

Newberry Elementary School
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Dear Panther Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to the 2023-2024 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. Our teachers will continue to provide students with engaging and rigorous instruction grounded in the Florida Benchmarks in Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T) Standards in both English Language Arts and Math. Our school theme, We Are Wild About Learning, will encourage students to step into their role as literary scholars, mathematicians, scientists, and historians within the classroom as they actively engage in content rich learning experiences and activities. Our teachers will continue to encourage students to be critical thinkers and ask meaningful questions. In addition, our students will continue to strengthen their writing skills as this will be a focus across content areas.

Campus safety is among our highest priorities. To maintain campus safety and security Newberry Elementary **will continue to be a closed campus. In addition, we will use a single point of entry. In the past, if you have utilized the bus circle to drop your student off in the morning, please note you may continue using the bus circle from 7:30am- 7:45am for morning drop off. Students will be directed to enter the building through the main entrance. Newberry Elementary staff will be outside to supervise and direct students.**

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 to participate in school activities like field trips or volunteering opportunities. Please visit [ACPS Volunteer Application](#) to do so. If you are interested in volunteering in your child(ren)'s classroom please communicate with your child's teacher regarding needs and scheduling. 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. We will continue to ask parents, guardians, and family members that intend to participate to RSVP on a Google form that will be emailed via Skylert prior to the event. 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 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 <https://www.sbac.edu/newberryelementary> 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 mcalhacv@gm.sbac.edu or 352-472-1100.

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

Warm Regards,
Vicki McAlhany
Principal