

Welcome to Turkey Creek Middle School

Home of the Gobblers

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Turkey Creek Middle School! Our entire faculty and staff are eagerly anticipating each student's arrival on August 10, 2020. At Turkey Creek Middle School, we hold high academic achievement and student success as essential components of our school's vision and mission.

As we begin another school year, we recognize that we are facing times like no other. Please know that we have been preparing for the day our students return to school. We care deeply for all of our Turkey Creek Families and have worked hard to implement best practices based on the CDC guidelines. Procedures are in place to ensure that all students and staff are safe throughout each day as we face these unprecedented times in the world of Covid-19.

As we start this school year, we will continue to assess and make changes as needed to ensure the safety of all. Changes and updates will be communicated to our families through phone calls, texts, and / or emails. Therefore, it's important to have accurate numbers on file for you.

Regardless of what model you have chosen for your child's learning this year, we plan to work alongside you to give them the most optimal learning environment. We look forward to a partnership with you and working together to make sure our Turkey Creek Gobblers are successful!

Our school theme for the year is Be the Change! We believe our students are the ones who will change this world for the better.

Emergency Cards

It is extremely important that the following information is available should we need to reach you in an emergency.

* current address *current home phone *current cell phone *emergency phone numbers *email address

Only the head of household listed on your child's emergency card may check your child out of school. Also changes to a child's emergency card can only be made by the person who registered the child. I.D. is always required. We understand that often you have another person, other than those two names, pick up your child from school. It is imperative that those persons are listed as "Emergency Contacts" on the Emergency Card.

Parent Link Messages

In order to provide up-to-date information, it is very important that we have an accurate email address and current phone numbers. Most of you have an email address that is part of your cell phone service. Whatever email you list, please be sure to check it for messages from the school and district.

Phone messages are scheduled to go out after 5:30 PM; so if you miss the message there is no one at school to tell you what the message was about or to answer your questions. In addition to the verbal message, we send an email message containing the same information so if you miss the voice message you can always open your email and read the message.

FIRST DAY PACKET:

On the first day of school, your child will receive a packet of papers. Color-coded papers will need to be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher by Friday, August 14th. We ask that you read through each paper carefully. Please pay special attention to the papers regarding the Student Handbook. It contains Hillsborough County's procedures regarding medication, dress code, and other policies. We also ask that you look over the Emergency Card carefully before returning.

Thank you for partnering with us this year!

Monday, August 10th 9:05 – 3:20 PM Early Release Schedule

If your student is a bus rider, please know that it is a challenge to arrive home on the first day of school at the scheduled time. If busses run late from the elementary or high school, it impacts our dismissal time and ultimately the time the bus arrives to drop your student off at the end of the day.

Tuesday – Friday school hours are 9:05 – 4:20 PM.

Car riders and walkers can not be on campus until 9:05 am.

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Open House

Date: August 5, 2020

Time: 3:30 – 6:30 PM

Postcards will be sent in the mail with your student's homeroom information. This is the location you will pick up your child's schedule. You will also receive a school map to assist you with finding each room.

Teachers will be there to answer any questions you may have and to provide more specific information regarding school supplies.

On this night, you can also sign up to be a member of our PTSA. We always need volunteers to help us with events. A school spirit shirt can also be purchased from the PTSA.

Yearbooks can also be purchased for \$35.00. Make checks payable to Turkey Creek Middle School and include your child's name and student number in the memo portion.

Physical education uniforms will also be on sale during Open House.

If you have questions regarding transportation, we will have a station ready to assist you.

We will also have computers available for you to complete the Free/Reduced Lunch application.

In the media center, we will have parent trainings on the new Canvas grading system.

We look forward to seeing you!

Important reminders to know about Dress Code before you start school shopping!

- Shoes shall be worn. Skate tennis shoes and bedroom slippers are unacceptable and not allowed.
- Clothing that exposes the entire shoulder, tube tops, spaghetti straps, or similar type of clothing may only be worn with a blouse or shirt. *Note: Wearing a jacket or sweatshirt over the above does not mean you are in dress code. If it is hot and the jacket or sweatshirt is taken off, then the clothes underneath must meet dress code standards.*
- Clothing exposing the torso or the midriff, either front, back, or sides shall not be worn. *Dress code test: If you raise your arms or sit down and skin can be seen, then this is a dress code violation.*
- Clothing shall not expose the mid-chest area.
- Clothing with rips or tears shall not be worn.
- Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.
- All pants and shorts shall be secured at the waist. Underwear shall not be visible. Boys' shirts shall have sleeves.
- Mini-skirts, mini-dresses, and short shorts shall not be permitted. Hemlines shall be no shorter than **fingertip length**. *Note: Because our middle school student grow so much in height, clothing that was acceptable at the start of the year may not meet the fingertip length requirements the entire year.*
- 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.
- Garments and/or jewelry that display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, gang, weapons, or alcohol-related wording or graphics, or that provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in the school, shall not be worn. Wallet chains shall not be worn. *Note: Parents please make sure to monitor these designs on your student's clothing. They are not acceptable to wear to school.*

Registration Procedures:

- Please call to schedule an appointment time at 813-757-9442 ext. 221. If you need an interpreter, please let us know.
- Packets can be picked up outside the main office and completed at home.
- For added safety measures and limited seating, we are requesting that only the registering parent and student enter the office. We encourage all others to remain at home or in the car.



What change do YOU want to see in the WORLD?

What role will YOU play in that CHANGE?

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