

# WELCOME BACK

## Potter Elementary

Dear Potter Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. It is my pleasure to return to Potter Elementary, to serve as the proud Principal for my 5th year. It is with much enthusiasm and high expectations that I look forward to a great school year. You should be so proud of our Eagles, it is with much pride that the hard work of all our Eagles and staff paid off. Potter earned a C grade for the 21-22 school year. To earn a C grade for two years in a row during a global pandemic is a tremendous achievement.



This year we are going to have a strategic plan to master the new Florida BEST Standards and provide our Eagles with rigorous instruction. Our theme this year is **"Get Your Game Face On"**.

As a Community School, it is important for us that we continue to develop and build strong relationships with our students, families, and community. Your voices, opinions and feedback are important and what drives our community work forward. Please be sure to participate in surveys, attend events, and serve on committees such as SAC (Student Advisory Council) and PTA. I will continue to keep you informed of school news and updates on our school website, with parent link phone calls and texts, monthly newsletters, and updates on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

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Students will begin school on **Wednesday, August 10, 2022**. Regular school hours are 7:40 A.M. until 1:55 P.M. **Due to student safety, students may not arrive on campus prior to 7:10 A.M.** Students are marked tardy after 7:40 AM. This year we will continue to participate in the Breakfast on a Cart Program- students will take their breakfast from the cart nearest their arrival and eat in the classroom. Free breakfast will be served daily from 7:10-7:40 A.M. The National School Lunch Program has selected Potter to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision Program (CEP). This means all students at Potter will receive free lunch, regardless of their current meal status. **Please do NOT fill out the meal benefit application** as all students already qualify. If you have further questions about this program please contact SNS at (813) 840-7066. Bus routes and schedules will be released soon. Bus riders are expected to be at the bus stop 10 minutes before the specified pickup time. Student safety is paramount, and students will be asked to read and sign a Bus Behavior form acknowledging the expected behaviors to remain safe to and from school. **Kindergarten riders must have an adult waiting for them every afternoon or they will be returned to school.** It is then the parent/ guardian responsibility to pick up that student.





In order to keep our campus and our Eagles safe we are still following CDC guidelines for COVID protocols. Masks are **optional** this year.

Parents are **permitted on campus, to walk their child to class, after signing in the front office with ID or by appointment.** Please drop off your students at the car rider or walker gates where Potter staff will be on duty.

Please welcome the following new staff members to the Potter Family.

**Headstart**

*Ashley Lagares*

**Community Resource**

*Leontrae Gentle*

**Kindergarten**

*Angela Mitchell*

**3rd Grade**

*Rosann Gallicchio*

**School Psychologist**

*Maria Arzola*

**Secretary 1**

*Kareesha Vann*

**4th Grade**

*Alex George*

**PE Coach**

*Joe Davesi*

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**First through fifth grade students will remain in the same house color as last year. Kindergarten students will be assigned a house color at registration.**

Uniforms include house color polos, house t-shirts and spirit shirts. We are confident that your child will have an engaging and productive learning experience this year. Our community of learners will remain strong with a dedication to LEAD with loyalty, empathy, ambition, and determination.

**All students and families are invited to Potter's Back to School Carnival, on Monday, August 8th, from 4:00-5:30 P.M.**

Come on by to meet your child's teachers, dinner, supplies, and more! Please see the attached flyer for further information.

If we may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call us at 813-276-5564.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Waite, Proud Principal of Potter