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Frost Elementary School

Home of the Cougar Cubs

Dear School Family,

As the Principal of Frost Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We know that the past year has been challenging, and we are excited to have our students back in our classrooms filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We will strive to make every student feel welcomed, safe, connected, and part of the Frost family!

We invite all our families to come to our Open House "Meet and Greet" day on August 5th from 3:00-5:00PM.

Families should complete the following at Open House:

- Meet your child's teacher
- Apply for the Free and Reduced lunch
- Register for bus transportation
- Receive 21-22 required car tags for child pick-up
- Register for YMCA after-school program
- Update all your contact information

<u>Student Hours:</u> Monday: 7:40 – 12:55 Tuesday-Friday: 7:40-1:55

<u>Main Office</u>: Our office is open from 7:10 AM-3:00 PM every day; you can call us at 813-740-4900 with any questions or concerns you may have.

<u>Visitors on Campus</u>: Parents will not be able to walk their child to class or eat with them during the day. This policy will be in effect starting DAY 1. If walking your child to school, all parents are to stop on the sidewalk in front of school. We will have extra adult supervision on campus to help on the first few days.

AM Student Car Drop off

- **K-5 Students**: The drop off time is from 7:10-7:40 and is located in the front of the administration building. Parents are not allowed to park and walk their child up to the school or to class. <u>Parents must remain in the car at all times.</u>
- **Peeps, VPK, and Headstart Students:** Due to their age and accommodations, Peeps, VPK, and Headstart students will drop off in the morning at the back bus ramp from 7:10-7:40. A teacher or paraprofessional will be at the cafeteria door to receive your student and provide supervision. Parents ONLY must walk their child to the door.

• <u>PM Student Car Riders</u>:

- **K-5 Students**: Afternoon Pick-Up is located in the front of the administration building. Parents must remain in their cars and go through the pick-up line to get their child. No one can walk up and pick up their child during active dismissal and parking on campus is not permitted during this time.
 - Parents will receive a Frost ID tag at Open House that must be displayed in the car daily. If a parent does not have the ID tag, they must provide an ID for verification.
 - The car line will take a little longer on the first couple days of school, but is generally complete around 2:10-2:15.
- Peeps, VPK, and Headstart Students: Follow the same procedures as the morning
- Walkers and Bike Riders-
 - <u>AM</u>: Walkers and bike riding students will follow the sidewalk that leads to the front of the school and enter through the main black gates. Bike riders must have a helmet and a bike lock. The bike rack is by the flag pole in the front of the school.
 - <u>PM:</u> Students will be dismissed and escorted to the sidewalks directly in front of he school (on top of hill). Kindergarten students will not be allowed to walk alone. Parents or older sibling must meet those students on the sidewalk.
- Late Arrival: Students are late beginning at 7:40. ALL late students will need to be signed-in to the computer by a parent. Please be patient as each late student is entered into the system.
- <u>Early Sign-Out</u>: If you wish to pick up your child early, you must sign your student out through the office **prior to 1:30 Tuesday through Friday and prior to 12:30 on Mondays**. Photo ID is required to sign a child out of school. The adult who is signing the child out must be listed on the emergency card.
- Late Pick-Up: If you arrive to the school after 1:10 on Monday, or after 2:10 on Tuesday Friday, you must come into the school to sign your students out on the computer. Please be patient as all late students are entered into the system.
- <u>Breakfast & Lunch</u>: We will serve breakfast in the morning from 7:10-7:30 at no charge to students. The cost of lunch is \$2.25, and you may pay in advance online at www.mypaymentsplus.com. You will need your child's student number when you pay online. If your child brings lunch from home, please make sure they are able to open the packages and items you send.
- <u>Masks:</u> Masks for students and staff members are now optional.
- <u>Water Fountains</u>: Students are encouraged to bring their own labeled water bottle to fill from our filtered water dispensers.
- <u>The Clinic</u>: We have established a separate clinic room which will be used for students with a fever or any flu like/COVID symptoms. Parents will be contacted immediately, and we ask that you pick up your child ASAP if they display these types of symptoms. Please check in with your child every morning before going to school and if they are running a fever or not feeling well, please keep them at home.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this detailed explanation and please know we appreciate all of your support as we open this year. Many of the forms and other procedures we use to keep each child safe and academically engaged will come home with your child in their "First Day Packet'.

Continue to check our school website and Facebook page for updated information throughout the school year! Feel free to call our main office at (813) 740-4900 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tiffaney Mikell Principal Frost Elementary School

