Welcome to the 2020-2021 Lamb Lightning School Year; Where Teamwork Makes the Lamb "Dream" Work!

We know that family and education are the key factors in a child's life. When the school connects with a child's family and there is alignment around academic, social emotional and positive character goals then the Lamb Dream can be achieved. We want this school year to be the best learning experience you and your child has ever experienced. We kick-off the school year on Wednesday, August 5th from 4:00 o'clock until 6:30 for **Lamb Exploration**. Please mark your calendar to explore the campus, find your classroom, meet your teacher and drop off your student learning materials. During this time of exploration, your classroom teacher will have the first day packet ready for parent/guardian review and signatures. **The school must always have your current phone, address and email address.

You will receive a post card mailing from the school just prior to August 5th. If you look at the address label on the post card you will see a four-digit number in the right hand corner. Match this number with the Teacher Assignment List and School Map located on the school's web page at http://lamb.mysdhc.org

<u>School Starts:</u> Monday, August 10, 2020. This will be a full instructional day for students- 7:40 AM to 1:55 PM. On the first day of school, teachers and aides will be posted around school to direct students to their proper room assignment. Parents/Guardians do not need to sign in on the first day of school. **Starting August 11**, all visitors must sign in at the office, go through CDC check-in procedures and receive a visitor's pass before, during and after school hours.

<u>First day:</u> One of our top priorities is to safely return your child back to you each afternoon. Your assistance in accomplishing this most important task is key. We will assume your child is going home the way they arrived here at school. Simple, consistent dismissal plans are best for children. Parents of all our students should attach student first day information form (found on the school's website or picked-up at Lamb Exploration) to their child's shirt. During exploration each teacher will have a check list of students and their way home for parents to complete. The only way to make a "change of way home for a child" is in writing or face to face with office staff. No over the phone "change of way home" calls will be honored.

<u>Cafeteria:</u> Breakfast is free to all students. Lunch prices and account information can be found on the district website. Free and reduced lunch applications are online and must be filled out each school year.

Bus Transportation: Bus routes along with AM & PM bus stop times are available on the district web site. Students will be banded with a colored arm band which coordinates with the assigned bus color. Please have your child wear this band for the first two weeks of school. **Kindergarten Parents** will see a red or green tag on your child's backpack. Please do not remove this tag. It is a district safety system required for all kindergarteners. Green is an afternoon bus rider; Red is not an afternoon bus rider. **Kindergarten Parents- unless there is an older sibling with your Kindergartener, an adult must be standing at the bus stop for the bus driver to release your child from the bus.**

<u>Car Riders:</u> Car Rider Loop is at the front of school. Car Rider drop-off- no earlier than 7:10 AM; same time buses unload.

The PM car must have the standard school student ID plaque. These plaques can be picked-up at Lamb Exploration or in the front office. As you drive the car rider line, your child's name will be called to meet you at one of 6 pick-up stations. Without a student ID plaque, you will have to park, check-in at the front office and be listed on the child's emergency card for the child to be released.

<u>Home/School Communication</u>: The school will supply two communication tools. The student agenda is a daily communication tool teachers and families should utilize for daily written communications. It is appropriate to use the agenda to explain a student's absence, request a change of way home for the child, have academic assignments and homework lists entered by the student and any other day to day communications. The second tool is a Blue Plastic Folder called the "SBR"- student behavior report. This communication tool will go home once a week. If your child receives 3 Needs Improvements in one behavior area over a nine week period of time, the parent and student needs to be aware this will be indicated on the student's 9 week report card. Also noted in the SBR will be a running total of positive behavior credits to be spent on various extracurricular events and celebrations, as well as, a positive behavior store. The agenda and SBR should return to school the next school day with parent/guardian signature.

<u>Title I Open House:</u> Mark your calendar! On Thursday, August 27th from 6:00 to 7:30, we will host a "Title I Parent Meeting" in conjunction with our first every "Game Night". The Title I Parent Meeting will be a great opportunity for parents to learn how Title I funds are used to support their child's education at Lamb Elementary School. Of course there will be time to review a Title I PowerPoint and have open question and answer time between school and families. In addition to this Title I informational session, we will follow up the meeting with "Game Night" festivities. Further fun details will follow in the monthly E-Newsletter.

Day Care Providers: Here is a list of after school day cares associated with the Lamb school.

Brandon Day School 813-681-4221 Brighter Days 813-684-4449 Child Care of Brandon813-655-7005 Dream Chasers 813-481-8052 Emanuel Johnson Recreational Center 813-671-7700 Home Away From Home 813-620-1379 HOST 813-744-8941 Kids Door to Door 813-681-4221 Kingdom Kids 813-488-8313 Little Pals 813-628-4847 Ms. Judy's Home Care 813-412-0629