

Potter Elementary Welcome Back!

Dear Potter Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. It is my pleasure to return to Potter Elementary to serve as the proud Principal. It is with much enthusiasm and high expectations that I look forward to a great school year. Our theme this year is **"WALK IT LIKE YOU TALK IT."** We are going to put our words and ideas into action to rise to the top.

As a Community School, it is important to us that we continue to develop and build strong relationships with our students, families, and community. Your voices, opinions and feedback are important and what drives our community work forward. Please be sure to participate in surveys, attend events, and serve on committees such as SAC (Student Advisory Council) and PTA. I will continue to keep you informed of school news and updates on our school website, with parent link phone calls and texts, monthly newsletters, and updates on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Students will begin school on Monday, August 24, 2020. As you already know, the beginning of this school year will be a little different than those in the past. By now, you should have completed a survey from HCPS in which you will select the best option for your student to begin the 2020-2021 school year. Our staff is ready to continue to support rigorous learning via the platform that is best for your family. We will continue to keep families updated with any changes to platforms of learning and on-site events. The first week of school, Smart Start Week, will be eLearning for ALL students. We will welcome our Brick and Mortar students back on campus Monday, August 31st.

Regular school hours are 7:40 A.M. until 1:55 P.M. **Due to student safety, students may not arrive on campus prior to 7:10 A.M.** This year we will continue to participate in the Breakfast on a Cart Program- students will take their breakfast from the cart nearest their arrival and eat in the classroom. Free breakfast will be served daily from 7:10-7:40 A.M. Apply online for school meal benefits at 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.

Bus routes and schedules will be released soon. Bus riders are expected to be at the bus stop 10 minutes before the pick up time specified. Student safety is paramount and students will be asked to read and sign a Bus Behavior form acknowledging the expected behaviors to remain safe to and from school. Kindergarten riders must have an adult waiting for them every afternoon or they will be returned to school. It is then the parent/guardian responsibility to pick up that student.



New Staff Please welcome the following new staff members to the Potter Family.

Cathy Haynes
Guidance Counselor
Lindsay Crump
School Psychologist
Kimberly Brunetto
Music (Tues./Weds.)

Jessica Llanos
ELL Resource Teacher
Meaghan Mosher
Headstart Teacher
Diane Dunlap
Gifted Teacher

Jackie Franco
ELL Paraprofessional
Barbara Georgilas
2nd Grade Teacher
Felecia King
5th Grade Teacher



House Colors

First through fifth grade students will remain in the same house color as last year. Uniforms include house color polos, house t-shirts and spirit shirts.

Kindergarten students- please find your child's teacher below to see what color house your child will be in. This is the uniform color they will be expected to wear throughout the school year.

Vanderpuyl- RED

Chavis- YELLOW

Smith- GREEN

Jackson- BLUE



*4 Houses,
1 Community*

We are confident that no matter which learning model you have selected, your child will have an engaging and productive learning experience this year. Our community of learners will remain strong with a dedication to LEAD with loyalty, empathy, ambition, and determination.

All students and families are invited to Potter's Back to School Drive Thru event, on Thursday, August 20th, from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Drive through the bus ramp for grab and go dinner, supplies, and more! Please see the attached flyer for further information.

If I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call me at 813-276-5564.

Sincerely,

Sharon Waite, Principal

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