



Campbell Park Elementary



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....

Greetings Campbell Park Families,

I love the first few days of school when our scholars return and are eager to learn! It is a fresh start for everyone as scholars advance to the next grade, willing to take on new academic challenges. We have a lot in store for our scholars this year and we look forward to working with you for our scholars' success.

Hopefully, scholars read lots of books over the summer and have improved their literacy skills. Continue to encourage your child to read each night and complete monthly reading log. Your child also need a quiet place to work on homework each night. A structured time with all electronic devices off, would be an ideal setting to get the homework completed. Remember to check backpacks, complete school forms, and prepare materials to return to school the next day. Your child should walk in to class each morning feeling proud and confident that they have all homework and necessary papers. Finally, feel free to communicate with teachers on a regular basis.

Maintaining a clear connection between home and school is essential to monitoring a scholar's progress and taking action when there are problems. Every family can help a child become successful in school. There are a variety of ways we can help our children succeed.

If the adults in a child's life have a positive attitude toward school, that shows children the value and importance of their education. It is important that all families create strong relationships with our children's schools. When parents and families are involved in their children's schools, the children are more successful and have positive attitudes about attending school. Email and phone calls are ways to keep informed about your child's day. Don't be afraid to ask questions. You are a member of your child's learning team. Together, the family and the school help children succeed to the best of their ability!

Your participation is essential for positive behavior choices and academic growth. Our staff looks forward to working with all families to develop a strong home-school connection.

Looking forward to a year of excellence!

Principal Parker

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.....

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! I am thrilled to join Campbell Park and even more excited to meet all of our scholars and families. It really does take a village and I look forward to working as a team to guide every scholar as they strive to reach their personal and academic goals. If you see me, please come and introduce yourself and I am always a phone call away.

Asst. Principal Wahl

PLEASE NOTE OUR SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE

2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR:

The school day for children will begin at 8:45AM and end at 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. The first bell will ring at 8:35AM for students to enter their classrooms. Students will be considered tardy if they are not in their classrooms when the 8:45AM bell rings. **Children should not arrive earlier than 8:15AM** since supervision does not begin until that time. Please help us keep all our students safe.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Due to new safety laws, all of our scholars will need to enter the building through the front gate. If your child is a car rider please drop them off and pick them up in the car circle. We have been working to distribute name tags for the cars so please put those in your front window to help the car circle run smoothly. Remember that dismissal is at 4:00 pm and all children need to be picked up by 4:30.

BREAKFAST TIME

Breakfast will be from 8:15AM –8:40am for students that are car riders or walkers; bus riders will have breakfast available once their bus arrives.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!

1. An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
2. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

3. If your child misses school 2 days per month, by the time they leave elementary school, they have lost over ½ year of education (60% of one total school year).

4. If your child misses 3 days per month, by the time they leave elementary school they have lost almost a year's worth of education (90% of one total school year).

Help your child succeed, ensure they attend school daily.

INFORMATION SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD:

Pinellas County Student Code of Conduct – After reading the Student Code of Conduct with your child, please sign the Parent and the Student Acknowledgement page (parent and child) and return the signed page to your child's teacher.

Clinic Card/Office Card - Please fill these forms out completely and as thoroughly as possible and return to school with your child. It is VERY IMPORTANT that we have current, accurate information regarding persons to contact if your child should become ill or injured at school or in an emergency situation. Please note that we only release child(ren) to those listed on the office card.

Media Release Form - Please read and complete this form if you grant permission for your child to be included in photographs, video, etc. as explained on the form. If you do NOT want your child to be included, please note this on form and return it to school.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) INFORMATION

Our school advisory is seeking parents to represent each grade level at our monthly meetings. SAC meeting dates and times are announced in each newsletter. Our meetings usually last about an hour. If you are interested in serving on the SAC for the 2018/2019 school year. Contact our Family & Community Liaison Carlos Childs at (727) 893-2650 ext. 2045

COMING SOON: WALKING SCHOOL BUS 2018/2019

Campbell Park Elementary School is continuing the **Walking School Bus** program. A Walking School Bus (WSB) is a group of children who walk to school together under the supervision of a trained adult leader (eg. a parent, neighbor or college student).



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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are a mandatory uniform school. Students can wear light blue, navy, red or white collared (polo type) tops and blue or khaki bottoms. Girls may also wear jumpers or skirts of the

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are important! They help with field trips and other special activities. To ensure the safety of our students, volunteers are required to submit a registration form along with a copy of driver's license each school year. Information from these forms is sent to our Volunteer Service for a criminal background check. If you would like more information please contact our Family & Community Liaison Carlos Childs at (727) 893-2650 ext. 2045

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Beginning in September, we will offer a variety of before and after school enrichments for students Free of Charge! All students will meet in the cafeteria at 4 pm, have a meal, and then move on to their activity. Students will be released from the cafeteria to their parents by 6 pm. Some of our enrichments include: Swimming, Karate/Ju-Jitsu, Super Sprockets STEM club, Spanish Lessons, 5000 Role Models/Girlfriends Club, Students with Academic Goals (S.W.A.G.) Chess Club, Art Club, Audio Visual Club, Good News Club- .Performing Arts Club and STEM. Please contact Mr. Samuels for more details

PTA MEMO

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all new families. We are very excited for the new school year! All meeting dates and activities will be announced in each newsletter. Our goal is to get parents to represent each home-room at our monthly meetings. Membership dues is \$8.00 for the year and can be paid at anytime. Our first meeting will be in September. We look forward to seeing you at the PTA meeting!

HEALTH SERVICES

School nurses identify and assist students with health-care needs during the school day. Every school has a school nurse assigned either full or part time. A clinic card is sent home with each student at the beginning of every school year. Please complete the card promptly with the important health and contact information and update the information as often as needed. Medications should be taken at home whenever possible. If medication (both prescription and over the counter) are required at school, a medication card must be completed each year. No student may transport medication to or from school. Please see the nurse in the clinic for any questions. Our school nurse this year is Ms. Arlene Williams.



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST MRS. NEAL SAYS...

MIND, BODY, and SPIRIT! Keeping your mind, body, and spirit energized and rejuvenated is key to your overall wellness and daily functioning. This is true for children and adults alike. An energized mind allows you to think clearly, focus, make good choices, and problem solve through the challenges you encounter each day. An energized body gives you the strength and endurance you need to meet the physical demands of your daily schedule. An energized spirit provides you with happiness, hope, and the ability to believe.

- *Take your family on an educational, enjoyable trip! (such as a museum or the zoo, etc).
- *Teach, model and reinforce basic manners and social skills.
- *Practice problem solving and encourage your child to brainstorm ways to handle conflict.