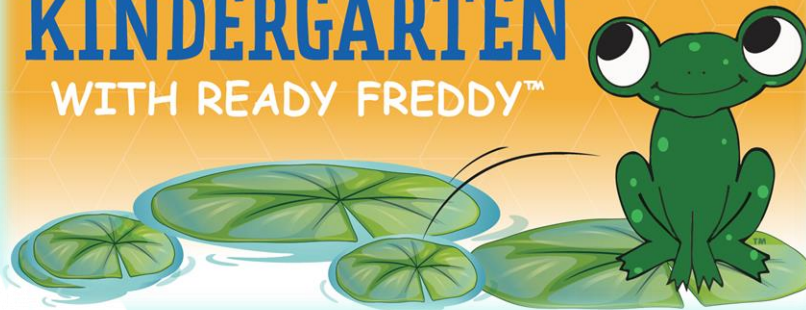


# Welcome to Cannella Elementary School!



READY FOR  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
WITH READY FREDDY™





# Cannella Elementary School



Principal: Angela Ventura

Assistant Principal: Lizzette Beltran

# Ready for Kindergarten



[www.hillsboroughschools.org/Kindergarten](http://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Kindergarten)

**To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024**

**Here are the simple steps to enroll:**

## **Step 1: Find Your School**

Are you wondering what “kindergarten schools are near me?” If so, use the **School Locator** to find your child’s attendance area school. Hillsborough County Public Schools also offer many Choice and Magnet school options for kindergarten registration. Find out more about our Choice and Magnet Programs at [www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Magnet](http://www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Magnet) and [www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Choice](http://www.HillsboroughSchools.org/Choice) or contact the Choice Information Line at 813-272-4692.

## **Step 2: Contact Your School**

When does kindergarten registration start? **Call your school** 📞 and find a good time to register your child, and learn about school open houses and tours. The child’s legal parent or guardian must be there to register the child. You will also need specific documentation in order to register your child for kindergarten.

## **Step 3: Fill out all Documentation**

View a list of **enrollment documents** that you will need to provide or will be asked to complete at the school site for kindergarten registration. Remember, your child’s kindergarten registration is not complete until all the documentation is filled out and completed. This can sometimes be a lengthy process. That’s why it’s important to get started on the kindergarten registration process as soon as possible.



# Ready for Kindergarten



## Welcome to KINDERGARTEN and Hillsborough County Public Schools!

Thank you for choosing to have your child attend a Hillsborough County Public School. We look forward to serving you and your child throughout the upcoming 24-25 school year.

Documents and information provided in this packet are designed to help you **prepare** for registration. You may complete the two included forms ahead of time and bring with you when you enroll your child.

Please note that **registration is not complete until all paperwork is accepted at the school site.**

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A parent/legal guardian must complete the registration process and provide the proper documents to the school site where the child will attend.

Please refer to the **Registration Checklist** to double check that you have what you need.

### Forms to Complete: (provided)

1. **SER** – Student Enrollment Record Form (provided at the school site)
2. **Student Residency Form** – can be completed ahead of time, supporting documentation is required (see **Registration Checklist** for acceptable documents)

### Documentation to Provide:

- Birth Certificate/Proof of Birth

Authenticated birth date can be verified by one of the following:

- Certified copy of birth certificate/State of Florida Birth Registration Card
- Baptismal certificate showing date of birth, place of baptism, accompanied by parents' sworn affidavit
- Insurance policy on the child in force for at least two years
- Bible record of child's birth accompanied by parents' sworn affidavit
- Passport or certificate of arrival in the United States showing age of child (view only, do not copy)
- School record at least four years prior, showing date of birth

- Social Security Number \*not a requirement but highly recommended

Used as a unique numeric identification for state reporting to the Department of Education.

- Physical

Proof of physical examination by an approved licensed health care provider or the Hillsborough County Health Department, within 12 months prior to entry in Florida Schools (first day of school); Contact School Health Services for help.



# Cannella Elementary School



**Cannella Vision**  
Preparing Students for Life

**Cannella Mission**  
 $R^3 = \text{Success}$

Responsibility  
Relationships  
**x Respect**  
**SUCCESS!**

<http://cannella.mysdhc.org>



# Cannella Elementary School



<https://twitter.com/CannellaElem>



# Cannella Elementary Highlights





## Mission

Hillsborough County Public School's Dual Language Immersion Program in partnership with students, parents, and the community, will establish a strong, standards-based curriculum, which promotes high academic achievement in both Spanish and English. It will cultivate global competence and an appreciation for a multicultural society.

## Vision

Preparing bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural students for life.





# What is the Dual Language Program?

- A program that fosters the development of a students' oral, written and reading proficiency in two languages.
- Students in the Dual Language program are on a pathway to biliteracy with the goal of attaining the prestigious Florida State Seal of Biliteracy upon high school graduation.



# What is the Dual Language Program?

- Become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural in both English and Spanish.
- Receive daily instruction in both English and in Spanish for all subject areas.
- Be taught the skills necessary to compete in a global society
- Gain an appreciation for other cultures
- Experience both languages through experiments, stories, songs and games, etc.
- Receive homework in English and in Spanish



# Dual Language Application

<https://forms.office.com/r/hxn8gzXADk>



## Dual Language Immersion Application / Solicitud para el Programa de Inmersión Dual



Lenguaje Preferido / Preferred Language

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¿Cuál es su idioma preferido? / What is your preferred language? /

☐ English

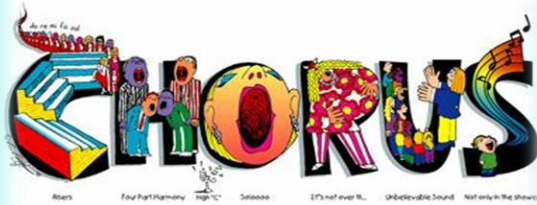
☐ Español

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Never give out your password. [Report abuse](#)



# Cannella Elementary Enrichment



YOGA  
club



# Cannella Elementary Academic Partners





# Cannella Elementary PBIS School

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# PBIS

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**Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**



# Uniforms

Uniforms are Mandatory

- Tops are White, Red or Navy Blue
- Navy and Khaki Dresses, Jumpers, Pants, Shorts, Skirts or Skorts
- On Fridays, students may wear jeans with a uniform shirt or school spirit shirt (purchased from PTA.)
  - Appropriate closed-toe shoes for outside play





## **Ms. Mondragon**

### **English Language Learner Program**

- SER form selections-if you check yes on any of the 3 home language questions your child will be screened
- Screeners- used to determine if the student needs help acquiring the English language
- Small Group Instruction for children who are working on English proficiency in the domains of reading, writing, listening and speaking.



# PTA Staff Lidison – Mrs. Arnold

## PTA President – Deanna Vasquez

CannellaPTA@gmail.com



### JOIN CANNELLA ELEMENTARY'S PTA

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When you join PTA, you join a community that encourages student achievement and enriches the learning environment. We believe in building partnerships between our school families, the community and our school. We believe **TOGETHER** we can help our children be successful. Research proves the kids do better when parents are involved.

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Who can join?

- Parents
- Grandparents
- Teachers/Staff
- Friends and Family

Our goal is to reach  
**100%** membership!

Only \$5 to join!

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PTA Supports

- Student Enrichment Programs
- Social Family Events  
(Father/Daughter Dance, Mother Son Game Night and more to come.)
- Teacher Appreciation
  - Field Trips
  - The Arts
  - Media Center
- Physical Education

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Being a PTA member means MORE...

- A Way To Get Connected  
(provides a sense of community and keeps you informed in what is happening in the school)
- Makes You a Positive Role Model  
(demonstrates to your children the importance you place on school)



**Ms. Salesky**  
**ESE Specialist**



**Mrs. Hare**  
**Speech Language**  
**Pathologist**

- Childfind (before child is registered)
  - Screen & Evaluate (3-5 years old) 813-837-7788
    - Difficulty understanding child's speech
    - Child has difficulty engaging in conversational speech
    - Child is currently receiving Speech and/or Language Services (private)

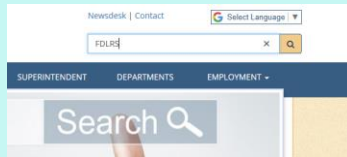
▪ **Speech Screenings**

▪ **MTSS Process**





# Questions? Visit- <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/>



Type in FDLRS

16 documents found.

#### Supporting the Needs of Students with Disabilities

Department: Exceptional Student Education (Special Education) » About

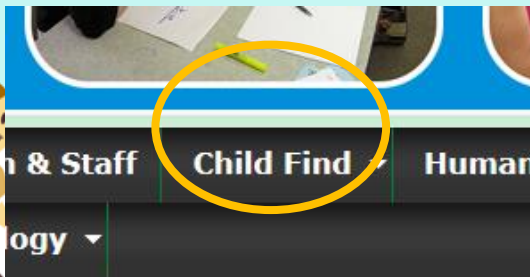
The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department is comprised of administration, teachers and other district level staff who are assigned to provide support and services to students with disabilities (SWD) in need of special education services.

#### Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS - Parent Liason Project)

Department: Transition » Resources

The Department of Exceptional Student Education and Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System offer a project to benefit parents of students with disabilities or special needs in Hillsborough County. The Area Parent Liasons (one for each of the seven geographic areas of the district) are all parents of students who are or have been, enrolled in exceptional education programs in Hillsborough County. Their role is to guide and empower parents to become collaborative, effective supporters for their children with disabilities by providing technical support and information.

Choose this link!



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## Developmental Screening

The Early Childhood Council's Developmental Screening Program, in partnership with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS), provides free monthly screening for developmental delays or behavioral difficulties to children aged 0-5. Screening occurs in several key developmental domains including speech & language, hearing, vision, cognitive or pre-readiness skills, motor skills and social-emotional development.

To schedule an appointment, call  
(813) 837-7723 (English)  
(813) 837-7714 (Espanol)

# Melissa Casillas, RN – School Nurse



- Entry Vaccinations and Physicals
- Medications
- Nutrition
- Hearing and Vision Screening

**Ms. Wanda Escobar  
LPN – School Nurse**





**Mrs. Perez**  
**Data Processing Clerk**

### Registration Requirements

You **MUST** have all of the following for your registration to be complete:

- Child must be 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Original Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current Physical (within 1 year of first day of school) with Shot Record
- 2 Proofs of Address





## Ms. Martinez Student Nutrition Manager/Food Services

- Student numbers
- Universal Breakfast
  - Free for all students
  - **Served between 7:10 -7:40 a.m.**
- Free Lunch at Selected HCPS Schools under the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Grant
- Current lunch price is \$2.25 (prices are subject to change)
- Payment options: Online Payment is available through MyPaymentsPlus



# Student Services Team



**Ms. McDaniels**  
**Social Worker**



**Ms. Magney**  
**School Counselor**



**Ms. Russell**  
**Psychologist**

- School-wide behavior plan - PBIS
- Counseling groups
- IEP Counseling







# HOST

**Ms. Thaina Sierra, HOST Lead Teacher**

**Ms. Cynthia Bourdon, HOST Supervisor**

Helping students grow in a  
safe educationally enriched  
and fun environment.



# Kindergarten Team



Ms. Phillips



Sra. Arends



Ms. Rodriguez



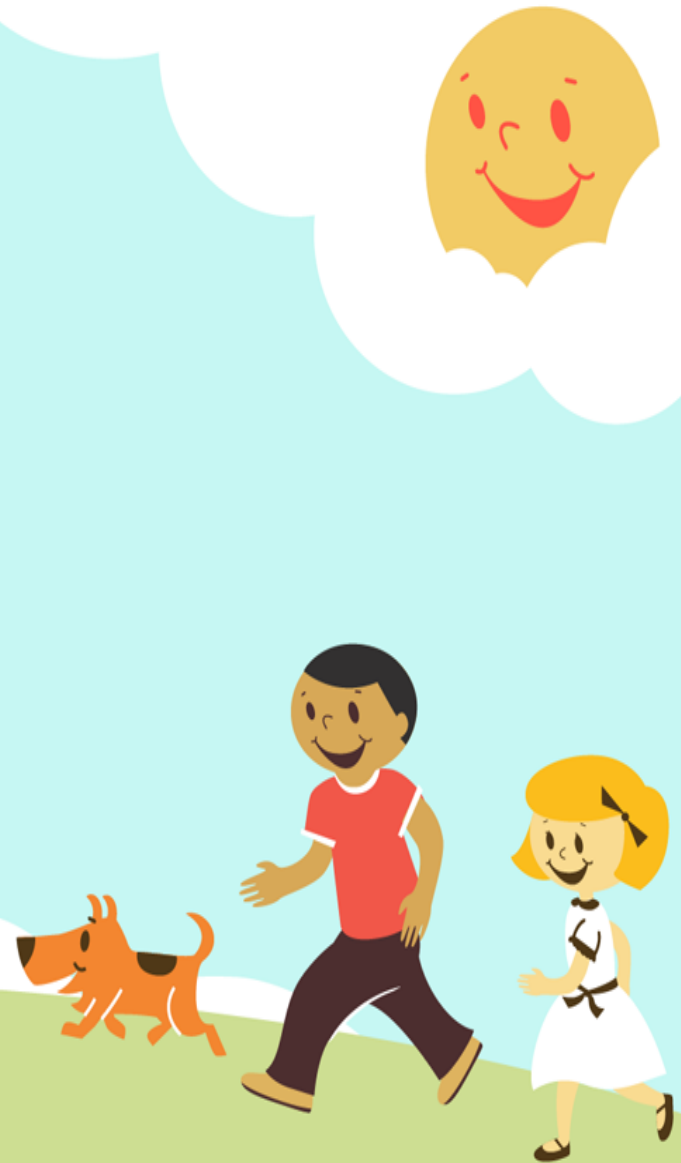
Ms. Francois



Ms. Marquez



# Kindergarten Readiness



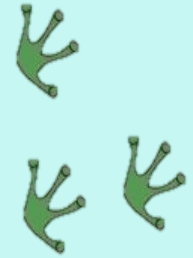
# Who is Freddy?



- Freddy is a Hillsborough County initiative to increase excitement for and awareness of kindergarten readiness.
- Our goal is to have every family understand what kindergarten readiness is and why it is so important.
- Ready Freddy is the embodiment of Kindergarten Readiness!



# Ready for Kindergarten



This quick information can be used as a guide as you help prepare your child for kindergarten success and beyond. This list contains suggested skills or abilities, but should not be considered fully comprehensive of all possible skills and abilities a five-year-old child should possess.



## Social and Emotional Development

- Recognizes and responds with compassion when peers are upset
- Can communicate feelings and emotions
- Has positive relationships with peers and adults
- Plays well with others
- Can problem solve with peers and adults
- Can describe personal characteristics (e.g., hair color, age, gender)



## Physical Development

- Demonstrates physical play, direction and spatial awareness (e.g., running, jumping, balancing, riding a tricycle)
- Eats and drinks without assistance
- Attends to personal hygiene

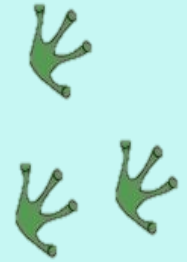


## Creative Expression Through the Arts

- Enjoys participating in musical activities (e.g., dance, singing, planning instruments)
- Uses drawing, painting, or other form of art to express thoughts, feelings, and experiences.



# Ready for Kindergarten



## Social Studies

- Identifies themselves as an individual and how they are different from others
- Understands the use of rules within the family and classroom
- Understands the use of geographic resources (*e.g., globes, maps or GPS*)
- Understands the role of community workers



## Approaches to Learning

- Demonstrates curiosity, eagerness and persistence to a task
- Shows creativity, inventiveness, reflection and planning for a new task





## Language and Literacy

- Communicates clearly with peers and adults
- Listens for personal understanding
- Follows two-step directions
- Speaks clearly, in complete sentences
- Continually increasing the understanding and use of new vocabulary words
- Uses age-appropriate grammar (*e.g., possessive pronouns, plurals, past tense*)
- Continually uses extended sentences
- Ask and answers questions
- Enjoys looking at and reading books, both independently and with others
- Understands how to care for a book
- Can retell a story
- Can identify letters
- Can separate compound words into two separate words
- Can combine two words to create a new compound word
- Can separate or combine syllables and words
- Names most letters (*upper case and lower case*)
- Can write own name



## Mathematical Thinking

- Recognized sets of objects without counting (*subitizing*)
- Counts to 31
- Manipulates sets (*counting objects, separating and combining sets*)
- Creates simple patterns using different objects
- Can identify, describe and create basic shapes (*circle, square, rectangle and triangle*)
- Uses terms such as besides, below, next to, behind and under to describe the location of an object



## Scientific Inquiry

- Identifies and utilizes all five senses
- Uses various technologies to support exploration and learning
- Understands the difference between and observes living things and non-living things
- Makes predictions about how an environment can change an object (*e.g., water, wind, temperature*)

# What is Expected from You!

- Encourage positive behavior
- Create independence
- Review agendas/daily work together
- Read with or to your child every night
- Complete on-line volunteer application if volunteering at school
- Make sure the teacher knows how your child will be going home (bus, car, walking, private provider van) and notify the office and teacher of any changes in writing
- Make sure the office has your current phone numbers, address, emergency contact, and email address
- Have your child arrive at school on time

- School begins at 7:40am
- Mondays - Early Release Dismissal 12:55pm
- Tuesday – Friday Dismissal 1:55pm

Notify us immediately if you have any concerns



# Summer VPK Program

- FREE Summer program to ensure kindergarten readiness (dates and times to be determined)
- Registration requirements: proof of birth, proof of residence and an immunization record
- Registration at open summer VPK sites (HCPS website)
- Child must be eligible to start kindergarten August 2024 (5 by September 1, 2024)
- Child may not have attended a school-year VPK Program

**VPK Hotline: 813-272-4840**



# LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR!

Any questions, please contact our main office  
(813) 975-6941.

It's going to be a great 2024-2025 school year!

