FishHawk Creek Elementary

August 10, 2023

Dear Parents,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to FishHawk Creek Elementary for the 2023-2024 year! We are anticipating a spectacular year!

In order to expedite the necessary paperwork needed for your child, we are asking your assistance in reviewing the information in this packet. Some items are for your information only, whereas, some forms need to be completed and returned.

The following are for your information: (Note: Free and reduced meal application and Volunteer form are both to be completed online if needed.)

1) **New online** Student Nutrition Services free and reduced meal applications – Student Nutrition Services is excited to announce a new online free and reduced meal application will be used this year. The new application is convenient and easy to use. It’s available in 7 languages- English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Filipino (Tagalog), Vietnamese (Tieng Viet) and Chinese (Mandarin). Go to the District website, [www.hillsboroughschools.org](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org) to access the new online application.

2) 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct was approved on June 6, 2023. A video tutorial for families on how to navigate the web-based Student Code of Conduct can be accessed via this link: [www.hillsboroughschools.org/conduct](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/conduct)

We have included the following tools to communicate the Student Code of Conduct in our school:

a) Letter from the Interim Superintendent, Van Ayres (English & Spanish)

b) Flyer about the Student Code of Conduct

c) Student Code of Conduct Facts (English & Spanish)

3) Volunteer Online form – must be completed annually by all volunteers.

4) Hillsborough County Public Schools’ Student Handbook is available online through the mySpot Parent Hub. To access the 2020-2021 Student Handbook, visit [https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us](https://myspot.sdhc.k12.fl.us) and log in with your mySpot

The following forms will need to be returned by Friday August 11, 2023:

1) Emergency Card – **Please make any corrections** (current email address, phone numbers, local person(s) to contact if parent cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, etc.)

2) Parent signature document

I am sure this year will be an enjoyable educational experience for your child as you and the school work together to provide our children with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Steve Sims
Principal

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Connect with Us • FishHawk Creek Elementary School • 16815 Dorman Road • Lithia, FL 33547 • (813) 651-2150
School District Main Office (813)272-4000 • 901 East Kennedy Blvd. • Tampa, FL 33602-3507
August 10, 2023

Dear Parents:

We are looking forward to a memorable and rewarding year! Providing a safe and caring environment is one of our top priorities. With this in mind, please help by reading and following our procedures.

**Procedures for Student Arrival**
- From 7:10-7:35 the lot on the cafeteria side of the building is only for parents who drive their children to school.
- Please pull all the way forward which will allow the most cars to unload at one time, expediting drop-off. Staff members and safety patrols will be on duty to assist with student drop-off.

**Procedures for Student Departure**
- Parent pick up is at 12:55 p.m. on Monday and 1:55 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday.
- All students picked up by cars are on the west side of the building by the cafeteria.
- Have your child’s name posted in the passenger’s side windshield so the staff can quickly and easily read your child’s name.
- Remain in your vehicle and pull forward. Your child will walk forward to you.
- Pulling all the way forward allows the most cars to load at one time, expediting pick up.
- All students must be picked up by 1:10 p.m. on Monday and 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday.

**Tardy Students**
Tardy students arriving after 7:40 a.m. must be escorted to the office by a parent to sign in. These students will be walked to class by staff members.

**Bicycles**
When a child arrives on the school grounds, they must get off their bike and walk with their bike to a bike ramp located west of the cafeteria or east of the main office. At dismissal, bike riders will not be allowed to leave until all buses have left the school grounds. **Please note, by law, helmets are required.**

**Changes in dismissal**
If for any reason you desire to change the normal dismissal of your child, it must be made in writing to the teacher. No student will be allowed to change buses or change from bus rider to car rider without prior written notification. We ask that written authorization to be made for each occasion.
**Discipline**
We do not want to see children suspended from school, so to be sure all parents and students know what the rules are, we will be sending a copy of the rules home with the children. We ask all parents to read the rules to be sure the child understands them. We ask the parents to let the child know why we have those rules. If it’s a Severe Behavior rule that is broken, students will be suspended from school. We will ask parents to sign a paper and return it to school indicating the rules have been read and discussed with their child. It helps tremendously to have children know we are working together in a united effort to make education the best for all the children.

**Importance of Education**
Another way we need your help is to let your child know:

a. Education is important to the enjoyment of and success in life.

b. Regular attendance is essential for academic success.

c. Respect the adults in charge.

d. Homework is important and needs to be completed neatly and turned in on time.

Thank you for your help and cooperation. We look forward to working together to provide the best education for all our students.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steve Sims, Principal
FishHawk Creek Elementary
FishHawk Creek Elementary

August 10, 2023

Ensuring the safety and welfare of our students when they are en route to and from school is an important priority of the School District of Hillsborough County.

The district reviewed and refined its bus transportation procedures, and every school has formed a bus ramp safety team.

However, recent events have prompted us to alter our procedures for the time being. Effective immediately, bus drivers have been instructed to return any kindergarten student to school if a parent, designated adult or older sibling is not present at the bus stop. Meantime, members of the school’s bus ramp safety team will remain on campus for 90 minutes after dismissal to answer phones and assist families. These new procedures will remain in effect until further notice.

The Transportation Department wishes to notify all parents of the many mediums by which you can access bus run information for your child before school starts. Please see the enclosed reports that list bus stop locations, times and bus numbers. Additionally, this bus run information is also available at http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 651-2150 where we will be happy to answer any questions you have. Please remember, if you have an ESE child receiving specialized bus services, your bus driver will be contacting you in August with specific bus stop locations, times, and bus numbers.

For our part, we will update rosters provided daily to bus drivers, check off student names as they board the bus to provide an accurate accounting of riders, and begin dismissal preparations early enough for buses to depart on schedule.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. Working together, you can rest assured that our students will arrive home safely.

Sincerely,

Steve Sims, Principal
FishHawk Creek Elementary
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August 10, 2023

To fully benefit from the instructional program, students are expected to attend school regularly, be on time for classes and satisfy all course requirements. Poor attendance or excessive tardiness may result in low or failing grades. Should your child be absent you must call the attendance line at 651-2150 to have the absence excused.

Our policy for the 2023-2024 school year regarding excused absences will be:

a) An illness of the student or a medical/dental appointment: six (6) or more absences within a nine-week grading period may require a doctor’s statement by school. (Doctor or other appointments should be scheduled after school hours or on school holidays whenever possible.)

b) An accident resulting in an injury to the student.

c) A death in the immediate family of the student.

d) An observance of an established religious holiday: documentation of the religious affiliation of the student may be required.

e) A pre-planned absence for a personal reason that is acceptable to the principal or designee; permission for such absences must be requested and approved no fewer than three (3) days prior to the absence.

f) A subpoena by a law enforcement agency or a required court appearance.

g) An emergency for a reason acceptable to the principal or designee such as:
   1. severe weather conditions;
   2. major personal or family problem;
   3. fire, flood or other major damage to the home;
   4. an accident on the way to school;
   5. breakdown of the school bus (failure to pick up the student)

Sincerely,

Steve Sims, Principal
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Bus Assignment Letter

August 10, 2023

Dear Parent:

The safety of students is the number one priority of the Hillsborough County Public Schools Transportation Department. Students living two or more miles from the assigned school and exceptional education students with specialized transportation need to qualify for transportation services according to state statute. Students living within two miles may qualify for transportation due to hazardous walking conditions as defined by the State of Florida.

Students who are eligible for pupil transportation services are assigned to a specific bus and bus stop. Students must use the bus stop of record that coincides with their residence. Students are not authorized to ride other buses.

Parent notes authorizing a student to ride a different bus are not accepted. Requests due to a family hardship or an emergency must be submitted to a school administrator for approval by the principal and the General Director of Transportation or designee.

If a student boards an unauthorized bus or attempts to board at an unauthorized bus stop, the driver will notify a school administrator who will contact the parent.

If the student continues boarding an unauthorized bus or continues use of an unauthorized bus stop, a disciplinary referral will be submitted to the school administration.

Sincerely,

Steve Sims
Principal
Mandatory Uniform Policy

**TOPS:** Royal Blue, Light Blue, White, Yellow or Gold shirts (with or without school logo). No logo or writing other than the FHC school logo is allowed on the school uniform.

Uniforms with 'old' logo are still welcome but check out 3FF for your uniform needs. Here’s a link to their online Etsy shop or call or go to their store in Fishhawk: (813) 654-4226, 16633 Fishhawk Blvd., Lithia, FL 33547.

**Bottoms:** SHORTS, PANTS, CAPRIS, SKIRTS, SKORTS, DRESSES or JUMPERS in Khaki or Navy-Blue.

**WINTER WEAR:** A variety of long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts with a logo are also sold through 3FF Custom Embroider. 813-654-4226. Please write first initial and full last name inside your child’s sweaters and jackets.

**FRIDAYS:** Jeans may be worn on Fridays along with the Spirit Shirts.
### 2023-2024 Student Academic Calendar
**School Board Approved 9/20/22**

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**Hurricane Day(s) if needed:** October 16, November 10, November 20-22, and November 24

**Student Early Release Day Schedule**
Every Monday with the exception of non-student days.
On the last day of school, students will be released 2.5 hours early.
The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

At a Glance

- **Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and as a result they are:**
  - Sharing the housing of other persons temporarily *due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason* (doubled-up).
  - Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing, or abandoned in hospitals.
  - Living in a car, park, public spaces, abandoned building, a bus or train station, substandard housing, or a similar setting.
  - Living in a hotel, motel, AirBnB, temporary trailer park, or camping ground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
  - Unaccompanied Youth, not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and living in one (1) of the above circumstances.
  - Migratory children living in one (1) of the above circumstances.

**Student Rights**

- Immediate school enrollment and attendance at either the *school of origin* (the school last attended before they lost their housing) or the *neighborhood school* (the school they are zoned for based upon their current temporary residence), even without required enrollment documentation. A thirty (30) day grace period is granted in which the School Social Worker assist parents with obtaining necessary enrollment documents.
- Remain at their *school of origin* for the duration of the school year even if they move outside of the school's attendance zone.
- Transportation to and from the *school of origin* for the duration of the current school year.
- Receive free breakfast and lunch immediately for the duration of the school year.
- Receive prompt resolutions about school placement/enrollment, to include special education, bilingual education, gifted, and remedial programs.

**H.E.L.P. Services**

- Assist with McKinney-Vento identification and school enrollment.
- Assist with the development of an academic plan and post-secondary planning.
- Provide academic support and tutoring services.
- Provide back pack, school supplies, and uniforms.
- Coordinate transportation to and from "school of origin".
- Provide bus passes or gas cards as an alternative methods of transportation while waiting for an approval from the district's transportation office. This applies to transportation request submitted through the H.E.L.P. Office.
- Facilitate parent educational workshops.
- Provide referrals to community agencies.
- Collaborate and consult with all school staff about needs of all students who have been identified under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

**Homeless Education and Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.)**

For more information contact: (813) 315 - HELP (4357)

6/2023
SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

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SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS

Free meals are available to any student who is enrolled in a school eligible for the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals based on household income. If you have any children not enrolled in a CEP school, please submit a meal benefit application for all children in the same home. You may also qualify for other benefits like discounts on internet services and utility bills or waivers for college application fees and SAT/ACT/PSAT exam fees.

A list of CEP schools and the meal benefit application can be found at www.hillsboroughschools.org/sns and the QR code above. Contact us at 813-840-7066 if you have questions about your application or CEP.

SCHOOL MEAL MENUS

Visit our SNS website or download the Nutrislice app on any mobile device for information on our delicious, healthy meals including ingredients, photos, descriptions, nutrition facts, and allergens in each menu item.

MYPAYMENTS PLUS MEAL ACCOUNTS

MyPayments Plus allows you to prepay for school meals or other food items, set up auto pay, and monitor student spending. Go to www.mypaymentsplus.com or download the MyPayments Plus app on your mobile device. Students with negative balances on their meal account will not be allowed to purchase A La Carte items. See the Local Meal Charge Policy at our website for more information.

ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

We take food allergies, food safety and student health very seriously. If your child requires a menu change due to a medical condition, you must submit a Diet Prescription Form signed by your child's doctor. Turn these in to the SNS Cafeteria Manager every school year to ensure all allergy alerts are correct and up to date. A meal preference form can also be completed by the parent or guardian if other needs are required because of cultural or religious reasons. Both forms can be found on our SNS website. Our online menus show the top eight food allergens to help you and your child identify their menu choices ahead of time.

ARE YOU STILL PACKING LUNCH?

Student Nutrition Services is here for you. Let us lighten the load, while saving money in your weekly food budget. School meals are a convenient, healthy option for busy families. Where else can you get a complete meal under $3? Encourage your child to try our meals today and put packing behind you!

OTHER FOOD AID FOR FAMILIES

Additional food resources are available in our community. Feeding Tampa Bay can help you find a distribution of fresh groceries near you or to help add more money to your family food budget each month. www.feedingtampabay.org/findfood. Text HCPSFood to 74544 to see if you qualify for grocery assistance.
Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn! Hillsborough County Student Nutrition Services offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast is FREE for all students. Elementary lunch costs $2.25, and Secondary lunch costs $2.75. **Your child may qualify for free or reduced-price meals**! The reduced-price lunch cost of 40¢ is waived (provided at no charge) for children approved for reduced price meals. Below are some commonly asked questions with answers to help you with the application process.

1. **WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?**
   - All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP (food stamps) or TANF, are eligible for free meals, regardless of your income. Households receiving SNAP or TANF benefits may exclude income information and the last four digits of the signer’s social security number on their application.
   - If you received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION: **DO NOT complete an application.** Please read this entire letter and follow the instructions carefully. See #6 for more information.
   - **Foster children** that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court order are eligible for free meals. Foster children may be included as part of a household application, and are eligible for free meals, even if the household does not qualify.
   - Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
   - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant, are eligible for free meals. See #9 for more information.
   - Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household gross income falls at or below the limits on the chart below:

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2. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?** Yes! Beginning July 1st of each school year. Applying online is quick, confidential, and easy! The online application has the same requirements as the paper application and will ask for the same information. To apply online, visit the district website at [www.hillsboroughschools.org/mealbenefits](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/mealbenefits), then click “APPLY NOW”, and follow the instructions. Contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066 if you have any questions about the online application process.

3. **IS THE ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE?** Yes! It is available in 7 languages: English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Filipino, Vietnamese (Tiếng Việt) & Chinese (Mandarin) when you go to [https://www.myschoolapps.com](https://www.myschoolapps.com)

4. **WHAT IF I DON’T HAVE A COMPUTER TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION?** Computers are available for use at no cost at the local public library and at the Healthy Meals Express Application Center, 9014 Brittany Way, Tampa, Florida, 33619. Your child’s school may also have a computer that can be used to complete an application. Need information where to obtain a paper application? Contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066.

Hillsborough County Public Schools ● Student Nutrition Service ● Website: www.hillsboroughschools.org/mealbenefits
Healthy Meals Express Application Center ● 9014 Brittany Way ● Tampa, Florida 33619 ● 813-840-7066 ●
hcpsmealbenefits@hcps.net
5. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one meal application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. If approved, your child’s status will remain in effect for the entire school year.

6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066 immediately.

7. MY CHILD’S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child’s application is only good for the school year in which it was submitted. If you do not submit a new application that is approved, or you have not received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

8. WHERE CAN I VERIFY THE STATUS OF MY CHILD’S MEAL ELIGIBILITY? Call Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066. Make sure to have your child’s 7-digit student ID number handy when you call.

9. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Are your housing arrangements temporary? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Have you taken in a runaway child? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions, please contact the liaison at the child’s school for assistance.

10. I RECEIVE WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC might be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please submit an application.

11. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

12. IF I DON’T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year if there is a change in your household income or size, or if you become unemployed.

13. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? Contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066. You may also ask for a hearing by writing to: General Manager of Student Nutrition Services, 9014 Brittany Way, Tampa, Florida 33619.

14. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

15. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. If you normally receive overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job, or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

16. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? If there is no income to report, mark the box that says “None” for each household member. If you enter ‘0’ or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

17. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you receive any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income. Deployed service members are considered part of the household. List deployed service members in the Household section, but report only the portion of their income made available to them or on their behalf to the family.

18. WHAT IF THERE ISN’T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? Contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066 for instructions.

19. I’M A GROUP HOME ADMINISTRATOR. HOW DO I APPLY FOR CHILDREN IN MY CARE? Contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066 for instructions.

If you have other questions or need help completing your household application for school meal benefits, contact the Healthy Meals Express Application Center at 813-840-7066.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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