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Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Central Elementary School is more than just a little excited to be welcoming our students back to school. In March, our dedicated teachers and phenomenal parents rose to the challenge of providing virtual instruction and support. Who knew we would be returning to school in August with a need for a face to face and virtual instructional plan with multi-option paths like Okeechobee Virtual & Synch. We know we will continue to have more challenges and we will face uncertainties, but we will have a successful year as we face it together!

For the past several weeks we have been preparing our school for reopening and getting things ready to go for social distancing, safer learning environments and revised school procedures. Arrival times will include temperature checks and dismissal will also have special procedures. Meal times, class times, recess and specials will look different, but allow our students to safely interact and get active. We will work hard with students to ensure they transition and adapt easily to the changes. Teachers and staff are also receiving training over the next two weeks to ensure that we are well prepared for cleaning protocols and instructional strategies to maximize student engagement while providing rigorous teaching and learning for your children. Please continue to check our Facebook page for parent newsletters that will highlight these changes, especially those that involve changes in arrival, dismissal, and upcoming Virtual Open House information.

We strive to continue our pledge of putting students first and we continue to commit to raise a strong culture of successful life-long learners, through the building of strong relationships. We will focus on safety, student achievement through rigorous and data driven instruction, character education, social-emotional well-being, and building a culture of reading in a diversity rich learning environment. We believe that all students are empowered to achieve success when immersed in a powerful learning community that values a diverse student body and is centered on core values as well as a shared commitment to achieving academic excellence. It is our belief that as we focus on our mission and vision for our students, our school grade will improve from the current C and rise to an A.

Meals will continue to be free for all students at Central Elementary and no application is needed. As part of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) students will receive a breakfast and lunch at no cost to the family. Meals will be packaged individually so students will not be able to purchase additional snacks. If you wish to donate snacks to the classroom, teachers would welcome your assistance. Our greatest need are items such as snack size food storage bags, tissues and hand sanitizer.

Let me take this opportunity to encourage you as we face this upcoming new school year. If last year proved one thing, it proved that we are stronger together! We will continue to prioritize family engagement this year and provide small group and individual opportunities where social distancing is possible to keep you informed of your child's overall progress during the school year.

In closing, I want you to know that as I begin my second year as Central Elementary's Principal, I feel overwhelmed with gratitude to lead this incredible school and continue our great Panther tradition established in 1958. I am a student alumni, a teacher alumni and I am the proud Principal of all our Panthers - alumni included! Whether you are a new Panther or a returning Panther, my heart and my goal is to enjoy the background while our students shine in the limelight. I am confident that these amazing kids are going to change the world and achieve great things!

I look forward to working with you as we help each student at Central Elementary meet their goals and have a successful year.

Together we are committed. Together we are Central. We are #ONECENTRAL

Be Extraordinary,

Cynthia Kubit  
Principal, Central Elementary  
Home of the Panthers!  
#risetogether #bolderbraverstronger