

# Many Lions, One Pride

July 26th, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Chiamonte Elementary. I hope you and your children had an enjoyable summer and are ready to embark on an exciting adventure in which our boys and girls will be challenged to learn and experience new things.

Although the 2020-21 school year was one like none of us have experienced before, we had success and now we plan to build on it and reach even higher. The hard work from our students, teachers, staff, and parents has resulted in growth in many areas. Our goal is to reach the school grade of an "A." We will continue to improve and move even closer every day. With this continuous improvement, we will reach our lofty goals. It definitely has been a TEAM effort and everyone should be proud of what we have accomplished and where we plan to go this year.

There will be a lot of wonderful things happening at Chiamonte. Please read your monthly newsletters to keep abreast of it all. They will be posted on our Chiamonte School Website <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/chiamonte>

## Important Information for 2021-22

- We will continue to put safety 1<sup>st</sup> at Chiamonte and follow all CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- Masks are **OPTIONAL** for students and staff.
- **Volunteers and Visitors will be allowed to enter the campus. All visitors will be checked through our Safe Net System. Please bring a Valid ID to enter campus**
- At arrival **ALL** students will be dropped off at our front gates (K-5<sup>th</sup>) or cafeteria doors (ESE-Head Start-PEEPS/VPK students) and will be escorted/monitored on their way to the classrooms.
- **ALL** Breakfast will either be picked up in the cafeteria or at stations throughout the campus and taken directly to the classrooms. This is the district's **Breakfast in the Classrooms** program. There will be a hot and cold option. This will allow students to

get settled faster and ready to learn, as well as decreasing the number of tardies at Chiamonte.

- Procedures will still be in place for Custodial Staff to clean and sterilize ALL classrooms and Common Areas at regular scheduled times throughout the day and when needed.
- Hand Sanitizer Stations will be available at our front entrance and in all common areas.
- Sanitizing Stations will be in every classroom (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, wipes)
- Movement around the school will be limited for students and staff.
- Students will be trained on Procedures for Washing Hands and using Sanitary Wipes to assist in the cleanliness of ALL areas.
- Water Bottle Filling Stations are located around school for students to fill up their water bottles. We will **no longer** have drinking fountains or water bottles to pass out.
- All large gatherings (Terrific Kids-Veteran's Day Celebration-Awards Celebrations) will be planned in accordance with CDC and District guidelines.
- School related meetings (PTA-School Advisory Committee-Parent Involvement) will be conducted through both In-Person and ZOOM Online format.
- Students will be allowed on campus at **7:10**. Gates will remain locked until that time.
- **OPEN HOUSE** is temporarily scheduled for Mon. August 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 P.M.

**\*\*\*\*\* BELL TIMES FOR 2021-22 VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

- Starting time for school will remain the same as last year. School Hours are **7:40 - 12:55 on Mondays (Early Release Time)** and **7:40-1:55 on Tuesdays-Fridays**.

**REGISTRATION**

Students who attended Chiamonte Elementary last year **will not** have to come to school to register. However, it is critical that you update the emergency information card, which will be sent home on the first day. **If you plan on having someone sign-out or pick up your child from school, their name MUST be on the Emergency Card. They must have a valid Driver's License or ID.**

The first day can be very hectic and frightening for some young children. In order to assist our students getting to their proper classrooms, we have included a nametag for our primary children (VPK/PEEPS, Head Start, and K-2) and ask that you write your child's name, teacher, and room number on it so that he/she can be directed to the appropriate classroom. Also, include how your child will be going home. (Name of daycare provider, by car, bus rider, walker, bike, etc.)

## LUNCH

Free meal applications are now online through the School District of Hillsborough County website. ([www.hillsboroughschools.org](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org)) Type “Go SNS” in the search bar, click on the big green button, and follow the instructions. Contact the Healthy Meals Application Center at 813-840-7066 if you have any questions about the online application process. **Everyone is strongly encouraged to complete one.** We receive federal dollars through the Title 1 Program because we currently have 74% of our students on free lunch. You are helping us when you qualify. We don't want to lose our Title I status. These funds are used to purchase additional resource teachers to help our students.

The lunch price is \$2.25 and breakfast is free for all students. Extra milk is \$.50. Lunch payment can be made online or BEFORE school in the cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to **Chiaromonte School Lunchroom**. If you place the money or check in an envelope with the child's name, teacher's name, and amount written on the front, it will save much time for all concerned. Students are not allowed to pay for lunch with cash during the lunch serving hours.

## TRANSPORTATION

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE) PARENTS of children who ride the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) bus, will be contacted by the transportation department as to the time and pick up point. If you have any questions, or have not been notified prior to school starting, please call the ESE transportation route coordinator at 233-2872.

## CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

If you will look at the address label on the outside of the envelope, you will see your child's room number. Below is a listing of the room numbers and teachers:

<b>101 Mooney-1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>301 Hogan-2nd</b>	<b>501 Duncan Access K-2</b>
<b>102 Reschke-1st</b>	<b>302 Axe 2nd</b>	<b>502 Sanderson Access 3-5</b>
<b>103 Brewster -1st</b>	<b>303 Nadar-3rd</b>	<b>504 Komperda VPK/PEEPS</b>
	<b>304 Hochman-4th</b>	
<b>201 DeLaVina-K</b>	<b>401 Mills-4th</b>	<b>602 Becker-5th</b>
<b>202 Mohler-K</b>	<b>402 Trenchik-4th</b>	<b>603 Levan-5th</b>
<b>203 Muslin-K</b>	<b>403 Ferguson-3rd</b>	<b>604 Trevino-5th</b>
<b>204 Carrillo-2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>404 McQuay-3rd</b>	<b>702 Peacock-Head Start</b>

The following professionals/paraprofessionals serve our students in the areas of special education or special services:

Scott Reiche, School Psychologist	Jody Orlando, Social Worker
James Nicodemus-VE	Open-VE
Grace Gustafson-VE	Renee Bostwick-ESE Specialist
Michelle Onisawa-AGP	Mary Etherton, PE
Lauren Head, Art	Open, Music
Kim Torres, School Counselor	John Demid, Speech Therapist
Sandy Kirkner, Media Specialist	Paul Malberg, Reading Resource Teacher
Sofia Moya, ELL	Kim Bishop, K Assistant Teacher
Trey Elliott, ESE Attendant	Michelle Castellanos VPK Para
Tyrone Wells, ESE Para	
Sonia Gonzalez, ESE Para	Madelin Lopez, Head Start Aide
Maribel Mediavilla, School Nurse	Nancy Steinwinter, ESE Unique Needs Aide

Sincerely

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Cassie Smallen, Assistant Principal, Chiamonte Elementary