

# Welcome Back!

# 2021-2022

#### About the New Principal

I am thrilled to be the newly appointed Principal of Mulrennan Middle School. Serving as the Principal at Buckhorn Elementary for the last 12 years has been a blessing, and moving on to become a Mustang is like a dream come true. I am blessed to have two children, Kyle and Ryan, as well as a supportive husband, Scott, who is a former Ag Teacher and High School Principal. My husband and I are proud graduates of the University of Florida (Go Gators!). My son Kyle will be a junior at UCF, and Ryan will be a senior at Durant High School.

Leading our efforts this year, I am focused on improving academics and student learning for all children. The past 18 months have proven to be difficult and challenging for everyone. Our children, while resilient, still face many hurdles to overcome the impacts of COVID. Our staff is focused on providing a healthy, safe, and rigorous learning environment for your child.

It is my absolute pleasure to partner with the Mulrennan community to provide the best possible education for your child. Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and school community. I look forward to a successful year!

Tamara Brooks Principal

> **Vision** The Place to Excel

#### Mission

To build positive relationships with our students, staff and community while providing a safe, caring and academically challenging environment.

Please visit us at: <u>Mulrennan Middle / Homepage (hillsboroughschools.org)</u>



Hulrennan Middle School

Masks are strongly encouraged.

#### First Day of School – Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

School day begins at 9:25 am and dismisses at 4:20 pm (3:20 pm on Mondays) Students may be dropped off in car line beginning at 9:05am, unless you are enrolled in our before-school program (HOST). Car line begins off Pearson Rd off Durant Rd. Please remain patient and in your car at all times. Do not drop your children off until you pull all the way forward and come to a complete stop. Visitors will not be allowed on campus for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. All campuses will be closed to visitors for at least the first 30 days. Extra staff will be assisting with helping students find their way to class.

#### **Bus Riders**

**Students who qualify for bus transportation are encouraged to ride the first day of school.** Mulrennan staff will receive your child from the bus assist them in finding their way.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, expect that buses may run a bit behind schedule. This is due in part to new students who are unfamiliar with riding the bus, slight adjustments in the routes, and the lack of drivers. Some buses will be doing "double-runs" in the case of a bus driver being out. At the end of the day, please be patient. The bus drivers will be taking a little extra time dropping students off at their assigned stops.

#### Walkers/Bike Riders

Students who choose to walk or ride their bikes to school will follow all directions at crosswalks. Crossing guards are at certain intersections, and students may ONLY cross at those designated areas. For any parents who choose to ride their bikes or walk to campus with their students, please end your journey at the bike rack. Students will walk from that area on their own to the front of the school where Mulrennan staff will receive your child.

#### PTA

Please visit the PTA website to purchase shirts and other spirit items. <u>https://mulrennanptsa.com</u>

### Sign-Outs

The safety of every child is our priority. As such, we cannot sign out students over the phone. All sign-outs must be done in person by visiting the front office. All sign-outs **need to be made by 4:00pm (3:00pm on Mondays)** so that we have time to safely dismiss ALL students at 4:20 (3:20 on Mondays).

#### First Day Packet

Your child will receive a packet of information and forms. If available, please update the emergency card and return all forms ASAP. While updating your child's **EMERGENCY CARD** – add the names of <u>anyone</u> who will be allowed to pick up your child from school on the back of the card. Please be sure we have the correct contact numbers and emails for school communication and in case of emergency.

Items in First Day Packet to sign and return:

- 1. Emergency Card
- 2. Transportation Mutual Responsibility
- 3. Student Likeness Release
- 4. Student Code of Conduct

\*Return these forms, completely filled out, signed and dated, to your child's homeroom teacher the next day.

#### Volunteers

At this time, we are not having volunteers on campus. This decision was not made lightly, rather after much reflection, it is to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff. If we feel as though we can comfortably allow more movement on our campus and follow CDC guidelines, we will communicate to our stakeholders.

# In preparation for volunteering, please complete the online volunteer application.

ALL volunteers must complete the Hillsborough Schools Online volunteer application each year. <u>http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/7346</u>

Applications remain active for one academic year (July 1-June 30). Please watch for updates regarding any changes for volunteers on campus. Thank you for your support and understanding. It is my priority to keep our children safe and in school.