

Summerfield Elementary School

“Home of the Sharks”

Dear Parent(s):

We are so excited to see our families return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Depending on what model each family chooses at the start of this school year, our staff is so excited to launch learning either in the traditional “brick-and mortar” setting or the “e-learning” setting. In both models you will get the best highly qualified teachers facilitating instruction from the Summerfield family. The other option each family will have is to choose Hillsborough Virtual which breaks your enrollment with the Summerfield family. **There are two important dates to highlight on your calendar: One is still to be determined and that date will be released on our Sunday Parent Link. This will be our Virtual Open House which will allow each grade level and/or department to access a window of time to meet the staff, take care of procedural items with the school, and an opportunity to address any other issues that are important to them.** In addition, administration will address some of the new protocols for the campus that have been detailed in the Superintendent’s Reopening Plan approved by the School Board. **The second date is the new date for the start of the school year, which is Monday, August 24th.**

One of the true challenges of making this an incredible year for our families and staff will depend on the grace and patience all stakeholders must practice in order to deal with the tremendous amount of changes we will face as a school family throughout these trying times. Safety is the number one priority at Summerfield Elementary School. Everything else benefits from this core belief.

During our Virtual “Open House” we would like to explain to each family how to do the following tasks in our new way of work, virtually:

- ✚ **Complete the Free and Reduced on-line Lunch Form.** This form helps the school try to acquire Title I status so additional funds come to Summerfield to support learning. Staff will be on campus to support any family that needs help completing this easy 3-step form on-line.
- ✚ **Complete the Volunteer Application on-line.** (This form needs to be completed each year)
- ✚ **Finalize with the classroom teacher EXACTLY how your child is going home from school each day.**

Please remember that the daily start time for all students begins the same time as last year. After the first week of school, a tardy will be unexcused unless an acceptable form of documentation is provided to excuse the late arrival. Class begins sharply at 7:40 am and students and parents are welcome to enter the campus at 7:10 am. **If you are planning to pick your child up early, you MUST do so no later than 1:25 pm (12:25 pm on Early Release Monday’s).**

“Please know that we are closely monitoring CDC, State and District Guidelines. The policies and procedures outlined in this Welcome Letter and our First Day Packet could change due to those guidelines. We will communicate changes as they are made. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, and you can rest assure our school will do everything we can to be responsive to the needs of the community around us”.

Many of the forms and procedures we use to keep each child safe and their family actively involved will come home with your child in their “First Day Packet”. Please take the time to read that packet very carefully and get familiar with our proven and effective procedures we use daily at Summerfield ES

Our entire faculty is so excited to begin our second year as Sharks. If you ever have any other questions about our amazing school, you can visit our great website at: <http://summerfield.mysdhc.org>. **Our website is the best place to find anything you need to know about our school events, procedures and policies, student resources and our staff.** Links will often be added to help our families navigate the school district network of resources. We look forward to seeing all our families very soon.

Sincerely,

The Summerfield Family