



Dear Sheehy Families,

Excitement is in the air and we are filled with anticipation as we begin a new year of learning together. Our theme this year is “**One Team, One Dream**” and it is through our passion for learning – a connection to the mind and heart, that we will engage our students intellectually and inspire them to reach their full potential. This year, we will “**DREAM**” together to meet the needs of our scholars: **D**ifferentiated learning experiences, **R**esponsive classrooms, **E**quitable opportunities for all, **A**chievement focused, and **M**indset for Success.

We will “**DREAM**” by creating **Differentiated** learning experiences for our students through an emphasis on small group instruction. **Responsive** classrooms will emphasize social, emotional, and academic growth in a positive and safe school environment. All decisions about instruction, school programs, and systems will be made with a lens of **Equity** to ensure all our scholars receive what they need to be successful. We will set individualized learning goals with our students and monitor their growth throughout the year to maintain an **Achievement** focus. Students will have a clear understanding of what they are learning and its importance as we continue to make standards-based learning a priority. None of this can happen without having a **Mindset** for success which will capture the spirit and attitude of taking on challenges as growth opportunities.

As the proud principal of Sheehy Elementary, I will continue to develop and build strong relationships with our students, families, and community. I encourage you to join our amazing PTA. Membership is \$5.00 and will be used to supplement student activities throughout the year. Our School Advisory Committee (SAC) meets monthly and focuses on school improvement initiatives. If you are interested on serving on the PTA Board or SAC Team please email me at [Delia.Gadson-Yarbrough@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:Delia.Gadson-Yarbrough@sdhc.k12.fl.us) or before September 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will continue to keep you informed of school news through my weekly Monday message phone call and our monthly newsletter that is found on our school website. I also ask that you follow our Facebook and Twitter pages for timely updates and information.

Students that will attend school on campus will begin onsite learning on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Students

may enter the campus as early as 7:10 AM and instruction will begin promptly at 7:40 AM. Breakfast is served daily for all students from 7:10 – 7:35 AM. Apply online for school meal benefits at [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us) and search “Go SNS” on your computer, tablet, or phone. You can also call the Healthy Meals Express Application Center for assistance at (813) 840-7066 or the Meal status/Meal Prepay Hotline at 1-866-544-5575.

Sheehy is a Uniform School. We want our students to come to school dressed for success and ready to learn. We know that how a person is dressed affects their attitude and behavior. Our uniform consists of a White, Navy, or Royal Blue Polo Style collared shirt with Khaki or Navy bottoms. All students are encouraged to wear sneakers every day to safely participate in physical education activities. Flip Flops or backless shoes are not permitted.



All bus riders are to be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the printed arrival time. Your child’s safety is of the utmost concern to us, therefore, please be sure that your child is always well supervised while he or she is at the bus stop. All kindergarten students must have a parent or designated adult at the bus stop every afternoon. If a parent or designated adult is not at the bus stop, your child will be returned to school. You will then be contacted to pick your child up from school.

I am excited to welcome a new Sheehy Staff Member to our Winning Team! Ms. Spence comes to us from Charlotte, North Carolina. She is excited to transition to Hillsborough County. Ms. Spence will be teaching fourth grade this year. She loves teaching and inspiring children with new ways to learn and have fun. She enjoys reading and spending time with her family during her spare time.



I also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Lynch. He is excited for the upcoming school year and looks forward to working with our students and families. His journey into the field of education was sparked by some of the most inspiring teachers he encountered as a student. This led him to become a classroom teacher after graduating from University of South Florida with a degree in Elementary Education. He then went on to earn a Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, also at University of South Florida. Mr. Lynch and his wife are the proud parents of a 10 and 11-year-old. His children are his pride and joy and make him smile every day. Rest assured your children are in good hands as he will always have their best interests in mind – just as he



would for his own two children. He feels very fortunate to be a part of our school community and to be able to work to support the students and families of our school.

We know the last few months have been challenging for us all, but our staff is ready to welcome back our students to school. We are ready to provide support via the learning platform that is the best fit for your child. We must modify our school procedures in response to current information and directives from the CDC and Hillsborough County School District. Currently, we are not able to have any parents or volunteers on campus. All students and staff members are required to wear masks throughout the day. If your child is not feeling well, we ask that you keep them home until they are symptom free for at least twenty-four hours without medication. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding as we work to be responsive to ever-changing situations. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (813) 233-3800 if you have questions or are need additional information as we approach the beginning of the school year.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning!

Keeping Children First,

*Ms. Delia Gadson*

Principal

