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**Deloras Thompson Elementary School**

**Mrs. DeMonica C. Amerson, Principal**

Dear Parents and Scholars,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 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 **"Every CHILD, Every Teacher, EVERYDAY!"** 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. This year SEL will 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 **Wednesday, August 11, 2021**. This year our school hours have changed and doors will open daily beginning at **7:35am**. Instruction begins at **8:05am** and ends at **3:25pm**. ***This school year all scholars will be back in person for instruction, there will be no virtual instruction for our PK- 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars.*** Please ensure that your child does not arrive before **7:35am** as there will be no supervision for them before that time. Breakfast will be served in the classroom from 7:35am to 8:05am and will continue to be free for all scholars this school year. It is very important to complete a Family Income Survey again this year. Completing this survey ensures our scholars continue to receive the additional academic and social/emotional support from qualified professionals.

As a reminder all bus riders will be dropped off and picked up at the front of the building with ample staff present to assist. Walkers and car riders will enter and exit through the car rider line on the side of the building daily, entrance #2. We have a strong car rider system in place that will monitor the safety of each of our scholars. COVID protocols will still be a priority and scholars are allowed to wear a mask daily if the parent so desires. We, as a campus, will not issue masks to students this year. Faculty and staff will also be allowed to wear masks but not required. Your particular attention and adherence to the procedures is appreciated.

Please plan to attend our annual **Pack is Back** on Monday, **August 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Scholars will receive their class/teacher assignments and parents will be able to pick up pre-ordered supplies, purchase spirit shirts, and meet your 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 or holes permitted). Please see the standardized dress code in the student handbook or online for more detailed information. Additionally, **scholars may only carry a backpack of choice without wheels during the school day**. Also, 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! We are excited about the positive plans for GREATNESS and ACCELERATED learning we have in store this year!**

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

Sincerely,  
Mrs. DeMonica C. Amerson  
Principal