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Mann Middle School

HOME OF THE RAIDERS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited about the 2023-2024 school year and the new opportunities that awaits us. As we approach this school year, we are looking to push the intellectual engagement of all students. Mann is dedicated to building a strong culture of learning. Mann helps prepare teachers, provide continuous staff development of experienced professionals, and implement the research and development of practices that lead to superior educational outcomes for students. This collaboration gives us pride as we work to bring greatness out of all students.

As we embark on this new year, we have developed our school theme to be **Mann Raiders and Mann Staff will MAX OUT**. **MAX OUT stands for Mindset, Achievement, maXimize, Oneness, Unyielding, and Trust**. Our students will need a shift in their *mindset* to believing they can *achieve, maximize* their successes, become *one* and act as a team, work with an *unyielding* passion, and *trust* in us and each other to reach their potential. Our job will be to cultivate this in our students. We will help them see that they already have potential and give them the confidence to access this and MAX OUT daily to be successful. It will be imperative that we form a three-fold cord of collaboration between family, school, and community support. We believe that by working harder than ever before, learning more than ever before, and achieving more than ever before, we can reach our full potential and become the best versions of ourselves this upcoming school year.

Additionally, we also want to make sure that our students have fun, engage in meaningful activities, celebrate their successes, and develop their character. That's why we have planned a range of exciting events and field trips throughout the year, so that our students can expand their horizons and experience new things.

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our priority at Mann. Mann is **NOT** a uniform school. However, Mann is committed to following the HCPS Dress Code. Dress Code is shown to improve test scores, raise school pride, increase attendance, reduce violence, and help students express themselves in ways other than fashion. At Mann Middle, it is very important that students dress and conduct themselves with high civility.

Enclosed is information that will help you get a head start to the new school year. I am committed to making sure our children are in front of highly effective teachers who know and understand what is best for children and how children learn. I am a firm believer that collaboration between home and school can make a big difference in a child's education. I look forward to making a positive difference in your child's educational journey. Thank you in advance for your support and dedication.

Educationally Yours,

Brad Brooks
Principal

Hillsborough County Dress and Grooming Policy (as printed in Student Handbook) will be strictly enforced.

Hillsborough County Dress Code is outlined below:

The dress and grooming of students shall be that which contributes to the health and safety of the individual and which is non-disruptive of the educational activities and processes of a school. The definition of appropriate dress shall vary with the age of the student, the program of instruction, and the heating/cooling system of the building.

Students have the right: to dress as they choose as long as their dress meets the approved dress and grooming regulations, does not disrupt school activities, is not obscene or defamatory, and does not endanger the physical health or safety of themselves or others. Students have the responsibility: to dress and groom in such a manner to reflect cleanliness, modesty, safety and good taste; become familiar with and adhere to approved dress and grooming regulations of the School Board of Hillsborough County.

- In accordance with F.S. 1006.07, students shall not wear clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner. Adherence to the Dress Code and Student Code of Conduct is a condition for participation in extracurricular activities. (F.S. 1006.15)
- Shoes shall be worn and be securely fastened to the feet. During Physical Education classes, shoes must be suitable for outdoor wear.
- Clothing and/or accessories that display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol, tobacco or vaping-related wording or graphics, or that provoke violence or disruption in the school, shall not be worn.

Sixth – Twelfth Grades

- Shoes shall be worn. Skate tennis shoes and bedroom slippers are unacceptable and not allowed.
- Clothing that exposes the entire shoulder, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type of clothing may only be worn with a blouse or shirt. Clothing exposing the torso or the midriff, either front, back, or sides shall not be worn. Underwear shall not be visible. Clothing shall not expose the mid-chest area. Clothing not properly fastened or with tears that are indecent shall not be worn. Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments. All pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist. Boys' shirts shall have sleeves. Mini-skirts, mini-dresses, and short shorts shall not be permitted. Hemlines shall be no shorter than fingertip length.
- Head coverings shall not be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons.
- Garments and/or jewelry that display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or that provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in the school, shall not be worn. Wallet chains shall not be worn.

Florida Statutory Requirements for Student Dress

In the 2011 Legislative Sessions, Florida's Legislature passed, and Governor Scott signed into law, changes to sections 1006.07 and 1006.15 Florida Statute requirements for district Codes of Student Conduct (commonly known as the Baggy Pants Bill). In these sections are new school board requirements to include in the code of conduct, "an explanation of the responsibilities of each student with regard to appropriate dress, respect for self and others, and the role that appropriate dress and respect for self and others has on an orderly learning environment." This law provides penalties for students who wear clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner. Lastly, the law includes adherence to the Dress Code and Code of Student Conduct as a condition for participation in extracurricular activities.



MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Raiders



Welcome Back!
2023-2024

Open House:
Monday, August 7, 2023 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

First Day of School: August 10, 2023

School Hours Tuesday-Friday:
9:35 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Early Release Mondays
9:35 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

***Student Arrival: Students are not allowed on campus before 9:15 a.m.**

Free Breakfast for all Students:
9:15 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.



Mann Middle School
2023-2024
6th-8th

**All students are required to have one- 3 inch, 3 ring binder
(One binder is shared for the 4 core classes)**

- ❖ 3-ring binder
- ❖ One pack of 8 section dividers (for binder)
- ❖ 4 packs of wide ruled notebook paper (1 for each 9 weeks)
- ❖ 16 wide ruled 1 subject notebook w/ holes punched in them (1 for core classes - Math, Science, History, Language Arts- (1 per quarter for 4 quarters)
- ❖ 1 zipper pouch (to be placed in 3" binder)
- ❖ Blue or black pens (no gels please)
- ❖ #2 wooden pencils
- ❖ Sticky (Post-it) Notes
- ❖ 10 Glue sticks
- ❖ Small pack of colored pencils
- ❖ Ruler with metric measurements
- ❖ Bright yellow highlighter plus one other color
- ❖ 3 function calculator
- ❖ Box of Tissues for HR teacher



2023-2024 Student Academic Calendar School Board Approved 9/20/22

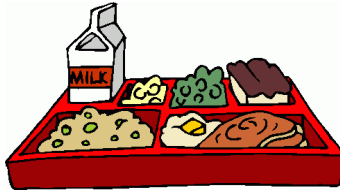
Students' First Day of School	Thursday, August 10, 2023
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 4, 2023
End of 1st Grading Period	Thursday, October 12, 2023
Non-Student Day	Monday, October 16, 2023
Veterans Day Observed/Non-Student Day	Friday, November 10, 2023
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24, 2023
Students Return to School	Monday, November 27, 2023
End of 2nd Grading Period (End of 1st Semester)	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 25, 2023 - Friday, January 5, 2024
Students Return to School	Monday, January 8, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 15, 2024
Non-Student Day	Friday, February 16, 2024
Non-Student Day	Monday, March 4, 2024
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15, 2024
Students Return to School	Monday, March 18, 2024
End of 3rd Grading Period	Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Non-Student Day	Friday, March 29, 2024
Last Day of School/End of 4th Grading Period (End of 2nd Semester)	Friday, May 24, 2024

Hurricane Day(s) if needed: October 16, November 10, November 20-22, and November 24

Student Early Release Day Schedule

Every Monday with the exception of non-student days.

On the last day of school, students will be released 2.5 hours early.



School Lunch/Breakfast Information

We are pleased to inform you that Hillsborough County Public Schools is implementing a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school year 2023-2024. All students enrolled at Mann Middle School may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge, without meal benefits application.

Please encourage your child to eat breakfast and lunch daily as this opportunity is such a wonderful happening for Mann Middle School.

Breakfast & Lunch will be served at no cost to all students regardless of eligibility status.

Middle School Campus: Students on the middle school campus will have breakfast in the cafeteria. Once students arrive at school, they must follow sign-out procedures before leaving campus. Students may not leave campus without school approval.

Dismissal Procedures

Anytime there is a change in your child's transportation home, **YOU MUST COME IN TO THE SCHOOL AND UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS. WE CAN'T SEND THE KID HOME ON THEIR NEW BUS UNTIL WE HAVE THE UPDATED ADDRESS WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION.**

Notification by phone for any dismissal changes will only be accepted in case of an emergency.

- **Students cannot be signed out after 2:50 p.m. on Monday and 3:50 p.m. Tuesday-Friday due to safety risks that can occur if changes are made during our school wide dismissal.**
- **Students will not be released to parents in the hallways or classrooms.**
- **Parents can pick up students at the pick-up point located at the car rider line. DO NOT PICK YOUR CHILD UP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD OR IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. THIS IS A SAFETY CONCERN FOR YOUR CHILD!!**

Absence From School

Your child attendance will affect his or her learning. It is very important that your child is in school every day. **Attendance over 98%** will increase your child likelihood of **academic success**. If your child is absent, please call before 9:30 a.m. on the date of the absence: **(813) 744-8400 ext. 1** on menu.

SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT TAKES PLACE IN MAIN OFFICE

Sign-In

- All students must sign-in if they arrive on campus after 9:35 a.m.
- In order to be excused, a parent or guardian must sign a student in and provide an acceptable reason for tardiness in accordance with the Student Handbook.
- Students will be given a pass to report to class.

Sign-Out

- When signing out your child, please remember **you must provide picture identification and be listed on the child's Emergency Card.** For your child's safety, no exceptions will be made.
- Students may not be signed out after 2:50 pm on early release days, and 3:50 pm on regular days. Regular student dismissal is at 4:30 p.m. Early dismissal is at 3:30 pm. We appreciate your cooperation as we minimize classroom interruptions at the end of the school day.



Transportation

Bus transportation is available for all students who are zoned for Mann. Buses are unavailable if your child is attending Mann on choice. Information about bus schedules will be mailed separately by the Transportation Department. Students will receive their bus ID tag when they board the bus. It is very important that your child wears the tag every day. **NOTE: School buses can run late for the first few days.**

Bus Route information is available at

<http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/transportation/routes.asp>

Please contact the HCPS Transportation
Department

for questions regarding bus routes and bus stops.

(813) 982-5569

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: THE HOST PROGRAM

The district fee base HOST program will be available for parents who need before and after school care. Please look at the HCPS district homepage www.hillsboroughschools.org to find the requested information to apply. Morning HOST will begin at 7:00. Afternoon HOST will run from 4:30 -6:00 p.m. daily.



Car Rider Procedures

The car rider drop off and pick up points are located in the parking lot adjacent to the cafeteria NOT the front of the school! Have all school supplies and lunch money organized before you leave home. Drive slowly as you approach the school. Loud music on the school grounds is prohibited.

Student Use of Telephones and Electronic Devices

Middle School campus students are allowed to use cell phones before school and after school. (No Calls!) During instructional/class time cell phones are not permitted. The rule is: If we see it, we take it. Cell phones and other electronic devices that are confiscated can be retrieved by student at the end of the school day in Student Affairs.

The school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen personal electronic items.

Students will be allowed to call their parents for emergencies only in the Student Affairs Office on a school phone. **CELL PHONE GUIDELINES CAN BE FOUND IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK.** All other electronic entertainment devices such as iPods, video games, cameras, recorders, etc. are advised to be kept at home.



MANN MIDDLE PTA



Welcome Back to School! Mann's PTA is very excited to work with you this 2023-2024 school year. We are striving for 100% participation from faculty, parents, students, and our community to JOIN OUR PTA! PTA is an organization that gives parents, teachers and students a voice in our schools. Mann PTA dues are \$5.00 per adult for the year, while dues for students are \$3.00. A family membership is \$10.00. Businesses in our area, dues will be: \$15.00.

The monies collected goes to assist every child in being successful at Mann Middle.

- Your \$...helps fund the Raider store for all students.
- Your \$...helps out by providing incentives for students: assemblies, enrichments, dances, etc.
- Your \$...helps provide light refreshments at our parent nights and conference nights.
- Your \$...helps us buy refreshments for our Honor Roll Breakfast.
- Your \$...helps provide teachers grants for innovative projects.

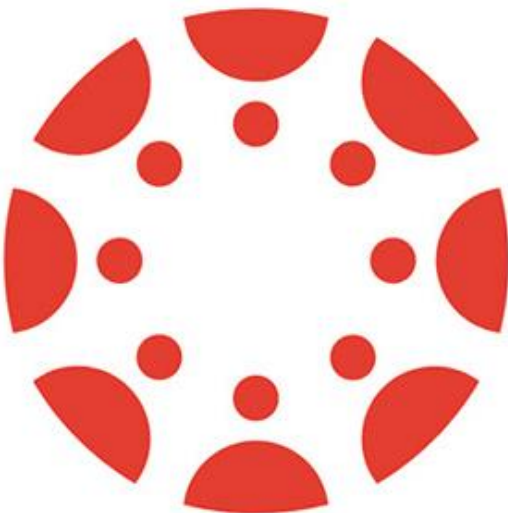


PLEASE JOIN THE MANN'S PTA TODAY!

Be Knowledgeable About Your Student's Grades/Resources

Mann utilizes **CANVAS** as our web-based link. **CANVAS** allows students to access information on demand via the web including calendars, grades, and announcements from teachers.

Visit www.hillsboroughschools.org



Question and Answer

Q: How can I get involved in my child's school?

A: Mann Middle supports and encourages parental involvement. Active parents are always needed for the School Advisory Council (SAC), PTSA. More information regarding volunteering for school activities will be sent home at the start of the year by the PTSA and are included in this newsletter. For more information about getting involved in SAC please give us a call at school.

Q: Where can a student go for help if they feel they are in conflict with another student or being harassed?

A: Students should report any conflicts to their teacher(s). They can also report the problem to a Guidance Counselor, the Social Worker, the School Resource Officer, Behavior Resource Teacher, ESE Specialist, Student Success Coach or an administrator. Students are encouraged to seek the help of an adult immediately if there is a problem.

Q: How is medication administered during the school day?

A: All prescription and non-prescription medications will be administered by the school nurse. Students should not have ANY medication in their possession at school (prescription or non-prescription). Medications must be checked in with the nurse in the original containers with the doctor's instructions. For more info, pls. call (813) 744-8400.

ELP/ FSA Tutorials & Credit Recovery

Our School **Extended Learning Program** (ELP) is offered for additional academic support for any student who needs additional assistance in any academic area. The first ELP & Credit Recovery sessions will be announced. If Course Recovery is required your child's guidance counselor will reach out to you.



7th Grade Requirement to Start School in 2023-2024

The Florida Department of Health requires that students entering seventh grade receive a very specific form of the "Tetanus" vaccine. This vaccine is referred to as the Tdap (Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Vaccines). This requirement is in addition to the previous immunization requirements that are grade appropriate. The Tdap can be administered to students 10 years of age and above.

Documentation of a Tdap must be on file at Mann Middle School prior to the start of school August 10th.

If documentation does not specify the Tdap vaccine, the parent/guardian will be asked to return the form to the health care provider for clarification.

Contact your physician or
the Health Dept.
Immunizations are FREE.

Call (813) 307-8077

Mann Middle School

2023-2024 Sports: Track, Basketball, Soccer,
Volleyball, Flag Football

Scholastic Requirements:

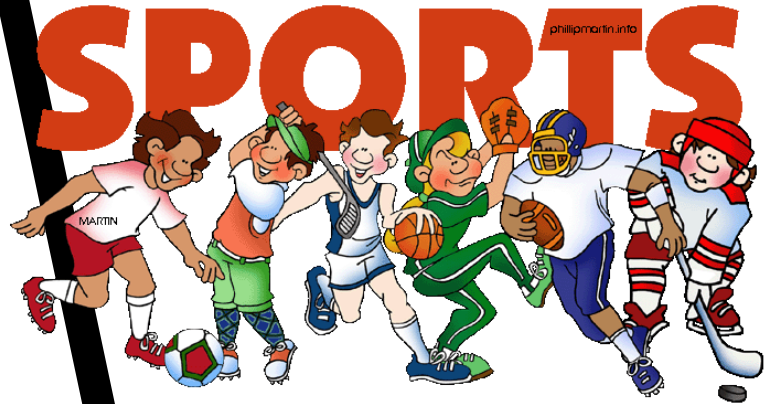
To be academically eligible for middle school sports, a student must have a 2.0 grade point average based on an unweighted 4.0 scale from the previous 9 weeks grading period to try out and participate in a sport. He/She must complete a weekly progress report from each assigned teacher beginning one week before the first contest regarding his/her academics and conduct. More than one "F" in academics or an "F" in conduct will disqualify the student from extramural participation for the coming week. Sixth grade students entering middle school for the first time will be eligible for extramural athletics for the first grading period if he/she was regularly promoted from the fifth grade the immediate preceding school year. Eligibility following the end of the first grading period shall be determined the same as all other middle school student athletes.

Residence: The student must be a bona fide student at the school where he or she is participating and must be assigned to the school by the School District of Hillsborough County.

Age: A student will be eligible until he/she reaches the age of 15 years, nine months. On that day, the student becomes ineligible.

Limits of Eligibility: A student may participate in middle school extramural athletics for three years. The first year as a sixth grader, the first year as a seventh grader, and the first year as an eighth grader. Eligibility begins with promotion to the next grade level.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any player displaying unsportsmanlike behavior, or any misconduct will be removed from the game and may not return during that game or the next contest.



The following items must be completed and turned in to the coach or game manager before the student athlete may be issued equipment or begin practice:

Complete ADA-I Card (yellow packet)

Complete physical exam completed after May 15
(your doctor will sign /stamp the ADA-I card)

Mandatory insurance coverage (covers student athlete for entire school year of extramural sports)

Birth certificate for initial eligibility

Parental permission (parent signs ADA-I card)

Medical Release Card (separate form; must be notarized)

School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is responsible for developing a School Improvement Plan to address the school's goals. SAC members are elected representatives of the following groups: students, parents, teachers, guidance counselors, support staff, administration, and the community. Anyone interested in more information or serving on the School Advisory Council should contact Ms. at 744-8400 or @hcps.net.

SERVE and Volunteers

Parent and community members who wish to volunteer on our campus must complete a SERVE form and submit it online. This policy is new to our district. You could come to Mann Middle and fill it out the online application. We welcome volunteers but are also careful about those who interact with our students. Potential volunteers will be notified when the SERVE form has been reviewed by our school and district office. Please contact Ms. Ledford, at (813) 744-8400 or via email at Kimberly.Ledford@hcps.net.

Progress Reports

Progress Report are sent home 2x each grading period. One copy will come home with your student.

Visitors on Campus

Because safety is our number one priority, anyone who is not a Mann student or staff member must sign in with the main office and must wear a visitor's pass or badge while on campus. See the Student Handbook for more information.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

School safety is a priority at the national, state and local levels. All schools in our district have a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in place. School sites practice drills on a regular basis and staff members receive updated training. The training is tailored to our school's needs. This plan will help maximize the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and visitors should an emergency arise on our campus.

Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with federal regulations for asbestos management in schools (40 CFR 763, Subpart E) each school in our district maintains an asbestos plan for public review. This document identified the location of all known asbestos containing materials. Contact the school or the District Safety Office for more information.

Student Schedule Information

Student schedules can be picked up during Open House. Schedule change requests will not be reviewed until after the second week of school. Schedules are not typically changed for reasons such as teacher preference. Elective class changes are made pending availability. Scheduling in Reading courses is based upon state statute.

Schedules with ERRORS will be corrected as soon as the errors are detected.

Academic Excellence

Student schedules are assigned based on standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, and state laws. Students are scheduled into the most rigorous courses available, based upon academic need. Schedule changes are processed through the Guidance Department and approved by either the Assistant Principal for Curriculum. Request forms are available in the Guidance Offices.



August 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students; Faculty and Staff:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is a state agency that oversees the cleanup of sites throughout Florida. The FDEP is responsible for notifying School Boards throughout the state when any contamination is discovered at school property. School Boards which receive such notice are further required to notify all Faculty, staff, parents, and guardians of students attending the school.

In 2009/2010 school year, the FDEP notified the Hillsborough County School Board regarding the identification of soil and/or groundwater contamination at several school locations. This letter is to fill the annual requirement of notification for the identified locations. In addition, the School Board also decided to voluntarily expand their notification process beyond FDEP requirements to include other school locations based upon a review of available information regarding historical as well as more recent soil and groundwater testing results.

DUE TO THE LOW POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE, THE SOIL AND/OR GROUNDWATER CONSTITUENT CONCENTRATIONS IDENTIFIED AT THESE LOCATIONS DO NOT POSE A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK. THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS.

A listing of the schools identified for which the School Board has/is providing notification at this time is as follows.

Brandon High School	Buchanan Middle School	Just Elementary School
Kenly Elementary School	Leto High School	Lockhart Elementary School
Mann Middle School	Marshall Middle School	MacFarlane Park Magnet
McLane Middle School	Mendenhall Elementary	Morgan Woods Elementary
Oak Park Elementary School	Pinecrest Elementary School	Pizzo K-8 School
Plant City High School	Plant High School	Robinson Elementary School
Town & Country Elementary	Wilson Middle School	Young Middle Magnet

Additional relevant information for each school is available in the Principal's office. You are invited to review this information at your convenience. Additionally, to assist you in understanding this information and to answer questions, the FDEP and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) have established two toll free information lines. DOH number 1-877-798-2772 and FDEP number 1-866-282-0787.

School Board of Hillsborough County



1 de Agosto del 2023

Estimados Padres y Tutores de Estudiantes; Profesores y Empleados:

El Departamento de Protección Ambiental de la Florida (FDEP) es una agencia estatal que supervisa todas las operaciones de limpieza de todos los sitios/lugares a través de todo el estado de la Florida. El Departamento de (FDEP) es responsable de notificar a todas las Juntas Escolares del estado de la Florida cuando una contaminación es descubierta en la propiedad de una escuela. La Juntas Escolares son las que reciben dicha notificación y además deberá de notificar a los profesores, personal, Padres de familia y Tutores de los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela.

En el año escolar 2009/2010, el Departamento FDEP notificó a la Junta Escolar del condado de Hillsborough información respecto a la identificación de suelo y la contaminación de las aguas subterráneas en varias ubicaciones de las escuelas. La carta es para llenar el requisito de notificación para las localidades. Además, Las Juntas Escolares también decidieron voluntariamente ampliar su proceso de notificación más allá de los requisitos de el FDEP e incluir a otras ubicaciones de las escuelas basadas en análisis históricos haci como la información mas reciente recibida de los resultados de las pruebas realizadas de el suelo y las aguas subterráneas.

DEBIDO A LA BAJA POSIBILIDAD DE ESPOCISIÓN EN EL SUELO Y LAS AGUAS SUBTERRÁNEAS O LAS CONCENTRACIONES DE COMPONENTES IDENTIFICADOS EN ESTOS LUGARES NO DEMUESTRAN UN GRAN RIESGO PARA LA SALUD. LAS ESCUELAS SON SEGURAS PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES, PADRES DE FAMILIA, PERSONAL, Y LOS VISITANTES.

Una lista de las escuelas identificadas y a las cuales la Junta Escolar les ha enviado notificación hasta el momento son las siguientes:

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Información adicional pertinente para cada escuela está disponible en la oficina de el Director/a. Le invitamos ha revisar esta información a su comodidad. Además, ayudarlo ha entender esta información y a responder sus preguntas. FDEP (Departamento de Protección Ambiental de la Florida) y DOH (Departamento de Salud de el estado de Florida). Han establecido dos lineas gratis para proveer información. Los números son:
DOH 1-877-798-2772 y FDEP 1-866-282-0787.

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