



Yates Elementary School

“The Eaglet Eye”

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Open House
August 7, 2023
Kindergarten 1:30-2:00
School-wide 2:00-4:00

Welcome to an amazing school year! Our teachers and staff are excited to start the year as we “Level Up” 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 Meet the Teacher on August 7th.

Your Proud Principal, *Lisa Varnum*

Lisa Varnum, Principal
Justin Hutcherson, 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:

First day of school only: We will allow up to 2 parents/guardians to walk their child to class on the first day of school. To reduce the number of individuals in the classroom, this drop off will be at the classroom door.

Campus Access:

- Visitors to campus will be restricted to the front office only unless you have a scheduled appointment.
- To maintain a safe and healthy environment, students will walk to class with the assistance of staff.



Monday, August 7 is Open House! Kindergarten will meet from 1:30-2:00 in the Multipurpose Room before going to the classrooms. School-wide Open House 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 (option 7). 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.

How do I find who my child's teacher is?

Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you by phone or email this week! Be on the lookout for that email and we hope to see you all for Open House on Monday, August 7.

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, 2023 will remain active in our system through June 30, 2024. 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

Consistency is best!

Arrival

- Kindergarten - 5th grade student drop off is located on Ridgewood. Pre-K drop off is located in the bus loop near the railroad tracks. *For the safety of all students, the front of school is not a drop off area.
- Instruction begins promptly at 7:40 am. All students should be present and in their classroom no later than this time.
- If your child rides a bus, please be at the bus stop 10-15 minutes early to greet the bus.

Dismissal

- Dismissal is at 1:55 p.m. for all K-5th grade students. Students may be signed-out early until 1:25 p.m. Tuesday-Friday or 12:25 p.m. on early release Mondays.
- All Pre-K students dismiss behind the buses beginning at approximately 2 pm.
- For the safety of all students, a child's mode of transportation may not be changed over the phone. We must have a written note.

Please be patient during the first two weeks of school with bus times and the car line. It can be a slow process as we work to ensure your child is dismissing the correct way.

