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**WIMAUMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
*Home of the Wildcats*

Welcome Wildcat Families,

As the principal of Wimauma Elementary I want to welcome you to our school and the district of Hillsborough County for the 2021-2022 school year. We are proud to provide, outstanding, research-based curriculum, instruction, and experiences to our district's youngest learners from Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. Our focus is to ensure that **every child, everyday** is finding a way to feel **connected, challenged**, and have a **champion** they can turn to.

Last school year we all faced some challenging and unprecedented times, we prioritized the health, safety, and equitable learning opportunities for all Wimauma students. I am proud of what we did here at the school to maintain the safety of everyone and promise to maintain that same level as we transition to all students in the building.

If you drove past the school or seen picture posted to our website and Twitter account, you may have noticed the construction project that was started in February. I am pleased with the new addition that has been added to the campus. The new addition will have a ART classroom where students in grades 1-5 will travel to. The building will have sixteen classrooms that will be grades three through five and three classes of kindergarten. We are so appreciative of the work HalfAcre Construction has done.

A great deal of time, effort, and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2021-2022 school year. Careful consideration was given from staff input and parameters based off guidance from administration. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class rosters are structured to provide equitable class sized at each grade level and supports that may be needed. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. All of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for all students. Please understand that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group, and teacher.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

1. **Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's learning experience.**
2. **Complete all assignments given by the teacher and ask for help when needed.**
3. **Read daily to build their fluency and comprehension.**
4. **Share school experiences with you so that parents are aware of their school life.**
5. **Know that you expect them to succeed in school and do their best.**
6. **Review our school uniform policy and be dressed "For Success".**

We value our parents and families because our school's success is rooted in the relationship we build together as a community. Please consider joining our school volunteer program so that we can strengthening the relationship between our school and families. We are always seeking volunteers to help use with the following activities:

1. **Chaperones on field trips**
2. **Planned events such as festivals or field day**
3. **School Advisory Committee (SAC)**
4. **Informational meeting nights that are scheduled**

In closing, on behalf of the staff and myself I want to welcome everyone to Wimauma Elementary. Together, we will continue the commitment to ensure that every child feels **connected, challenged**, and knows they have a **champion** supporting them. If there is anything I can do to assist please feel free to send me an email at [ismael.lebron-bravo@hcps.net](mailto:ismael.lebron-bravo@hcps.net) or contact the school.

Sincerely,

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