

## Sabal Elementary Information for the 2021-2022 School Year



- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten  
Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>- VPK/PreK
- **Masks:** Masks are optional for students, staff, and guests for this school year. We will continue to have adult and student masks available if desired.
- **Arrival:** Student drop off is between 7:30-8:00. At this time, parents will not be permitted to walk students to class in the morning. Students arriving by car will be dropped off in the car loop. We hope you will partner with us in empowering your student to be able to say goodbye at the car. There are adults that will guide them on their way. Teachers will greet students at the door between 7:45-8:00 and our instructional day begins at 8:00. All students will have the opportunity to have a free breakfast between 7:30-8:00 either via the hot breakfast line or grab and go option.
- **Volunteers/Visitors:** Per district guidelines, we will invite **fingerprinted and approved volunteers** onto campus for specific events this year. Anyone wishing to volunteer must be fingerprinted and approved in Raptor *and* must be scheduled and approved to volunteer for a specific event/activity/task. **At this time no visitors will be allowed on campus during the school day** – this includes walking students to class in the mornings and eating lunch with students during lunch time.
- **Late students:** Parents please park and walk your child in to the front office to sign him/her in if arriving late to school.
- **Clinic Procedures:** If your student becomes sick at school and needs to go home we ask that you come promptly to school to pick up your sick students. Please ensure that we have an accurate phone number on file. Always have your ID readily available. We will continue to follow guidance from the Florida Department of Health regarding protocol for students showing symptoms of illness.
- **Dismissal:** If your child is a car rider, it is important that you always have the car tag provided hanging on your mirror to ensure a smooth dismissal process. **If you do not have your car tag, you will need to pull around and park and come into the office with your ID to receive a new car tag.** Changes to dismissal can only be accepted in writing and cannot be accepted over the phone. **If you are planning to pick your student up in the car loop, please be sure that you have picked up your car tag before August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Parent/Family Involvement:** We value our partnership with you and are planning several events that we encourage all parents to attend.
  - **Meet the Teacher** will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> at specific, assigned times.
  - **Open House** on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 with a staggered schedule.
  - This year we will hold hybrid **SAC and PTO** meetings, meaning you can attend in person or via Zoom. Dates and times TBD.
  - We will share other parent/family involvement events throughout the school year.
- **Bus Riders:** If you have been approved to ride the bus, you will receive your bus pass at Meet and Greet on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please hand the driver your bus pass the first day you ride the bus. If you need to register for the bus, please call the front office at 321-254-7261 as your student may not ride the bus without a bus registration.
- **Supply Drop-off:** To help arrival run smoothly on the first day of school, please consider dropping off your student's school supplies on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Birthday Celebrations:** Like last year, we are still encouraging all families to order delicious birthday treats from our cafeteria. If you choose to send in treats with your child, please note that they will need to be store-bought and in sealed packaging. **We cannot share homemade treats with students.**
- **Lunch accounts:** Like last year, lunch will be provided free to all students in the District. We still suggest that you to create a lunch account at My Payment Plus using the student number provided on your class placement letter. At this time we prefer to not transact cash at the register. Even if your student intends to bring a lunch each day, we encourage you to create a lunch account and put at least \$5 in it for possible A La Carte purchases. This will allow students who have forgotten their lunch to purchase a lunch if needed. Please see the included form regarding applying online for free and reduced lunch.
- **Ready for a Great Year!!** We are excited to greet students this year, and look forward to working together to incorporate the above processes and procedures to ensure we all have a safe and happy school year.

With Trailblazer Pride,

*Paige Trosset*

Principal, Sabal Elementary