

"Learning is our Superpower"



August 10, 2020
Students First Day

Welcome Clair-Mel Community. We are eager to begin the 2020-2021 school year where "Learning is our Superpower!" Our teachers have been busy planning for an engaging school year. Our custodians have been working to make our campus look amazing. Our Student Nutrition Staff have been keeping our families fed over the summer and are ready to do the same this school year. Our office staff is busily registering new students and preparing to greet you when school resumes. Whether we greet students on campus or engage in e-learning, we are prepared to have an amazing year. Please know that we are closely monitoring CDC, State and District guidelines. The policies and procedures outlined in this Welcome Packet could change due to those guidelines. We will communicate changes as they are made. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we do everything we can to be responsive to the needs of the community around us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gloria Waite

Did you know?

- We have a community closet to support families with food and clothing.
- We host monthly i-Mom and All Pro Dad meeting to build parent and student relationships as well as engage families in the school community.
- We have a PTA focused on supporting the needs of our students.
- We recognize students monthly as Terrific Kids for displaying the character trait of the month.
- We have quarterly awards ceremonies to celebrate student progress.
- We have spontaneous prize patrol visits to recognize student success throughout the year.
- We offer afterschool programs like Instruments of Change, Art Club and Running Club to keep our students active in fun opportunities.
- We are eager to work with you.

Vision: Developing successful, productive citizens who make positive differences.

Mission: Clair-Mel Elementary will empower children to have active and creative minds to promote lifelong learners within our community.

Meet the Administration



This is my fourth year serving the Clair-Mel community. As the principal of Clair-Mel Elementary School, it is my goal to ensure that students have a safe and conducive learning environment. We have an amazing staff that works tirelessly to ensure students are presented with engaging lessons to meet the needs of each child. No matter the format for learning, our teachers are prepared to meet the needs of every child by meeting them where they are.

We are focused on developing goals with every child so they own their learning and can see the progress they are making to reach those goals. Teachers set high expectations for students and we also set high expectations for ourselves. We take time to celebrate student success and keep them motivated to continue on, even when the work is challenging.

Partnering with our families and community is vital to our success and the success of our students. We look forward to working with our community for another amazing school year.

Yours in education,

Dr. Waite



As assistant principal of Clair-Mel Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year! I am so excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning.

Whether you chose e-learning or face to face learning, it is our mission to help every child feel safe, welcomed, connected, and a part of our Clair-Mel family. This summer, our custodians have been working diligently to make sure all students come back to a safe and clean environment. The faculty and staff at Clair-Mel has high expectations for all of our students. We have even higher expectations for ourselves. We will continue to work diligently through collaboration to discuss teaching strategies to meet the needs of our students after being away from school for an extended period due to COVID-19. We will improve student learning through instruction focused on aligned curriculum, data collection, and assessment. We are committed to finding each student's skill level and taking them forward in their learning.

I am looking forward to another educationally rewarding school year with you and your children!

Mrs. Saddler

Register Now

Registration is open for the upcoming school year. Please call (813)744-8080 Monday– Thursdays from 7:30-2:00 for more details.

Dress Code

Kindergarten – Fifth Grades:

1. Shoes shall be worn and be securely fastened to the feet and have a low heel height. Footwear must be suitable for outdoor physical education classes and unsafe shoes such as “skate tennis shoes” are not allowed.
2. Clothing that exposes the entire shoulder, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type clothing, may be worn only with a blouse or shirt. Clothing exposing the torso or the midriff, either front, back or sides, shall not be worn. Underwear shall not be visible. Clothing shall not expose the mid-chest area. Mini-skirts, mini dresses and short shorts are not permitted. Hemlines shall be no shorter than fingertip length. All pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist.
3. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Head coverings shall not be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons. The general appearance of a student should reflect neatness and good personal hygiene.
4. Garments and/or jewelry that display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or that provoke violence or disruption in the school, shall not be worn. Wallet chains shall not be worn.

***Flip flops are not permitted.**

AGENDA



At Clair Mel we use **Agenda** with our 1st through 5th grade students to provide a means for **organization** and **daily communication** between the **teacher** and **parent**. The Agenda will be provided to your child by his or her home-room teacher. Please take a moment to **review the agenda book every evening** with your child and **initial it**.

Attendance Matters!



Attending school regularly is important. We recognize that illnesses do occur. If your child must be absent, **please call the school's attendance line at 744-8080, select option 1** and leave a **message to explain** your child's absence. Remember: **"Perfect Attendance"** begins with the very *first* day of school!

Mark your calendar for
Meet and Greet.

August 7th
from 1:30-3:00.



Childcare available with HOST

Need after-school and/or before-school child care? The Hillsborough County Public Schools Out-of-School Time Program (HOST) is here to help!

We are located in the cafeteria, Monday–Friday from, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. While your child attends the program they will be provided with a snack, homework assistance, and will participate in indoor and outdoor activities.

You may register by visiting the HOST quick link at www.sdhc.k12.fl.us. If you have any questions, please call 813.744.8080 between the hours of 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.