Welcome to Cannella Elementary School!
Cannella Elementary School
Principal: Angela Ventura
Assistant Principal: Lizzette Beltran
To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024

Here are the simple steps to enroll:

**Step 1: Find Your School**
Are you wondering what “kindergarten schools are near me?” If so, use the School Locator to find your child’s attendance area school. Hillsborough County Public Schools also offer many Choice and Magnet school options for kindergarten registration. Find out more about our Choice and Magnet Programs at [www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Magnet](http://www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Magnet) and [www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Choice](http://www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Choice) or contact the Choice Information Line at 813-272-4692.

**Step 2: Contact Your School**
When does kindergarten registration start? Call your school 💬 and find a good time to register your child, and learn about school open houses and tours. 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 a list of enrollment documents that you will need to provide or will be asked to complete at the school site for kindergarten registration. Remember, your child’s kindergarten registration is not complete until all the documentation is filled out and completed. This can sometimes be a lengthy process. That’s why it’s important to get started on the kindergarten registration process as soon as possible.
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 24-25 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 of time and bring with you when you enroll your child.

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 an approved licensed health care provider or the Hillsborough County Health Department, within 12 months prior to entry in Florida Schools (first day of school); Contact School Health Services for help.
Cannella Elementary School

Cannella Mission
R² = Success

Responsibility
Relationships
x Respect
SUCCESS!

Cannella Vision
Preparing Students for Life

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
Dual Language Application

Lenguaje Preferido / Preferred Language

1. ¿Cuál es su idioma preferido? / What is your preferred language?

- English
- Español

Next

Never give out your password. Report abuse

https://forms.office.com/r/hxn8gzXADk
Cannella Elementary Enrichment

Chorus

Math Bowl

Running Club

Yoga Club
Cannella Elementary Academic Partners

The University of Tampa
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
HILLSBOROUGH VIRTUAL K-12
Cannella Elementary PBIS School

PBIS
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
Ms. Mondragon
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 Staff Liaison – Mrs. Arnold
PTA President – Deanna Vasquez
CannellaPTA@gmail.com

JOIN CANNELLA ELEMENTARY’S PTA

**Together**

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.

**Everyone**

Who can join?
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Teachers/Staff
- Friends and Family

Our goal is to reach 100% membership!

Only $5 to join!

**Achieves**

- 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

**More**

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)
Ms. Salesky
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

Drop Down/ Select Developmental Screening

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
- Hearing and Vision Screening

Ms. Wanda Escobar
LPN – School 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, 2023
- Original Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current Physical (within 1 year of first day of school) with Shot Record
- 2 Proofs of Address
Ms. Martinez
Student Nutrition Manager/Food Services

- Student numbers
- Universal Breakfast
  - Free for all students
  - Served between 7:10 - 7:40 a.m.
- Free Lunch at Selected HCPS Schools under the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Grant
- Current lunch price is $2.25 (prices are subject to change)
- Payment options: Online Payment is available through MyPaymentsPlus
Student Services Team

Ms. McDaniels
Social Worker

Ms. Magney
School Counselor

Ms. Russell
Psychologist

- School-wide behavior plan - PBIS
- Counseling groups
- IEP Counseling
HOST

Ms. Thaina Sierra, HOST Lead Teacher
Ms. Cynthia Bourdon, HOST Supervisor

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

Ms. Phillips
Sra. Arenas
Ms. Rodriguez
Ms. Francois
Ms. Marquez
Kindergarten Readiness

ARE YOU READY FREDDY?
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!
This quick information can be used as a guide as you help prepare your child for kindergarten success and beyond. This list contains suggested skills or abilities, but should not be considered fully comprehensive of all possible skills and abilities a five-year-old child should possess.

**Physical Development**
- Demonstrates physical play, direction and spatial awareness (e.g., running, jumping, balancing, riding a tricycle)
- Eats and drinks without assistance
- Attends to personal hygiene

**Social and Emotional Development**
- Recognizes and responds with compassion when peers are upset
- Can communicate feelings and emotions
- Has positive relationships with peers and adults
- Plays well with others
- Can problem solve with peers and adults
- Can describe personal characteristics (e.g., hair color, age, gender)

**Creative Expression Through the Arts**
- Enjoys participating in musical activities (e.g., dance, singing, playing instruments)
- Uses drawing, painting, or other form of art to express thoughts, feelings, and experiences.
Ready for Kindergarten

**Social Studies**
- Identifies themselves as an individual and how they are different from others
- Understands the use of rules within the family and classroom
- Understands the use of geographic resources (e.g., globes, maps or GPS)
- Understands the role of community workers

**Approaches to Learning**
- Demonstrates curiosity, eagerness and persistence to a task
- Shows creativity, inventiveness, reflection and planning for a new task
**Language and Literacy**
- Communicates clearly with peers and adults
- Listens for personal understanding
- Follows two-step directions
- Speaks clearly, in complete sentences
- Continually increasing the understanding and use of new vocabulary words
- Uses age-appropriate grammar (e.g., possessive pronouns, plurals, past tense)
- Continually uses extended sentences
- Ask and answers questions
- Enjoys looking at and reading books, both independently and with others
- Understands how to care for a book
- Can retell a story
- Can identify letters
- Can separate compound words into two separate words
- Can combine two words to create a new compound word
- Can separate or combine syllables and words
- Names most letters (upper case and lower case)
- Can write own name

**Mathematical Thinking**
- Recognized sets of objects without counting (subitizing)
- Counts to 31
- Manipulates sets (counting objects, separating and combining sets)
- Creates simple patterns using different objects
- Can identify, describe and create basic shapes (circle, square, rectangle and triangle)
- Uses terms such as besides, below, next to, behind and under to describe the location of an object

**Scientific Inquiry**
- Identifies and utilizes all five senses
- Uses various technologies to support exploration and learning
- Understands the difference between and observes living things and non-living things
- Makes predictions about how an environment can change an object (e.g., water, wind, temperature)
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
Summer VPK Program

➢ FREE Summer program to ensure kindergarten readiness (dates and times to be determined)
➢ Registration requirements: proof of birth, proof of residence and an immunization record
➢ Registration at open summer VPK sites (HCPS website)
➢ Child must be eligible to start kindergarten August 2024 (5 by September 1, 2024)
➢ 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 2024-2025 school year!