VPK/IPEEPS
Tyrone Wells, ESE Para	Jane Sellers, ESE Para
Sonia Gonzalez, ESE Para	Madelin Lopez, Head Start Aide
Kristen Orihuela, School Nurse	Nancy Steinwinter, ESE Unique Needs Aide

Sincerely

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