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Essrig Elementary School

Dear Essrig Parents,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking forward to seeing all our Essrig students on Monday, August 11, for the first day of school.

This letter will assign your child to his/her new homeroom teacher and classroom. Please look at the upper right of the address label on the postcard you received for the homeroom number (example: If the label reads K110 – your child's teacher is Raisa Henning in room 110). You do NOT need to come to school to register your child. On your child's first day of school, we will send home materials for you to read and update. Please return this paperwork to school as soon as possible.

At our Open House, if your child's name does not appear on the door roster of the teacher assigned below, please see the front office for the room assignment as adjustments may be needed due to the class size reduction amendment.

Address Label #	Teacher	Room #	Address Label #	Teacher	Room #
E123	Jennifer Langlass	123	211	Leah Mezulis-May	211
E124	Aramis Reid	124	212	Yvette Miller	212
			213	Kayla Paulino	213
K110	Raisa Henning	110	214	Alisha Vogt	214
K111	Christie Ingardia	111			
K112	Gina Donaldson	112	230	Erica Driver	230
K113	Deanne Amaro	113	231	Casey Cusack	231
K130	Lisa Vaughn	132	232	Karen Miller	232
K131	Victoria Llanos	131	233	Ciji Duncombe-Clarke	233
K171	Marcelene Schiele	171	234	Megan Brothers	234
130	Antonia Sanchez	130	250	Laurie Cagle	250
133	Tiffany Sardina	133	252	Leslie Alessi	252
134	Chelsea Schuette	134	253	Amy Kiefer	253
172	Payal Wadhwani	172	254	Laura Bucklew	254
173	Olivia Anderson	173			
174	Miriam GeisKler	174			
175	Sue McCrossin	175			
161	Tara Darr	161	E221	Casey Stein	221
162	Summer Montgomery	162	E223	Leela Lortz	223
163	Stephanie Joyce	163			
164	Carolyn Stratton	164			

The first day of school for students is Monday, August 11. Student hours are 7:40 a.m.-1:55 p.m. (12:55 p.m. on Mondays). As your child enters our building on the first day of school, volunteers and school staff will be available to assist children in finding their assigned room. Parents who are transporting their children can drop off along the walkway next to the loop on the south side of the building or the north faculty parking lot. School personnel and parent volunteers will also be there to guide students to their rooms.

For your convenience, bus route information, which is only for those students living two miles or more from school or under district approved circumstances, is posted on the SDHC website: [Hillsborough County Public Schools / Homepage \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](http://HillsboroughCountyPublicSchools.org) and available in the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 975-7307 for assistance. Please remember, if you have an ESE child receiving specialized bus services, your bus driver will be contacting you with specific bus stop locations, times, and bus numbers.

Hillsborough County will continue to offer a free breakfast and lunch for all our students.

We will begin the school year with an Open House to meet your child’s teacher and visit his/her new classroom. See the flyer in this packet for more information about that event on August 7 and August 8.

On the first day of school, your child will receive an Essrig Parent Information folder containing important information and handouts. Please watch for this folder as there are a number of forms that must be completed and returned to your child’s teacher on the second day of school. One of these items is an emergency contact card to update. Please note that the legal guardian who signs this card is the only one who can come to school to make updates throughout the year. Make sure the cell/home telephone numbers, etc. are kept current on the card throughout the year so we can contact you if an emergency arises.

Finally, PTA is selling spirit shirts and other uniform shirts at Essrig’s Open House on August 7 and August 8 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Beverly D. Smith

Beverly D. Smith,
Principal

(Please complete this form & attach it to your child’s backpack for the first 3 days of school.)
Essrig Elementary Student Information Form

Student’s Name: _____ Teacher’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Check (✓) your child’s dismissal procedure:

- _____ Car pick up at the loop
- _____ Bus Rider Bus # _____ Bus Stop Location _____
- _____ Picked up by _____ Day Care
- _____ YMCA Latchkey Program at Essrig
- _____ Walk home
- _____ Other _____

Parent Emergency Numbers

Home Phone#: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES



ARRIVAL

STUDENTS MAY NOT BE ON CAMPUS OR LEFT IN THE PARKING LOT BEFORE 7:10 A.M. AS THEY ARE NOT SUPERVISED. STUDENTS MAY ARRIVE BETWEEN 7:10 A.M. AND 7:40 A.M.

Please make every effort to have your child seated in their classroom by 7:40 a.m.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE – The YMCA will have an on-site before school care program for more information go to <http://www.tampaymca.org/programs/youthprograms/success-afterschool>.

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 7:40 A.M.

Bus Riders – Students need to enter the double doors near the bus drop-off point in the north faculty parking lot.

Car Riders – Students transported in cars need to be dropped off at the loop at the south side of the school. Parents are asked to pull up as close as possible to the curb before letting their child out of the car. Urge your child to be ready to step out of your car as soon as your car comes to a stop.

Walkers – If students eat breakfast at Essrig, they must go directly to the Cafeteria. Students arriving after 7:10 a.m. and not eating breakfast at school must go directly to their classroom.

DISMISSAL

SCHOOL ENDS AT 1:55 p.m. (12:55 p.m. on Mondays) - NOTE: Any change in dismissal plans must be made in writing 24 hours in advance of the change. In the event of an emergency, please contact the school office.

Bus Riders – Students who ride the bus will be dismissed at 1:55 pm (12:55 p.m. on Mondays). Under no circumstance is the student to leave school prior to dismissal without permission from the front office.

Kindergarten Bus Riders only: The school will give a tag to each kindergarten student that must be attached to the backpack and remain there **every day throughout the school year**. The tag will be shown to the bus driver each afternoon. Kindergarten students can be released at the bus stop with older siblings. If there is no older sibling, a designated adult must be at the stop (not waiting in the car). If no adult is at the stop, the K student will be returned to school **after the elementary run is complete**. The school will immediately attempt to contact the parent. **The parent will pick up the child from the YMCA program in the cafeteria and sign the release form. A charge for the YMCA program may be incurred by the parent for students returned to school.** After 3 incidents of a designated adult not being at the bus stop, the student can be suspended from the bus for 1 day. The next incident can result in a 3 day suspension from the bus. Subsequent times will increase in the number of days suspended from the bus.

Car Riders – Students picked up by car will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m. (12:55 p.m. on Mondays). The designated car pick-up point is in the loop on the south side of the school. Students will not be released to parents that walk through the car loop as this is dangerous. **Parents picking a child up by car at dismissal must possess a school issued car hang tag. These tags are available in the school office. Parents without this tag will be directed to the front office where proper identification can be established before a child is delivered.**

Walkers – Children in grades 1-5 identified as walkers will exit the building through the front gate at dismissal. Parents are free to meet their child along the walk if they choose. Additionally, parents are free to establish their child as a car pick up student. Kindergarten walkers will be kept in a classroom until an approved person picks them up.

SPECIAL BUS TIPS

At the Open House, Essrig students who ride the bus will be given a color-coded armband that coincides with a particular bus number and color. Students who did not receive a band at Open House will receive the proper arm band in class on the first day of school. It is important that students keep these armbands on for the first week of school. These bands are water resistant, and baths/showers can still be taken with them on.

The bus stop closest to the address which is on file will be your child's designated bus stop. Students can only be dropped off and picked up at one bus stop and will not be permitted to ride home with a friend or relative on another bus. Students should be at their bus stop 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Parents should supervise their children at the stop. Have your child recognize his/her bus stop, bus number, and practice his/her way home. Buses will run more slowly the first week of school. Please be patient with drop off times.



Essrig Elementary Open House

The **Open House on Thursday, August 7th and Friday, August 8th** will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit his/her classroom, learn about curriculum, receive bus bands, and purchase spirit shirts from the PTA prior to the start of school.

Classroom presentations will be as follows:

Thursday, August 7th 1:00-3:00 PM – Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Montessori

Friday, August 8th 1:00-2:00 PM – Grades 2 and 3

Friday, August 8th 2:00-3:00 PM – Grades 4 and 5

Special Services information is integrated within the classroom presentations.

Bus bands, car hang tags and PTA information will be available from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

REMINDER:

First Day of School

Monday, August 11, 2025

7:40 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.