



Welcome to Ready for Kindergarten!

*We are so glad you could join our
Zoom information session!*

READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN
WITH READY FREDDY™





Cannella Elementary School



Principal: Angela Ventura

Assistant Principal: Alexa Trafficante

Ready for Kindergarten

<http://signupforkindergarten.com/>



Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for both a parent and a child. For some children it is their first venture away from home. For all children it is a new learning community with new faces and procedures.

To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2022.

Here are the simple steps to enroll:


Step 1: Find Your School

Use the **School Locator** to find your child's attendance area school. Hillsborough County Public Schools also offers many Choice and Magnet school options. Find out more about our Choice and Magnet Programs at www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Magnet and www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Choice or contact the Choice Information Line at 813-272-4692.

Step 2: Contact Your School

Call your school and find a good time to register your child. The child's legal parent or guardian must be there to register the child. You will also need specific documentation in order to register your child for Kindergarten.

Step 3: Fill out all Documentation

View the "Registration Checklist" for a list of documents that you will need to provide or will be asked to complete at the school site. **English**  | Spanish

Remember, your child's Kindergarten registration is not complete until all the documentation is filled out and complete. This can sometimes be a lengthy process. That's why it's important to get started on the registration process as soon as possible.

Ready for Kindergarten



Welcome to KINDERGARTEN and Hillsborough County Public Schools!

Thank you for choosing to have your child attend a Hillsborough County Public School. We look forward to serving you and your child throughout the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Documents and information provided in this packet are designed to help you **prepare** for registration. You may complete the two included forms ahead to save time.

Please note that **registration is not complete until all paperwork is accepted at the school site.**

A parent/legal guardian must complete the registration process and provide the proper documents to the school site where the child will attend.

Please refer to the **Registration Checklist** to double check that you have what you need.

Forms to Complete: (provided)

1. **SER** – Student Enrollment Record Form (provided at the school site)
2. **Student Residency Form** – can be completed ahead of time, supporting documentation is required (see **Registration Checklist** for acceptable documents)

Documentation to Provide:

- Birth Certificate/Proof of Birth
Authenticated birth date can be verified by one of the following:
 - Certified copy of birth certificate/State of Florida Birth Registration Card
 - Baptismal certificate showing date of birth, place of baptism, accompanied by parents' sworn affidavit
 - Insurance policy on the child in force for at least two years
 - Bible record of child's birth accompanied by parents' sworn affidavit
 - Passport or certificate of arrival in the United States showing age of child (view only, do not copy)
 - School record at least four years prior, showing date of birth
- Social Security Number *not a requirement but highly recommended
Used as a unique numeric identification for state reporting to the Department of Education.
- Physical
Proof of physical examination by a Florida Medical Doctor(MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) or Physician Assistant (PA) within 12 months prior to entry in Florida Schools (first day of school); Contact School Health Services for assistance (813) 273-7020.

Cannella Elementary School



Cannella Vision
Preparing Students for Life

Cannella Mission
 $R^3 = \text{Success}$

Responsibility
Relationships
x Respect
SUCCESS!

<http://cannella.mysdhc.org>



Cannella Elementary School



<https://twitter.com/CannellaElem>



Cannella Elementary Highlights





Mission

Hillsborough County Public School's Dual Language Immersion Program in partnership with students, parents, and the community, will establish a strong, standards-based curriculum, which promotes high academic achievement in both Spanish and English. It will cultivate global competence and an appreciation for a multicultural society.

Vision

Preparing bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural students for life.



What is the Dual Language Program?

- A program that fosters the development of a students' oral, written and reading proficiency in two languages.
- Students in the Dual Language program are on a pathway to biliteracy with the goal of attaining the prestigious Florida State Seal of Biliteracy upon high school graduation.

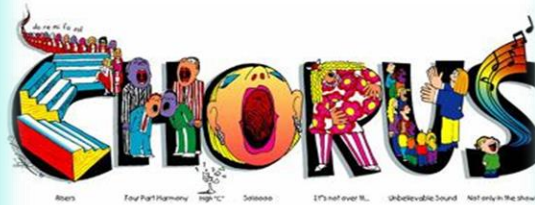


What is the Dual Language Program?

- Become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural in both English and Spanish.
- Receive daily instruction in both English and in Spanish for all subject areas.
- Be taught the skills necessary to compete in a global society
- Gain an appreciation for other cultures
- Experience both languages through experiments, stories, songs and games, etc.
- Receive homework in English and in Spanish



Cannella Elementary Enrichment



Cannella Elementary Academic Partners



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Cannella Elementary PBIS School

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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports



Uniforms

Uniforms are Mandatory

- Tops are White, Red or Navy Blue
- Navy and Khaki Dresses, Jumpers, Pants, Shorts, Skirts or Skorts
- On Fridays, students may wear jeans with a uniform shirt or school spirit shirt (purchased from PTA.)
- Appropriate closed-toe shoes for outside play





Mrs. Vega, English Language Learner Program

- SER form selections-if you check yes on any of the 3 home language questions your child will be screened
- Screeners- used to determine if the student needs help acquiring the English language
- Small Group Instruction for children who are working on English proficiency in the domains of reading, writing, listening and speaking.



PTA President - Mrs. Arnold

JOIN CANNELLA ELEMENTARY'S PTA

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ogether

When you join PTA, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our school families, the community and our school. We believe **TOGETHER** we can help our children be successful. Research proves the kids do better when parents are involved.

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Who can join?

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Teachers/Staff
- Friends and Family

Our goal is to reach **100%** membership!

Only \$5 to join!

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PTA Supports

- Student Enrichment Programs
- Social Family Events (Father/Daughter Dance, Mother Son Game Night and more to come.)
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Field Trips
 - The Arts
 - Media Center
- Physical Education

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Being a PTA member means MORE...

- A Way To Get Connected (provides a sense of community and keeps you informed in what is happening in the school)
- Makes You a Positive Role Model (demonstrates to your children the importance you place on school)



Mrs. Myers
ESE Specialist

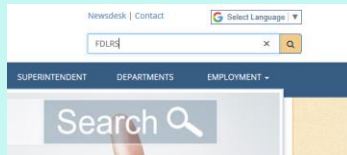


Mrs. Hare
Speech Language
Pathologist

- Childfind (before child is registered)
- Screen & Evaluate (3-5 years old) 813-837-7788
 - Difficulty understanding child's speech
 - Child has difficulty engaging in conversational speech
 - Child is currently receiving Speech and/or Language Services (private)
- **Speech Screenings**
- **MTSS Process**



Questions? Visit- <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/>



Type in FDLRS

16 documents found.

[Supporting the Needs of Students with Disabilities](#)

Department: [Exceptional Student Education \(Special Education\)](#) » [About](#)

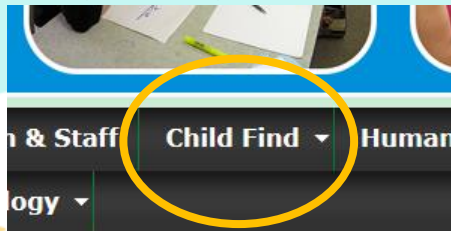
The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department is comprised of administration, teachers and other district level staff who are assigned to provide support and services to students with disabilities (SWD) in need of special education services.

[Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System \(FDLRS - Parent Liason Project\)](#)

Department: [Transition](#) » [Resources](#)

The Department of Exceptional Student Education and Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System offer a project to benefit parents of students with disabilities or special needs in Hillsborough County. The Area Parent Liasons (one for each of the seven geographic areas of the district) are all parents of students who are or have been, enrolled in exceptional education programs in Hillsborough County. Their role is to guide and empower parents to become collaborative, effective supporters for their children with disabilities by providing technical support and information.

Choose this link!



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Developmental Screening

The Early Childhood Council's Developmental Screening Program, in partnership with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS), provides free monthly screening for developmental delays or behavioral difficulties to children aged 0-5. Screening occurs in several key developmental domains including speech & language, hearing, vision, cognitive or pre-readiness skills, motor skills and social-emotional development.

To schedule an appointment, call
(813) 837-7723 (English)
(813) 837-7714 (Español)



Melissa Casillas, RN – School Nurse



- Entry Vaccinations and Physicals
- Medications
- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Hearing and Vision Screening

Mrs. Carmella DeFazio-Stanley
LPN Clinic Nurse





Mrs. Perez
Data Processing Clerk

Registration Requirements

You **MUST** have all of the following for your registration to be complete:

- Child must be 5 on or before September 1st, 2022
- Original Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current Physical (within 1 year of first day of school) with Shot Record
- 2 Proofs of Address



Ms. Floyd Lunchroom Manager/Food Services



- Student numbers
- Universal Breakfast
 - Free for all students
 - **Served between 7:10 -7:40 a.m.**
- Free and Reduced Lunch
 - **Forms available online – application available July 1st for the 2022-2023 School Year**
- Current lunch price is \$2.25 (prices are subject to change)
- Payment options: Online Payment is available through MyPaymentsPlus

**[Student Nutrition Services / Meal Application |
School Meal Benefits
www.hillsboroughschools.org/mealbenefits](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/mealbenefits)**





Ms. McDaniels
Social Worker



Ms. Magney
School Counselor

Ms. Watt
Psychologist

- School-wide behavior plan - PBIS
- School counseling services
- Social work services
- Psychological services



HOST

Amy Reyes, HOST Supervisor

Helping students grow in a safe educationally enriched and fun environment.



Our Kindergarten Team



Ms. Phillips



Mrs. Arenas



Ms. Weitekamp



Mrs. Masuck



What is Expected from Your Child?

- Behavior that promotes learning
- Participation in the classroom family
- Active listening throughout the day
- Responsibility (getting work done)
- Independence
- Effort
- Self-sufficiency in the restroom



What is Expected from You!

- Encourage positive behavior
- Create independence
- Review agendas/daily work together
- Read with or to your child every night
- Complete on-line volunteer application if volunteering at school
- Make sure the teacher knows how your child will be going home (bus, car, walking, private provider van) and notify the office and teacher of any changes in writing
- Make sure the office has your current phone numbers, address, emergency contact, and email address
- Have your child arrive at school on time

- School begins at 7:40am
- Mondays - Early Release Dismissal 12:55pm
- Tuesday – Friday Dismissal 1:55pm

Notify us immediately if you have any concerns



Start of the Year Assessments

- **Star:** Star Early Literacy is a state-wide assessment given to all children entering a public school kindergarten in the state of Florida. It will be given during the first 30 days of school.
- **i-Ready:** i-Ready is an online computer program that students will utilize throughout the year. Students will participate in lessons as well as diagnostic measures.



Kindergarten Readiness



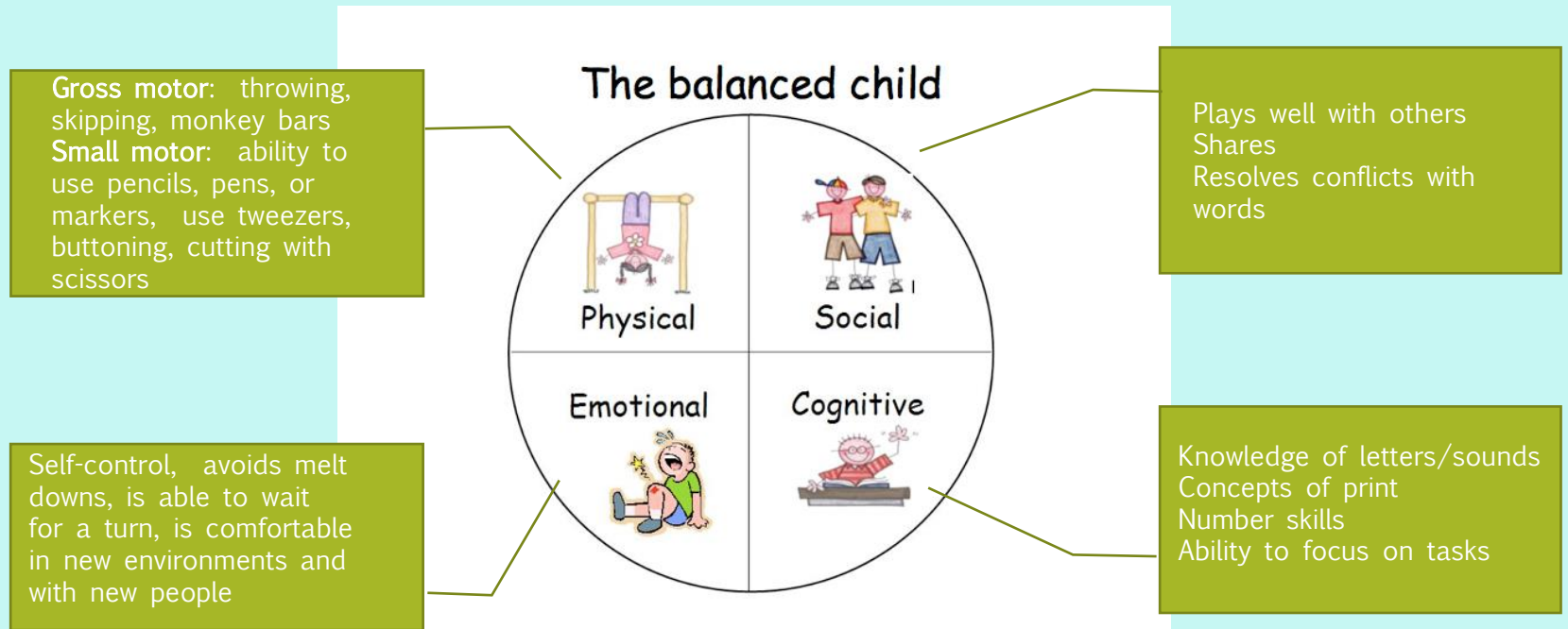
Who is Freddy?



- Freddy is a Hillsborough County initiative to increase excitement for and awareness of kindergarten readiness.
- Our goal is to have every family understand what kindergarten readiness is and why it is so important.
- Ready Freddy is the embodiment of Kindergarten Readiness!



So.....What is meant by Kindergarten Readiness?



Why is it important to be “kindergarten ready”?



- A child’s first school experiences can influence the way he or she relates to others for the rest of life. Success or failure at this stage can affect a child's well-being, self-esteem and motivation, resulting in how they approach school going forward.



Beyond the skills....

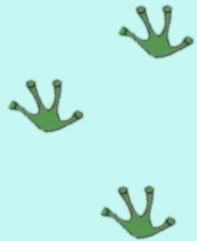
Children must be ready to cope with:

- A change in place.
- A change in expectations.
- Adjustment to a new peer group.
- A new authority figure.
- A new role as a student.



How can you help with “a change in expectations”?

- Assign your child specific, age-appropriate, tasks and hold him/her accountable for its completion. Create a job chart together and have the child check off completed tasks.
- Try to build your child’s stamina (time on task) with activities. Example: Look at books for 5 minutes and build up time from there.
- Practice having your child follow two and three step directions. Example: Fold the clothes and the put them in the dresser. OR... Pick up your toys, put your clothes away and then meet me at the kitchen table.



How can you help with “adjusting to a new authority figure”?



- ▶ Provide children opportunities to experience other adults as the authority figure. Have your child visit a friend and his/her parent without you present, have a babysitter in charge from time to time, attend a preschool, story time at the library, day care or church classroom....



Exposure to conversations

- Today we see many adults interacting more with their phones than their kids!
- Children develop their vocabulary through conversations. Speak to your child frequently, ask questions and then listen to their responses.
- Encourage full sentences. Discourage one word responses.
- The more words they are exposed to, the more they will pick up.
- Children with a more advanced vocabulary pick up reading and writing skills more quickly.



Summer VPK Program

- FREE Summer program to ensure kindergarten readiness (dates and times to be determined)
- Typically there are approximately 20 sites throughout the district (sites to be determined by April 1st)
- Registration requirements: proof of birth, proof of residence and a immunization record
- Registration at open summer VPK sites TBA
- Child must be eligible to start kindergarten August 2022 (5 by September 1, 2022)
- Child may not have attended a school-year VPK Program

VPK Hotline: 813-272-4840



Looking forward to a new year!

Any questions, please contact our main office (813) 975-6941.

It's going to be a great 2022-2023 school year!

