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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Cork Elementary, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year as we have truly missed our students and families! Our goal has always been (and will continue to be) ensuring student safety and promoting academic achievement. I know that living through the pandemic has been stressful and confusing for everyone, but I want you to know that our staff will be here to support you and your student(s) whether you are selecting to return to campus or choosing e-Learning. Here is some additional information that will be helpful to you:

- ❖ The first day for students will be Monday, August 10, 2020, with the day beginning at 7:40 a.m. and ending at 1:50 p.m. (Early Release Mondays have not been officially adopted at this time, but if they are reinstated, the dismissal time on Monday will be 12:50 p.m.)
- ❖ Masks are mandatory at this time for all adults and students on campus.
- ❖ Student **drop-off** is located in the back of the school from 7:08 am until 7:35 am. Please turn right off of Cork Road (**entering only from the north as left hand turns from the south are not permitted**) onto the road next to the red brick building (not the church's parking lot). Follow the signs to the designated area. Please **do not drive or park** on the bus ramp that is parallel to Cork Road. ONLY busses are allowed on the ramp in front of the school from 7:10-7:40.
- ❖ Breakfast is free for all students and is available beginning at 7:10 a.m. and the price of lunch is \$2.25. Meal Benefit Applications (for free/ reduced price lunches) are online at www.sdhc.k12.fl.us.
- ❖ The HOST program (for HOST enrolled students) is available before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Volunteers are on hold at this time. However, all **volunteers** must have completed an online application each school year. New applications are available at <https://sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/199>. Click the green APPLY button.
- ❖ There are **no student sign-outs after 1:30** (or 12:30 on Early Release Mondays). It is best to schedule appointments after school to avoid the loss of instructional time for your student(s).
- ❖ Students riding the bus should be at their assigned stop a few minutes early with parental supervision.
- ❖ Please note that a student's mode of transportation home should remain the same daily, but if an emergency arises, a written note is required for a change to be made.
- ❖ Our "Open House" (where you can meet the teacher and see the classroom) is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, from 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. and more than likely will be conducted virtually.

On the first day of school, your student(s) will receive an information packet. Please read it through in its entirety, complete the necessary forms, and return them to school by Friday, August 14, 2020.

You will find the most current information on our website <http://cork.mysdhc.org/>. We are closely monitoring the CDC, State, and District guidelines, so please check in periodically as any of this information could change. If you have any other questions or concerns, please give us a call as we are always willing to assist you.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during this time. We appreciate our Cork community and our families. I know you understand how deeply we care about our students and how seriously we take their safety. With your cooperation, we will continue working together to promote the most positive learning environment for your child(ren).

Sincerely,

Sherri Black
Principal