



Dear Parents:

On behalf of the entire staff at MacFarlane Park IB World School, I would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. Our school opened in 2004 as a new international studies elementary magnet school. We became authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) School to offer the Primary Years Program (PYP) in 2007. All MacFarlane Park children experience the International Baccalaureate Program in a highly academic and nurturing learning environment focused on excellence and integrity, self-discipline, self-motivation, good citizenship, friendliness, and a love of learning.

An International Baccalaureate Education provides students with a comprehensive and balanced curriculum that is relevant, challenging, and engaging for all learners. The International Baccalaureate Organization investigated and researched best practices before introducing the Primary Years Program (PYP) in the mid 1990's.

MacFarlane Park IB World School has a reputation for excellence in education, and we are committed to working as a team to ensure that every child is encouraged to achieve his or her unique potential. We have maintained a school grade "A" status since opening. Our school is nationally recognized as the top magnet school in America, a national school of excellence, magnet certified demonstration school and hosts a top elementary PTA in the state of Florida.

Our students, like those in IB schools around the world, receive a rigorous education which is infused with science, math, technology, literacy, music, and Spanish. IB students and staff take an active part in, and contribute to, their school, their local community, and their global community. "Think globally, act locally" is a way of life in IB World Schools. Our community of internationally minded citizens is encouraged to participate in outreach activities to develop their leadership skills and have a deeper understanding of the importance of community service. Students take action and make their communities a better place based upon what they have learned in the classroom.

Our goal is academic success for each and every student at MacFarlane Park. We believe that the best schools function as dynamic learning communities that support a climate of creative and active learning. At MacFarlane Park students find a warm, welcoming place where their talents and curiosities are highly valued. Our teachers play a central role in this by working collaboratively to implement researched and supported teaching practices on how children learn best, and by keeping the needs of the individual student at the forefront of all they do. Our school's curriculum is based on the principles of structured inquiry and the development of global perspectives. Student engagement and relevant meaningful experiences coupled with caring teachers is a significant factor in our success raising student achievement.

Parents are their child's first teacher and we consider the family the foundation upon which we build a strong home-school partnership. I welcome you and your child to join us in this exciting adventure in learning. We invite your participation in your child's education. Please explore our web site for more information about MacFarlane Park <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/macfarlanepark> If you have questions or would like further information about our wonderful school, please call 813 356-1760.

MacFarlane Park continues to be a great source of pride for my teachers and me. There is something wonderful in being a part of such an extraordinary community. I look forward to the partnership that we will develop on behalf of your child.

Sincerely,

Denyse Riveiro
Principal MacFarlane Park IB World School

Meet The Teacher Friday, August 5th

Students and parents are invited to meet their teacher on Friday, August 5th Kindergarten 10:30am-12:00 pm., grades 1-5 2:00-3:00pm. Student teacher assignment is located on the outside of the classroom door. You will find your child's classroom teacher by looking for your child's name on the banner outside of the classroom at Meet The Teacher August 5th . At Meet The Teacher you may want to bring in your child's school supplies to help make the first day of school, August 10th, a bit less hectic. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to sign up for the school PTA, purchase and pick up school uniforms, receive information on the school lunch program, enroll in after school care, strings, chess club, PTA after school clubs, volunteer, and meet many of our returning families.

Boo Hoo Breakfast First Day of School

New parents and returning parents join us on the first day of school, after taking your child to class, at our annual **Yahoo Boo Hoo** breakfast in the cafeteria from 8:15-8:45am.

Dress Code and Uniforms

IB logo uniforms and spirit shirts may be preordered through PTA using the attached form or at macfarlaneparkpta.org. The wearing of uniforms is mandatory, and all students will participate. Uniforms consist of Khaki or navy bottoms with red or green polo tops. Athletic shoes and socks are required. ***Pre-order uniforms with IB logo on the PTA website by August 1st or send a payment to the school attention PTA to have the uniforms available for pickup at Meet The Teacher August 5th.***

School Supply List

Attached is the school supply list. The school will provide pencils, additional white binders, dry erase markers, notebook subject dividers, sharpie permanent markers, index cards, colored construction paper, small post-it notes, crayons, manila folders, highlighters, and glue. If you are not able to purchase supplies, please contact the school guidance counselor for assistance.

Attendance

The instructional school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. If your child arrives after 8:45 a.m., they are considered late and must have a parent sign them into school in the main office.

Afternoon Dismissal

Afternoon student dismissal is the most hectic time of the school day. Teachers are managing all the students and attempting to get them to the appropriate bus, car or after school care location. The car line takes 10-15 minutes to be completed after dismissal. If there is a need for an afternoon transportation change, a written or faxed note is required. By following these procedures, dropping off and picking up your child will be a positive, safe experience.

Free Breakfast for all our students

Students are not permitted in school until 8:15 a.m. unless they are in HOST AM session beginning at 7:00 am or attend breakfast in the cafeteria beginning at 7:45am. We offer free breakfast in the cafeteria each morning from 7:45-8:30 a.m. for all students who choose to eat by choice. The faculty and staff at MacFarlane Park are very proud of our breakfast program and staff who prepare it with loving care. Many of the MacFarlane parents have expressed to me and our staff their gratitude for our breakfast program and see the value and benefits for our children. There are many benefits for children to start the day off with a healthy breakfast. We appreciate the dedicated cafeteria staff going out of their way to ensure the food is prepared and served at the up most of standards.



After School Care in Cafeteria

If you are picking your child up from the after-school care “HOST program”, you may enter the school side entrance by parking on Main Street after car riders have departed between 3:15-6:00 p.m. Please refrain from re-entering school to go to classrooms. Students will not be permitted back into classrooms after 3:00 pm.

Open House Wednesday, August 24th

Reserve the evening of Wednesday, August 24th from 5:00-7:30 pm to come to school for MacFarlane Park Open House and Parent Orientation. We will have an overview of our goals for the school year and an opportunity to meet the PTA and the classroom teacher. This is an adult evening when teachers share academic goals, special projects, classroom rules and procedures and other important information for the school year.

Forms to complete on First Day of School ~ A packet containing many forms for your review and signature will be sent home on the first day of school. Complete all forms and return in the envelope provided. Please remember to update the Emergency Card Information.

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