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Deloras Thompson Elementary School

Mrs. DeMonica C. Amerson, Principal

Dear Parents and Scholars,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year at Thompson Elementary School! I pray each of you had a safe and fun summer with family and friends. We are excited about the return of our scholars and we've worked hard to make sure this upcoming year is exciting and rewarding. Our theme this year will be ***"Blossom Where You've Been Planted!"*** In 2021-22 our scholars showed tremendous academic growth in all grade levels and we will maintain and exceed that growth while helping our scholars continue to blossom into the positive world changers they are purposed to be.

We have a lot of work to do this year to ensure our scholars meet their academic goals as we focus on building the whole child. SEL will continue to be a big focus of our work and I hope that throughout the year, you as the parents will partner with us for the success of our scholars.

We will continue to implement our core beliefs and a common language that will support our vision that states; *"Thompson Elementary is a school of choice for high quality academics with innovative and specialized programs that meet the needs of all students in a positive learning environment."*

Our first day of school is **Tuesday, August 16, 2022**. Our school hours have remained the same and doors will open daily beginning at **7:35am**. Instruction begins at **8:05am** and ends at **3:25pm**.

Please ensure that your child does not arrive before **7:35am** as there will be no supervision for them before that time. Breakfast will continue to be served in the classroom from 7:35am to 8:05am and will continue to be free for all scholars this school year. During breakfast teachers will also engage our scholars in their social emotional lessons for the day which will in turn give them a strong start to a great day of learning.

As a reminder all **bus riders** will be dropped off and picked up at the front of the building with ample staff present to supervise their entry into the building. **Walkers and car riders** will enter and exit through the car rider line off Wellington Rd. daily, entrance #2. Cars will be redirected to entrance #2 and scholars will only enter through entrance #2, unless there is an emergency. We have a strong car rider system in place that will monitor the safety of each of our scholars. Your particular attention and adherence to the procedures is appreciated.

Please plan to attend our annual **Pack is Back** on Thursday, **August 11th** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Scholars will receive their class/teacher assignments and parents will be able to pick up pre-ordered supplies, purchase spirit shirts, dismissal tags and meet their child's teacher. Additionally, pertinent information regarding the school year will also be available.

Our student dress code will remain the same from last school year. Scholars will wear specific colored polo's by grade level with khaki or blue jean bottoms (no rips, tears or holes permitted). Please see the standardized dress code in the student handbook or online for more detailed information. Additionally, **scholars may carry a backpack of choice without wheels during the school day**. All scholars will be issued a photo identification badge free of charge. Should a badge become damaged or lost, scholars/parents will be expected to purchase a replacement badge in the front office for \$5.00. Scholars will be expected to wear these daily and must be visible from the front of their bodies. All IDs will remain on campus with the homeroom teacher and reissued each morning.

On behalf of Thompson Elementary School faculty and staff, welcome to a new school year!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the campus at 281-891-8480.

Sincerely,
Mrs. DeMonica C. Amerson, Principal