Dear Roadrunner families,

We are super excited about the start of the new school year. With all the changes that are still occurring we have begun to settle in and instruction is happening daily.

**Items to remember**

1. Students should be in school everyday. If they are not in school please provide a note or documentation of their absence. If they are absent 3 days in a row, the note needs to come from their doctor.
2. Please remember to put $$ on their lunch account. You can visit the school cafeteria at 8:30 am daily.
3. We are a uniform school and students should be in full uniform unless told otherwise.
4. All students need to read 20 minutes a night. PLEASE DO THIS WITH THEM!
5. Drop off is not before 7:45 am. Doors open at 7:50 am and pick up is at 2:20 pm. If your child does not want breakfast, you can arrive at 8:00 am.

**Upcoming Events**

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**Storm Water project**

We have been honored to have Biohabitat and Anacostia watershed to help make Riverdale Elementary a greener school and to provide clean water run off for the community water sources. We have a projected date of for the project to be completed.

Thank you for all of your patience through the construction process.
Books

We have reading material for parents and students to take home with them in our lobby area.

**Come join us October 17th 5-7pm**

**Literacy, Numeracy, and Tech Family Night!**

Learn fun ways to help your child with basic reading and math skills. Get hands on practice with staying connected at home through parent and student computer resources. Go home with free materials and prizes! All grades are welcome!

**More Important News**

**Counselor Corner**

Greetings from the guidance department. Welcome back to another school year. My theme this year is “New Year New Direction.” One way that we are improving academic achievement is through increasing our attendance. Please partner with the school to ensure that your child comes to school each day and on time. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Soon I will be contacting 1st grade parents to set up conferences for personal education plans. Additionally, I will be sponsoring “Men Make a Difference Day” on October 9th.

**Hispanic Heritage Displays**

*Images of children and materials related to Hispanic Heritage Month.*

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