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It is with enthusiasm that I welcome you to Tampa Heights Elementary Magnet for the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you find this information helpful in preparing for this very exciting new adventure.

Our theme this year is: "Leaders of Change" #be the change

School begins Thursday, August 10, 2022. The school day is from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM, with each Monday being an Early Release Day, with dismissal at 2:00 PM. In the mornings for student safety and supervision, student drop off begins at 8:15 AM. The parent car drop-off and pick-up area entrance is on E Amelia Avenue. Any child who arrives to school after 8:45 AM must report to the Main Office to receive a tardy pass.

Effective Monday August 14th, adults will not be permitted to walk their children to class due to student and staff safety and health priorities. We will have staff members available to ensure that all students get to their classrooms.

We are a mandatory uniform school. Our uniform colors for tops are navy blue, burgundy and white, or spirit shirts, and blue jeans, khaki shorts, pants, dresses, or skirts for the bottoms. (*Bottoms should not have any rips/tears above the student's mid-thigh.*) Please send students to school in closed toed shoes for safety inside and outside the building. For our students in Kindergarten, it would be helpful to also send a change of clothes in the event of an accident during the school day.

In the afternoon, students who are not bus riders must be picked up at 3:00 PM Tuesday- Friday, and 2:00 PM on Mondays. Kindergarten bus riders must have a sibling in order to ride the school bus. All changes in transportation need to be written in a note to the classroom teacher and signed by the legal parent or guardian. In case of an emergency, transportation changes can be made over the phone, but they will require a school employee to call the number we have on file to confirm parent/guardian identity.

Safety is one of our top priorities. In the event you need to sign your child out early from school due to an appointment, you must report to the Main Office, show a valid government issued identification, and be on the child's emergency card. Please sign out before 1:30 PM on Mondays, and 2:30 PM Tuesday- Friday. In the event your child needs to miss school for an illness, please call the Attendance Line at 813-276-5405 x1 to report your child's absence.

Please join us for "Open House" on Tuesday, August 8, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This evening is designed to give you and your child a chance to see your child's classroom, meet his/her teacher, and receive school information. We will have information about ways to get involved through groups like PTA, SAC, and other volunteer opportunities.

I am looking forward to the journey that we are about to begin together. In the event you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 813-276-5405.

Sincerely,

Amy Metzler
Principal

