



Sanders Memorial Elementary Families,

We are so excited to start the 2017-2018 school year at Pasco County's first and only magnet elementary school, Sanders Memorial Elementary. Our theme this year is "Changing the World Through Design!" We also have some important events that are taking place at Sanders Memorial Elementary this year and below are a couple to get your calendar started. Make sure you **visit our website** on a weekly basis to stay informed. **Our website is the foundation for ALL communication at Sanders Memorial.**

Our focus will be on providing each child with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience through the lens of our five design principles:

1. **Students first:** Decisions will be made with the students in mind.
2. **Learners have voice and choice:** Empowering learners to take part in designing their experiences.
3. **Positive relationships lead to positive outcomes:** Relationships within our school community are pivotal to our students' success.
4. **Failing Forward:** Building perseverance and grit are key to learning.
5. **Changing the World Through Design:** Students learn by engineering solutions to real world problems.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve **their** highest potential and we recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out those responsibilities.

Please feel free to contact us by email at anytime if you have any questions. To stay updated with SMES progress, visit our **website(smes.pasco.k12.fl.us) on a weekly basis, sign up for your Classroom Dojo, Twitter @SandersSMES and follow us on our Facebook at Sanders Memorial Elementary.** We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you in the future.

Upcoming Events:

First Day of School 8/14- 8:40am-2:50pm- What an exciting day this will be!

The first day will be here before you know it. We ask that you be patient with the first two weeks of dismissal. **Remember the most important thing is that all Stallions get home safe.**

Open House 8/24 6pm-8pm- More information to follow. This is a time to see what the structures and procedures are for your child's classroom.

Thank you for your support,

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