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Sessums Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to **TERRELL SESSUMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOME OF THE STALLIONS!** Thank you for choosing Sessums for the 2023-2024 school year. I am pleased to celebrate with you twenty years of excellence! Sessums opened in 2003. The 2023 school year marks 20 years of service to the families in our community! Sustaining excellence takes both the family and school working closely together.

The First Day of School is Thursday, August 10

- Prior to August 5, you will receive a postcard in the mail identifying your child's teacher and room number. You will receive a phone call from your child's teacher by August 9th.
- Student learning begins at 7:40 a.m. Please have your student at school by 7:35 a.m.
- Students may come on campus at 7:10 a.m.
- Dismissal begins at 12:55 p.m. on Mondays and 1:55 p.m. Tuesday-Friday
- The front office is open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Breakfast and lunch are free this school year for all Sessums Stallions.
- Please ring the buzzer to enter the office and wait for the click to open the door. A photo ID is always required.

On the first two days of school: Parents may present a valid picture ID, process through the RAPTOR safety program to walk their student to the classroom door. **To PRE-REGISTER to be on campus for Thursday, August 10, and/or Friday, August 11th come by the main office PRIOR to August 10 (M-F from 7 am. To 3p.m.) and present your photo I.D.** On August 10, you may park in the back parking lot, in a marked space, and will need to walk around to the main office via the walking gate that connects to the front drive. Follow the signs. At the main office, present **your valid photo I.D. and pick up your pre-printed Visitor Sticker** from the main office prior to entering the campus. If you are unable to pre-register, you will need to wait to process to enter the campus with your student. There may be a line. The office will open these two days at 7am. Parents who are in line by 7:40 can walk students to their classroom after signing in with a valid photo I.D. Families arriving after 7:40 may not be able to walk their student to class. Although the sign in process can be slow, we feel it is critical to keep our students and staff safe. Please be patient. **All adults MUST bring their photo I.D. each time they come to campus.** For safety, entry will be denied for **anyone** without their I.D.

Meet the teacher will be Monday, August 7 from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. Please do not park in no-parking zones along Ramble Creek. Please do not block driveways of neighboring houses. Unless it is flooded, we will open the field for parking. We will conclude at 5:30 p.m.

Parent Communication: Information regarding the upcoming school year can be located on our website: <http://sessums.mysdhc.org>. Your child will bring home a packet on the 1st day of school with additional information. We also utilize email, Facebook and ParentLink to communicate. You may request to join our PTA Facebook page called 'Sessums Elementary PTA'. The active page has our 20th year Stallion logo. To receive ParentLink messages, please keep all email/phone numbers up-to-date. You will receive a weekly email on Sunday afternoon with upcoming events and important information.

Parents on Campus: To ensure student safety and minimize the number of adults on campus, Hillsborough County Public Schools has again decided that parents can walk their child to class for the first two days of school only. In addition, parents will not be allowed to eat lunch with their children on campus. In the morning, parents may say goodbye near the green gate. We will have staff available to walk students to their classrooms. Book bag tags will be given to all students at Meet the Teacher to help adults at school ensure your student is in the correct building and breakfast line. There will be opportunities throughout the year for parents to volunteer and be actively engaged in the Sessums community.

Sign Outs and Change of Transportation: If you are signing your child out early, bring your valid photo ID as we will check it each time for the safety of your child. Any adult picking up a student during the school day must be listed on the emergency card and have a valid photo I.D. If they are not on the emergency card, your child will not be released. Early sign outs must be before 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. If you are changing how your student is going home, **it must be in writing, either in the agenda, or by completing a change of transportation form in the front office.** When possible, let the teacher know if you are planning on picking up a student early. This allows the student to have their backpack with them if they are at lunch or a special area class. **We are unable to retrieve book bags from the classroom during specials or lunch.**

Hillsborough County Dress Code: Shorts and skirts at fingertip length or longer, secure shoes with a back, shirts need straps of at least two fingers in width and should cover the entire torso. For safety, all shoes must have a back.

At any time, please contact the office for assistance or information. We will ensure the appropriate staff member assists you with your needs.

Sincerely, Mrs. Norgard – Principal