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Lockhart Elementary Magnet School

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! We look forward to another wonderful year. Our theme this year is *“Cougars are Caring, Open Minded, Uplifting, Growing, Achievers, Responsible, Scholars”*.

You are invited to a virtual **“Meet your Teacher” on Friday, August 7th -1:00pm–2:00 pm.**

Your homeroom teacher will be sending you a post card soon to welcome you to your new classroom and provide you with a Zoom Link. Be on the look-out for it.

School starts Monday, August 10, 2020. School hours are 8:45am–3:00pm

Student safety is a top priority of our school district.

We expect many new students on the first day of school. Please be sure to fill in the attached information label, cut it out and tape it to your child on the first day. Please check our website for Bus Routes and stops. Please be sure to have your student at the assigned bus stop early. Please write the assigned stops on the information label included in this packet. Information labels will be used for the first 10 days of school for all students. If your child is a walker, car rider or registered at Cyrus Green, the Boys and Girl Clubs or HOST, please indicate that.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Student supervision begins at 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop off your child before 8:15 a.m. School starts at 8:45 am. It is vital that your child arrive at school on time each day. Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Car pick up continues to be at the front of the school **only**. Please do not drop off or park on

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19th St. That street does not meet safety criteria and cannot be used for car Arrival or Dismissal. The City of Tampa Police will enforce this ordinance on 19th Street. Walkers whose homes are East of our campus will be escorted through our play court gates to the crossing guard at 19th and Lake. That is the only approved crossing area for back walkers. Students who live West of campus will be escorted to the crossing guard at 17th and Lake. That is the only approved crossing area for front walkers. Parents who wish to escort their walker child, must meet by the gate just north of the car exit gate. This is for parents that are walking all the way from their home to school. You cannot park your car on city streets, school easement, or close by businesses and walk up to get your child. This presents unnecessary safety hazards. If you arrive in a car, you must use the car line.

Visitors and Late arrivals or Early Pick Up

While visitors are always welcome at our school, stricter security measures are being taken. All entry gates will be locked at all times, except for students during arrival between 8:15-8:45am and dismissal between 3:00-3:30pm. Late (8:45) arriving students must enter through the main entrance and must be accompanied by an adult. The main entrance is located on the West side of the main building. The main entrance is video monitored. You must present identification to enter the building. Please press the “talk” button. You will be asked to show your picture identification to the camera. Upon approval, a member of our office staff will permit your entry to the office area only. All County Schools are closed campuses. No parents or visitors are allowed on campus without a prior appointment. If you must pick up your child early, please make arrangements to do so prior to 2:45pm. To maintain safety, children will not be called for between 2:45pm-3:00pm. Faculty and staff have scheduled meetings daily beginning at 3:15 pm. Please make every effort to pick up your child at 3:00pm. At 3:30pm all car riders will be brought to the office. If an emergency has caused a delay, parents will need to sign the arrival/dismissal log in the office.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast is served starting at 8:15am in the courtyard and then taken to class. Breakfast is free to all students. The lunch price is \$2.25. Free and Reduced Lunch applications are available online at www.sdhc.k12.fl.us and type Go SNS in search bar. Your child’s lunch status from last year will **not** automatically pertain to this year. If you cannot complete the online form, please inform your child’s teacher and assistance will be provided. These forms must be completed each year. If your child is not already approved for free or reduced lunch price, he/she will be charged \$2.25 daily until approval is received.

On the first day of school your child will receive a packet of very important information that needs to be completed and returned on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020.**

Of utmost importance is the accuracy of the Student Emergency card, please review it carefully and indicate any changes. Please add a current email. Change of home address requires proof of residency documentation. You must come in person with a picture ID to make that change. In addition, please complete the Arrival/Dismissal form. For student safety, we will only release students to those indicated on the card and everyone must present a picture ID. All dismissal

changes will require a signed request from the parent. Because we cannot verify callers, we will not accept phone calls to change dismissal procedures or contact information.

Throughout the year, please keep the emergency card information updated.

Many exciting learning activities have been planned for your child. We thank you for the opportunity to work with your family. I look forward to seeing all of you for:

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Sincerely,

Gilda Garcia, Principal

Yvette Edwards, Assistant Principal

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Hillsborough County Public Schools <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/>

School Website <http://lockhart.mysdhc.org/>

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