



# Welcome Back to Our Future!!

**H**ello Rock Chapel Bulldogs! I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and exciting Summer! Mark your calendars! Teachers (certified staff) return to RCES on July 31st, and students on August 7<sup>th</sup>. As you know paras typically miss team building breakfast, introductions, and important work done the first day back because of the district calendar structure. On top of this, the district-planned PL day is the following day, and the certified staff are pulled away leaving paras in limbo. If this is the case this year, paras are asked, as an optional proposal, to come in on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, but then have the Friday of that week off. *(I'd like to plan for the first day, so if you [para] have not communicated your intent to me via email, please do so NOW.)*

You all are truly the best group of people to share this load with. I hope you share the sentiment and look forward to an even better year in 2023! ❤️  
A lot has happened to our colleagues, and I encourage you to be the loving and supportive staff that you've always been, but even more so as we start the year.

Before we get back into the swing of things, I would like to share information with you regarding the upcoming year. This newsletter has important information included, so be sure to read everything.

## **Welcome Back!**

I have missed you and look forward to seeing you, Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am (Receive your keys between 7:30-8). Breakfast will be provided by our fabulous PTA at 8:30 am! We will have a welcome-back meeting beginning at 8 am to begin our information sessions. As always, Open House is the Wednesday of Pre-Planning week, and this year will be 9:00-12:15.

## **Pre-Planning**

Come NOW! I encourage you to come in this week or next to get your room the way you like it. Each year, the preplanning week has a tight schedule; therefore, time to set up and plan may be limited. The school will be open this week and the

week before preplanning for those who want to get an early start. The school will be open July 17-28 8am-2pm Monday -Friday.

Preplanning week is very important, and the time is set for planning and includes meetings and professional learning activities.

### Welcome New RCES Staff!

I am thrilled to introduce our new school family members to you! We have hired wonderful teachers and with a variety of experiences to join the Rock Chapel family, and I look forward to you meeting them.

<b>Brandon Bullock- LTSE</b>	<b>ASIA WARD-4TH</b>	<b>LEWIS, REGINA- KK</b>
<b>DEMETRIA MILLER- MTSS</b>	<b>Tisdale, Darian-4TH</b>	<b>Sabrina Cadien- ART</b>
<b>QUETTAN- SPID</b>	<b>Sebrina Stokes-5TH</b>	<b>ALLEN, BRISHON- 1st</b>
<b>TREVOR MCBEAN- CUSTODIAN</b>	<b>Bradshaw, Kameelah-5TH</b>	<b>BRADSHAW, Marquis- ESOL/GIFTED</b>
<b>Keona Russ-LMA</b>	<b>Stephanie Wright-5TH</b>	<b>Shakela Banks-CoT 4</b>
	<b>Tammy Parker CoT 5</b>	<b>Cecilia. Aboagye CoT K-3</b>

As we closed last school year, we had several farewells. Ms. McGhee and Ms. Lawrence have both retired and we wish all those leaving well on their new endeavors!! We are still interviewing for SPID Teacher, SPID Para, PreK Para, STAR Sub, Custodian, Bookkeeper and Nurse.

I am working to get more information and details to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, do not hesitate to email or text questions to me (404-692-9239).

See you soon!

Jamela Lewis, Principal