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## Cleveland Elementary School

July 25, 2022

Dear Cleveland Parents & Families,

On behalf of the staff at Cleveland Elementary, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! Our continued theme this year is "**Preparing to Accelerate and Work towards Success**" and it is through our passion for learning and our long tradition of educating the "whole" child, that we will engage our students intellectually and inspire them to reach their potential. I am so pleased to announce that we have maintained our school grade of a "C" and were listed as one of the Top Schools in Hillsborough County with 105 points growth from 2019-2022! We will continue to strive to accelerate and close the achievement gap for our students!

While we are in the business of educating, our priority is the safety of our students and our employees. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we do everything we can to be responsive to the needs of the community around us.

### **Cleveland's Mission**

As we plan for the start of our school year, our focus will still be to ensure that every child, every chance, every day:

- Knows how important, valued and loved he or she is.
- Receives high quality instruction and is being challenged by new learning experiences.
- Is learning a set of skills, knowledge, and behaviors involved in goal setting, engaging in positive relationships, and solving problems effectively.

In a world of unknowns, be assured we are doing our very best to maintain a sense of normalcy and regularity this school year. The teachers have already been working hard to start the year off with a positive, proactive approach to learning for students. We will spend a great deal of time gathering data about students' strengths and needs at the start of the year to help guide instruction throughout the year to ensure that all our students receive the support that they need to be successful.

### **New Staff**

Cleveland is a school staffed with energetic, caring and qualified educators who are committed to high academic expectations and mutual respect. Additionally, this level of commitment and support has been influenced by the many caring and involved parents and community partners. To add, this year we have the pleasure of welcoming the following new staff members to our Cleveland family:

Livia Forrest, Assistant Principal  
Jorrel Brinkley, School Psychologist  
Juan Alvarez-Cabellero, Custodian

### **Student Code of Conduct**

You have the right to review the student code of conduct online at <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/conduct>

### **Open House**

All families are invited to our **Open House & Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm– 5:30 pm**. Come on by to meet your child's teacher.

### **First Day of School and Meals**

Our first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Students may enter the campus as early as 7:10 A.M. and instruction begins promptly at 7:40 A.M. Breakfast is served daily for all students from 7:10 – 7:35 A.M. Apply online for school meal benefits at [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us) and search “Go SNS” on your computer, tablet or phone. You can also call the Healthy Meals Express Application Center for assistance at (813)840-7066 or the Meals Status/Meal Prepay Hotline at 1-866-544-5575.

### **Transportation**

Bus routes and schedules will be released soon. All bus riders are to be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the printed arrival time. Your child's safety is of the utmost concern to us, therefore, please be sure that your child is always well supervised while he or she is at the bus stop. All kindergarten students must have a parent or designated adult at the bus stop every afternoon. If a parent or designated adult is not at the bus stop, your child will be returned to school. You will then be contacted to pick up your child from school.

### **Uniforms**

Cleveland is a uniform school. We want our students to be dressed for success and ready to learn and have a sense of community and pride in our school. Our uniform policy consists of a white, navy or red polo style collared shirt with khaki or navy bottoms. Students can also choose to wear a polo color correlated with their House with khaki or navy bottoms. All students are encouraged to wear sneakers every day to safely participate in outdoor activities. Our uniform policy is featured on our website.

### **Stay Updated**

Remember to stay informed with the latest updates from our superintendent, Addison Davis, in regard to Hillsborough County's plan and other important information.

We will continue to keep our families abreast of changes to platforms of learning and onsite events. Families will be notified of upcoming changes via parent links, texts, twitter, and website updates.

I look forward to a positive, productive, and enriching school year with our students and families. Should you have any questions during the school year, please feel free to contact me at 276-5583 and we will be happy to meet with you to discuss your child's educational program.

*\*For your convenience, the 2022-2023 supply list has been posted to our website at <https://cleveland.mysdhc.org>.*

Sincerely,  
Christina Copeland  
Principal