



# HOME OF THE OTTERS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Ippolito Students and Families,

Welcome back to our returning Otters and incoming VPK, and Kindergartners! We hope our Otters are just as excited to return to school as we are! After navigating a global pandemic in the 2020-2021 school year, we are ready for a reset. We know everyone is anxious to resume normalcy, and it is in our hopes that we can provide many of the educational experiences that make learning dynamic, exciting, and memorable!

Each year we establish a school-wide theme. It seems suitable this year to incorporate a theme about dreams. Schools are where dreams are made, and how they can become a reality. Our theme for this school year is **Dreams for Me, Dreams for Us**. We will focus on setting and working towards our goals: both as individuals and as a school. The pandemic may have derailed our personal dreams. Students' schooling was disrupted as a result of the onslaught of school closures and quarantines. Many of the dreams we held were placed on pause. As we head into the school year with more certainty, so does a renewal of the dreams we have for ourselves and students. Let's embrace the excitement, creativity, and joy that comes along with dreaming, and making them come true!

As families are preparing for the new school year, there have been many questions regarding precautions the district and school are taking in response to COVID-19. Face coverings are no longer required. They are **optional** for students and staff. We will continue to provide sanitation stations around the school with hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. Teachers will establish set times in their daily schedules for students to wash their hands. Our School Nurse, Ms. Bostick, will continue to provide education to students and staff on mitigating the risk of spreading communicable diseases. The health and safety of our students, staff, and school community has always been, and continues to be, a top priority. Please know that our school district is closely monitoring recommendations and will frequently communicate updates to our school family.

Our Meet-and-Greet is in-person on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00 PM. This is an informal drop-in time to see your child's classroom, and to meet the teacher. You will want to visit the Cafeteria to pick up a tag for the car rider line, or to set up bus transportation. We hope to see you on at the Meet-and-Greet!

Please pay close attention to the contents of the first-day-of-school packet that will be sent home with your children. The packet includes important information for a smooth school year, including procedures specific to Ippolito Elementary, important dates, etc. I look forward to greeting all our students, staff, and families at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The faculty and staff at Ippolito are looking forward to an incredible school year!

Sincerely,

*Dr. Ashlee McManamey, Principal*

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Ippolito Elementary School



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# Meet the Teacher

Thursday, August 5th, 3:00-5:00 PM

**Drop in  
between  
3-5 PM!**



Visit the Cafeteria for  
Car Tags and Bus Passes



Stop by the Spirit Shirt  
Booth. All shirts = \$12

Join PTA by visiting the  
PTA booth!

# IPPOLITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Volunteers We Need You!

We are excited to be able to have parents on campus this year to volunteer! Volunteers are always welcomed. There are many ways you can volunteer;

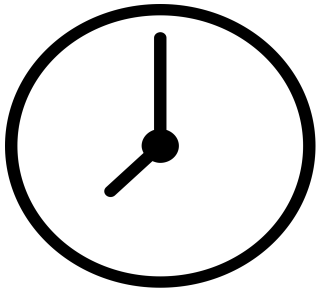
- Lunchroom Monitoring
- Media Center
- Reading with Students
- Campus Beautification
- Escorting Students to Class
- And so, so, so, much more!

### Volunteer Application:

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/7346>

## COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

All Teachers are using Class Dojo to have frequent communication with parents. Download the App today to receive frequent updates from your child's teacher. Each child will also have a monthly calendar with a section for notes from the teacher/parent.



## SCHOOL HOURS

Gates Open: 7:15 AM  
Breakfast: 7:15-7:35 AM  
Instruction Begins: 7:40 AM  
Dismissal: 1:55 PM  
Monday Early Release: 12:55 PM



## ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

**AM Walkers/Bike Riders-** Walkers and bike riders should always use sidewalks and will need to enter the Ippolito Elementary campus through the gate by the front of the school. The gate opens at 7:15 AM.

**AM Car Riders-** The car line is in front of school on Falkenberg Road. All parents dropping off in a car must remain in the car and form a single line in the car loop in front of the school on Falkenberg Road. Cars will pull all the way to the end of the sidewalk before students exit the right side of vehicle next to the sidewalk. Staff and patrols will be on duty to assist beginning at 7:15 AM. Under no circumstances should students be dropped off in any other location, including other lanes of the parking lot or outside the school campus. Students cannot be safely supervised outside the designated drop off area. **The parking lot on Castle Creek Drive are only for staff, school busses, and daycare vehicles.**

\*Please Note: All Hillsborough County public schools operate as closed-campuses. Parents and visitors are not permitted on campus without an appointment and a state-issued ID.

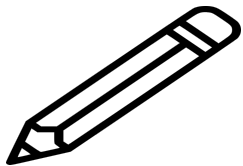
## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES !

**IMPORTANT: IF YOUR CHILD'S WAY OF TRANSPORTATION NEEDS TO CHANGED, A WRITTEN NOTE MUST BE SENT TO THE TEACHER. FOR SAFETY REASONS AND PER HCPS POLICY 5230, CHANGES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE.**

**PM Walkers/Bike Riders-** Students will be dismissed from the double doors by the office. If you chose this option for your child, please know the expectation is that that students are "true" walkers/bikers. Parents who park on campus to pick up their children in an effort to skip the carline will be directed to exit the campus and circle around to join the carline. Please understand that students who have this marked as their dismissal location are dismissed freely to walk/bike home even in the event that a parent does not walk to school to meet them. In the event of a thunderstorm (lightning or torrential rain, students will be held on campus and a guardian will need to sign them out). Please have a rainy day plan for back-up to pick up your child. Light rain will not constitute holding students on campus. **The lot on Castle Creek Road is for BUSES AND DAYCARE VEHICLES ONLY during dismissal.**

**PM Car Riders-** The car line is in front of the school on Falkenberg Road. All parents picking up in a car must remain in the car and form a single line. Do NOT double park, as we will not allow students to cross over to the inside lane. Students will be held in a designated area until their car arrives, and an adult or patrol will bring your child to the vehicle. Display the green hang tag containing your child's information when picking up your child(ren) to speed up the dismissal process. If you do not have your hangtag, staff will ask for identification prior to releasing student. **Parents will not be permitted to park and walk up to the front office. No child will be dismissed unless the parent pulls up in a car.**

All of these procedures are put in place to be sure that we have the safety of all students in mind. Traffic will be heavy during the first few weeks as everyone adjusts to the arrival and dismissal procedures. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!



## SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

School supply lists can be located on our school website  
<https://www.mysdhc.org/ippolito>

If you are unable to purchase school supplies, please contact your child's teacher or School Social Worker, Joanne Ballard. You can email her at [joanne.ballard@hcps.net](mailto:joanne.ballard@hcps.net).



# IPPOLITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MANDATORY UNIFORM SCHOOL POLICY

Please dress your child in uniform *daily*. If students are out of uniform, they may be asked to call home or be given a uniform to wear for the day. On Fridays, students may wear Ippolito Elementary T-shirts. Our uniform allows for many student choices while ensuring that students are neatly and appropriately dressed for learning.

Ippolito uniform code is as follows:



**Tops:** Polo shirt in hunter green, white, or navy blue - solid colors only.

**Bottoms:** Khaki, navy blue and denim pants, shorts, skirts, capris, and jumpers - solid colors only.

**Footwear:** Regular shoes or sneakers with a rubber sole are acceptable.

The entire foot must be covered, and the shoe must be secured.

These items can be found at very reasonable prices at stores such as Target, Walmart, Old Navy, and any department stores. You are not limited to any brand of clothing. No holes or tears in jeans are allowed.

## FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

**A NEW FORM IS  
NEEDED EACH YEAR!**



A new application is required each school year to validate your child's eligibility. To avoid being charged for meals, please complete and return the free lunch form provided online.

Go to <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us> and choose

**Families > Student Nutrition > Meal Application**

to complete the online application.

If you have other questions or need help completing your household application, contact the Healthy Meals Application Center at (813) 840-7066.

## SIGN IN & SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

### Tardy Sign-In:

Any student arriving to school after 7:40 am **MUST** be signed in by an adult. No student should be dropped off in front of the office and left unattended. The door is locked, and the driveway is full of traffic. These conditions create an unsafe environment for children. Parents must park in a "Visitor" parking spot while signing in their child. Any student will be marked tardy that is not in their assigned class by 7:40 am.

### Student Sign-Out:

**A valid picture ID is required for all student sign-outs.**

During school hours, the principal or designee shall permit a child to leave school only to the following adult(s):

- Legal guardian of the student
- Person listed on Emergency Card



## IMPORTANT SIGN OUTS

For the safety of our students, there will be **NO student sign-outs or changes to dismissal after 1:25 pm each day** (12:25 pm on Mondays).

Parents are encouraged to schedule their child's appointments around school hours.

# PTA

Join Ippolito's PTA  
Only \$10

CashApp: \$IppolitoPTA

Venmo: @GraceIppolito-PTA

\*Cash or Check to PTA Ippolito

# Uniform Policy



Tops:  
-Polo or School Spirit Shirt-  
White  
Hunter Green  
Navy Blue



Bottoms:  
Navy Blue  
Khaki  
Black  
Jean



Shoes:  
Closed-toed and attached at  
the back of foot

Ippolito Elementary has a mandatory uniform policy. Our goal of the Ippolito Otters is to have all children come to school dressed for success so their focus is on learning. The goal of this policy can be easily accomplished with your support and cooperation.

# Politica de Uniforme



Parte de Arriba:  
Polo o Camisa de la Escuela  
Blanco  
Verde Oscuro  
Azul Oscuro



Parte de Abajo:  
Azul Oscuro  
Khaki  
Negro  
Mahones (Jeans)



Zapatos:  
Deben ser zapatos cerrados  
(el área de los dedos debe  
estar cubierta)

La Escuela Ippolito tiene politica de uniforme mandatoria. Nuestra meta es que todos los estudiantes vengan a la escuela vestidos para triunfar y que su enfoque sea el aprendizaje. La meta de esta politica la podemos lograr con tu apoyo y cooperacion.

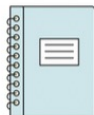


# Ippolito Elementary

## Supply List 2021-2022

### Kindergarten

- 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 1 pair of scissors
- Glue sticks - 12
- 2 boxes of tissues
- #2 pencils - plain yellow
- 2 Poly Folders w/prongs (no design)
- 1 composition book - wide ruled
- 2 One subject spiral notebooks-solid color
- 1 Change of clothes to stay in backpack



#### Wish List:

- Ziplock Sandwich and/or gallon bags
- Clorox wipes
- Dry erase markers
- Hand sanitizer - 16 oz. or larger
- 1 roll of paper towels

### First Grade

- Pencils (1 pack)
- 2 packs of Crayons (24 count)
- Pencil Case/Box
- Scissors
- 8 Glue Sticks
- 2 Folders w/prongs-poly
- 3 Spiral Bound Notebooks-wide rule
- 1 black & white composition notebook
- 2 large pink erasers



#### Wish List:

- Markers-dry erase
- Tissues
- Ziploc sandwich and/or gallon bags
- Hand Sanitizer -full size
- Wet Wipes
- Inexpensive Headphones

### Second Grade

- Pencils (1 pack)
- Pencil Cas/Box
- 2 packs of Crayons (24 count)
- Pocket Folders with prongs (3)
- Glue Stick Pack
- Scissors
- 1 pack wide ruled paper
- Pack of erasers
- 4-1 subject spiral notebook
- 2-1" binder

#### Wish List:

- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer



### Third Grade

- 3-1 subject spiral notebook
- #2 pencils
- 1 pack notebook paper
- 2 glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- 1-1/2" binder
- 1 pack wide ruled lose leaf paper
- 2 pocket folders
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpener



#### Wish List:

- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Expo Markers



### Fourth Grade

- binder with clear sleeve (1)
- 2" binder with clear sleeve (1)
- 2 boxes of Pencils (24 ct.)
- Erasers (No cap erasers)
- Notebook paper (5 packs)
- Composition notebooks (5 -1 subject)
- 2 jumbo glue sticks
- Pocket folders w/ prongs (6)
- Dividers (1)
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Post-it notes
- Markers
- Scissors



#### Wish List:

- Expo markers
- Lysol wipes
- Inexpensive headphones (no earbuds)
- Hand Sanitizer

### Fifth Grade

- 1-3" Black Binder
- 1-2" Black Binder
- 6-Composition Notebooks with 3-Holes (2-Red, 2-Yellow, 2-Blue)
- 1-Pencil pouch
- 4-24 pack pencils
- 12-Highlighters (4-Blue, 4-Pink, 4-Yellow)
- 5-Packs Post it notes
- 8-Glue Sticks
- 4-Plastic Folders 3-holes with Pockets (1-Red, 1-Yellow, 1-Blue)
- 3-Packs of 12 colored pencils
- 2-Pairs of scissors
- 2-Block Erasers

#### Wish List:

- Containers of Lysol Wipes
- Clipboard
- Box Ziploc Bags Quart or Gallon
- Tissues
- Expo Markers



## 2021-2022 Student Calendar

### Board Approved 4/28/20

Students' First Day of School	August 10, 2021
Labor Day Holiday/Non-Student Day	September 6, 2021
End of 1st Grading Period	October 8, 2021
*Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	November 11, 2021
*Fall Break/Non-Student Days	November 22 – 26, 2021
Students Return to School	November 29, 2021
End of 2nd Grading Period (End of 1st Semester)	December 17, 2021
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	December 20, 2021 – December 31, 2021
Non-Student Day	January 3, 2022
Students Return to School	January 4, 2022
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day	January 17, 2022
Non-Student Day	February 18, 2022
Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day	February 21, 2022
Non-Student Day	March 7, 2022
End of 3rd Grading Period	March 11, 2022
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	March 14 – 18, 2022
Non-Student Day	March 21, 2022
Students Return to School	March 22, 2022
Non-Student Day	April 15, 2022
Last Day of School/End of 4th Grading Period (End of 2nd Semester)	May 27, 2022

**\* Hurricane Day(s) if needed: November 11, 22-24, and 26, 2021**

#### **Student Early Release Days**

Students are released one hour early every Monday.

On the last day of school, May 27, 2022, students are released 2.5 hours early.