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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 2022-2023 school year. I am pleased to announce that together we achieved a school grade of a B! Our students, staff, and your hard work along with your child's made this possible – thank you for helping your child be ready each day! Sustaining excellence takes both the family and school working closely together. At any time, please contact the office for assistance or information. We will ensure the appropriate staff member assists you with your needs.

The First Day of School is Wednesday, August 10

- 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. A photo ID is always required.

MEET THE TEACHER: Will be Monday, August 8 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. To assist with parking, we are asking families to come by last name: A-M begins at 5:00 p.m. and N-Z begins at 6:00 p.m. We will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

You will find valuable information regarding the upcoming school year on our website: <http://sessums.mysdhc.org>. Your child will bring home a packet on the 1st Day of school with additional information. Please take time to read over this information. We also utilize email, Facebook and ParentLink to communicate information throughout the year. You can request to join our PTA Facebook page called 'Sessums Elementary PTA'. The active page has our Stallion logo that matches the one at the top of this page. To receive ParentLink messages, please keep your email and phone numbers up-to-date with the main office.

Prior to August 5, you will receive a postcard in the mail with an important label identifying your child's teacher. The mailing label on the postcard identifies your child's homeroom unit number and the physical room number. There will be list of homeroom teachers so you can determine the name of your child's teacher. For example, if the label reads: **KG01-204**: KG represents the grade, and the number 204 represents the room number. Your teacher's name will be found by the corresponding room number and is located on the school website under the "School News" section. Look for "room number and homeroom code". ESE indicates our Exceptional Education classes.

Parents on Campus: To help us minimize additional people on campus, parents may say goodbye near the green gate by the office and take 1st day of school pictures. We will have staff available to walk students to their classrooms. Book bag tags will be available at Meet the Teacher. These tags help adults at school ensure your student is in the correct building and breakfast line.

On the first day of school: Parents may present a valid picture ID, process through the RAPTOR safety program and walk their student to the classroom door on the first three days of school. **To PRE-REGISTER to be on campus for Wednesday, August 10, come by the main office PRIOR to August 10 (Monday-Friday 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 3 days at 7am. Parents who are in line by 7:40 can walk students to their classroom. After 7:40, staff will assist students to class.

Sign Outs and Change of Transportation: If you are signing your child out early, please be sure to always have your ID on you as we will check it each time for the safety of your child. Any adult picking up a student 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 to ensure the safety of all students. 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. This can be written to the teacher by note or in the agenda, or by completing a change of transportation form in the front office. If you have any questions, please contact the office. When possible, please 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.

Sincerely, Mrs. Norgard – Principal