

## LETTER TO OUR PARENTS

Welcome Back Thonotosassa Elementary Thunderbolts to the 2023-2024 school year!" Welcome back to returning students, families, and to those who are new to our school.

This year's theme is "Learning is ELECTRIC!". Did you know that thunderbolts (lightning) - the intensity of a lightning strike can make them appear as thick bolts across the sky, the actual width of a lightning bolt is only about 2-3 cm. The average length of a lightning bolt is about 2-3 miles. The charge carried down this small channel is so intense that the temperature of the lightning reaches 30,000 °C - that's five times hotter than the surface of the Sun.

Thonotosassa Elementary has the same traits. We are a small school that has the strike of a THUNDERBOLT! For the past three years, our school has celebrated academic success. This is a change from previous years. Several changes have been made to our school this summer. The buildings themselves have been painted with new murals, the landscaping has been improved with new plants with a fountain, and our security has improved with new fencing, as well as cameras, monitoring our entire campus.

We will continue to follow our BOLTS BIG 3. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe will continue as our core values and mantra. It has not changed. The mission of providing relevant, rightful, and rigorous instruction for all our students every day has not changed. The vision of being the #1 school in Hillsborough County is based on mindset. We will stay the course. We are on the correct path to continue success. If we have high expectations of our students...they will rise. If we believe in them...they will believe in themselves.

This year we have two major goals that will improve our already successful school. However, we need you to make it happen by acting as our partner. Goal #1 – parent involvement must increase. Our teachers, staff, and students need you to be an active influence in your children's learning. Goal #2 – improve attendance and students arriving late to school. Parents, I place the challenge to all of you to become a part of your child's education at Thonotosassa Elementary School. Stress the importance of education to your children and support them by having them at school every day, attending parent meetings, staying connected with teachers. I challenge you to work with us to discover the gifts of your child while striving to always do our best.

The faculty, staff, students, and families of Thonotosassa Elementary have a responsibility to strive towards excellence. It is my intention to keep expectations

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high and reach new levels of academic achievement. Please know that our staff is here to assist in any way. Do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns, comments, or suggestions. I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

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