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Dear Panther Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to the 2022-2023 school year at Newberry Elementary! We are so excited to have our classrooms and campus filled with the energy and enthusiasm for learning that our students bring to school each day! It is always our goal that each student feels welcomed, connected, and cared for as part of our school family. In addition, we strive to foster an academic environment that supports students' learning and challenges them to inquire, critically think, and make connections across content areas. Our teachers will continue to provide students with engaging and rigorous instruction grounded in the newly adopted Florida Benchmarks in Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T) Standards in both English Language Arts and Math. Over the last two years our students have shown such resilience and perseverance as they rolled with the challenges of the pandemic; however, this year we are rockin' into the school year. Our school theme, Rock Your Role will encourage students to take ownership of their learning and mindset. As they do so, they will serve as role models, encouragers, think partners, and helpers within the classroom and our school community.

In addition to learning, campus safety is among our highest priorities. To maintain campus safety and security Newberry Elementary will continue to be a closed campus throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Parents, guardians, and family members listed on the child's emergency card, are welcome to eat lunch with their child(ren). Seating will be available at the picnic tables behind the cafeteria under the canopy. In the case of inclement weather, seating will be available at tables on the stage in the cafeteria. Parents, guardians, and family members may only eat lunch with their child(ren). Friends of the child must remain in the cafeteria seated at the table with his or her respective class.

School based meetings will continue to be scheduled at the request of teachers, parents, and/or guardians and held in person. We also welcome and encourage parents and guardians of our students to complete a volunteer application. If you are interested in volunteering in your child(ren)'s classroom please communicate with your child's teacher regarding needs and scheduling. Please visit ACPS Volunteer Application to do so. We look forward to continuing with the many school wide events and activities as we have done in the past including the fall picnic, trunk or treat, winter holiday performance and many more. However, this year parents, guardians, and family members that intend to participate will need to RSVP to their child(ren)'s teacher. Upon arrival, a member of the leadership team will greet you at the door to give you a name tag and welcome you to the event. I appreciate your understanding and patience with this new safety procedure.

I am honored to continue to serve as Principal of Newberry Elementary School. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a school and community that works together to strengthen relationships and the academic success of all students. Please be sure to refer to our school website <a href="https://www.sbac.edu/newberryelementary">https://www.sbac.edu/newberryelementary</a> for additional helpful information regarding announcements, school procedures, resources, and contact information. You may also contact me with any questions you may have via email at <a href="mailto:mcalhacv@gm.sbac.edu">mcalhacv@gm.sbac.edu</a> or 352-472-1100.

Once again, welcome back panthers! I look forward to a 'rockin' school year!

Warm Regards,

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