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## Lutz K-8 School

Leopard Families,

Our Lutz staff is excited to welcome back our leopard students for the 2024-2025 school year! We hope this letter finds your family safe and excited for the new school year. We also hope all our families have had a restful and relaxing summer break! Our 2024-2025 school theme is Adventure Awaits; Learning can take you anywhere! It will be amazing to see all returning leopard students and those new to the Lutz K-8 family. Our community of learning as always will remain strong with a dedication to collaboration, differentiation, and academic success. We also look forward to welcoming our new Pre-K and Kindergarten students to the Lutz Leopard family.

Our faculty and staff are ready to welcome our leopards back and begin the school year focused on the success and growth of every student at Lutz K-8. We are excited to announce that Lutz K-8 School should maintain its "A" rating for the school year! We want to thank our leopard students, families, staff, and community for their dedication and grit towards success throughout the 2023-2024 school year. This is exciting news for our school community, and we look forward to continuing to provide the best educational opportunities to students here at Lutz K-8 School. With this great news we will ensure we continue to focus on rigorous academic instruction to support the whole child in our classrooms. We want to ensure we fulfill our vision of helping students learn today to lead tomorrow. We look forward to seeing all Lutz families at Meet the teacher on 8/8/24 from 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. Information on homeroom teacher assignments will be sent out sometime at the end of July or beginning of August.

Lutz will continue to provide communication to families via parent links, texts, and website updates. Please ensure that your information is current with the front office. In addition, parents are encouraged to maintain a Canvas account for students in upper grades to track grades and assignments. Please see below for school opening reminders and essential information. You are welcome to call our office at 813-949-1452 for any questions you may have.

- \* Arrival for all students is 7:10 A.M. School begins at 7:40 A.M. for all students.
- \* The first day of school for students is Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an early release day and dismissal is at 1:10 P.M.
- \* Dismissal for Grades Pre-K-8 is 2:10 P.M. Tuesday through Friday. We encourage our families with middle school students to arrive after 2:15 P.M. to assist with traffic flow. Upon exiting Lutz K-8 during arrival or dismissal, please only turn right onto U.S. 41. This will assist with traffic flow and prevent traffic back-ups into the dismissal locations at school. We appreciate your attention to this and support as we start the 2023-2024 school year.
- \* Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th from 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.
- \* Lutz K-8 has a mandatory uniform policy. Students should be in uniform at all times (see website for more details). Please reference the uniform policy as expectations around uniforms have changed for the 2024-2025 school year. Uniform information will be available for students at open house and in students' first day packets.

**The Lutz K-8 faculty and staff are excited to welcome our students and families back as we embark on our learning adventure this school year !**

Respectfully,

**Joshua Phillips**  
 Principal