



Yates Elementary School "The Eaglet Eye"

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Open House
August 5, 2022
Kindergarten 1:30-4:00
School-wide 2:00-4:00

Welcome to an amazing school year! Our teachers and staff are excited to start the year as we are "Growing to our Potential" both socially and academically. This most important work starts now as we partner with each and every family to ensure success for all. I look forward to seeing you at open house on August 5th.

Your Proud Principal, *Lisa Varnum*

Lisa Varnum, Principal
Emilia Suarez, Assistant Principal
Mairi Beckett, Social Worker
Angela Oser, ESE Specialist

Back to School

In addition to excellent academic opportunities, we pledge to provide a safe environment for your child/children. Here is some important information about keeping our Yates family safe and healthy:

Campus Access:

- Visitors to campus will be restricted to the front office only. Parents/guardians may come in to pick up an ill student or receive information from the office.
- To maintain a safe and healthy environment, students will walk to class with the assistance of staff.

First day of school only: We will allow students to be walked to class on the first day of school. We are asking that only one parent come on campus if possible. For those that walk their child to class, please note drop off will be at the classroom door.



Friday, August 5 is Eaglet Exploration/Open House! Kindergarten will meet from 1:30-2:00 in the Multipurpose Room before going to the classrooms. School-wide will be from 2:00-4:00. Please note that you may be asked to wait outside for a few minutes as we regulate the number of individuals in the classroom. Mark your calendar now to meet our staff and set your child up for a successful school year! **You are welcome to drop off classroom supplies during this time.**

How is your child going home?

Can't make it to Open House?
Be sure to put "in writing"
how your child will go home.
Bus, Car, Daycare, or Walking



Bus Transportation

Bus routes are coming soon! This information can be found at hillsboroughschools.org/transportation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 987-6987. Please remember, if you have an ESE child receiving specialized bus services, your bus driver will be contacting you prior to the start of the school year with specific bus stop locations, times, and bus numbers.

Annual Title 1 Meeting

On Thursday, August 5th at 1:30 and again at 2:30 Ms. Varnum will be sharing information on how you can partner with our school, our Title 1 budget and much more. Looking forward to seeing you in the Multipurpose Room.

How do I find my child's teacher?

Located on the front of the envelope is the information you will need to find your child's teacher. Your child's grade level and room number are located at the top right corner of the address label. Located on the final page of this newsletter you will find "Homeroom Assignments for 2022-2023" Use the room number from the label to locate the name of your child's teacher for the upcoming school year.

Dress Code

Based on feedback from our school community, we have revised the dress code for the 2022-2023 school year. School uniforms are recommended.

The uniform consists of:

- White, navy or maroon sleeved, collared shirt
- Navy blue or khaki pants, shorts, capri, skorts or jumpers
- School Spirit shirts on Fridays.

Required Dress Code if not participating in the Uniform Policy

- Shorts or skirts should be no shorter than fingertip length.
- The shoulder and torso should be covered at all times.
- Jeans must be free of holes or rips.
- Please note the dress of students should be nondisruptive to the educational environment. Failure to follow the dress code can result in students being asked to wear a school shirt over their clothing, change or a call home to the family.

Universal information:

- All pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist to prevent underwear from being visible.
- Head covering, including hoodies, shall not be worn in the building unless required for religious reasons.
- Shoes shall be securely fastened to the feet. Footwear must be suitable for outdoor physical activity. Unsafe shoes such as roller shoes/Heallys or slides are not permitted.
- Students and staff members are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing spirit shirts on Friday. These can be purchased through our PTA.



Volunteer/Chaperone Application

All volunteers and community partners must complete/reactivate the online HCPS Volunteer Application each school year. Anyone who submits a volunteer application beginning July 1, 2022 will remain active in our system through June 30, 2023. NOW is the time to complete the online application.

From the District website click on "Departments", click on "Volunteer Services" and then click on the Y.E.S Icon. Complete the application. It could take approximately 2-4 weeks to be approved.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

Before diving into car line procedures, a quick question for you. If you knew of a secret route that could take you to work that avoided a daily traffic jam, would you take it? Or do you enjoy bumper to bumper, snails pace driving and the stress of being late to work? Well, if you live more than two miles from school, we have a secret route for you to consider. By sending your child to school on the bus you could realize several benefits to yourself, your child and your fellow parents. Did you know, that in many cases, our students that travel home on the bus make it there sooner than those picking up in car line? Did you know travelling to school by bus can help your student develop a feeling of confidence and independence? If you are eligible to send your student by bus and choose to do so, you would help relieve the crowding of the car line to the benefit of your fellow parents that are not eligible to send their students by bus. Imagine what you might be able to do with all the time saved not waiting in a car line? I get it, seeing our smiling faces welcoming your wonderful children to school each day is certainly worth the wait, but if eligible why not try out the school bus.

If the school bus is not an option, please be patient with our car line. Especially for the first two weeks of school, it can be a slow process. Your student's safety is the first priority. Your courtesy with other parents and local businesses leading up to car line is greatly appreciated.

