Dear Rockledge Families,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and the first day of school is right around the corner. We hope that the break provided the opportunity to connect with friends and family, have some adventures, and read some good books. We cannot wait to see all of you soon so that we can continue to work together to ensure that every child at Rockledge succeeds.

We would like to welcome two new staff members to the Village of Rockledge. Ms. Bethany Bromley-Linn will be joining the First Grade team. Mrs. Bromley-Linn has a wealth of teaching experience and is looking forward to joining our team. Mrs. Anastasia Parker will be our new Special Education Chairperson. Mrs. Parker is excited and has already started working on plans for the new school year. We are excited to welcome these educators to the Rockledge family!

We would like to share a few important things to know as we get ready to start the school year. School reopens on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. School hours are 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM. The office hours are 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Students are expected to arrive between 7:50 and 8:10 AM. You are welcome to drop your child off to his/her class on September 4, 2018. Regular arrival and pick up routines should begin on September 4, 2019. A pre-dismissal bell will ring at 2:15 PM, signaling afternoon announcements and dismissal of students. If you need to pick up your child early from school, please do so before 1:55 PM.

You will receive bus information from the PGCPS transportation office. Transportation information will also be posted on the school system’s web page, www.pgcps.org. Please review bus routes as well as pick up and drop off points. Please ensure that you review appropriate school bus behaviors with your child. We strongly encourage you to allow your child to ride the bus starting on the first day of school in order to establish a safe routine. This will also assist with traffic flow, as parking is limited at Rockledge.
Parents are asked to complete the **DISMISSAL CARD** enclosed with this letter. Please clearly indicate on the dismissal card if your child’s day one and regular dismissal routines will differ. Pre-K through second grade parents should **attach the dismissal card to their child's backpack for the first two weeks of school.** Students in grades 3-5 should submit their completed **DISMISSAL CARD** to their teacher on the **first day** of school. **Please write the bus route number, not the color, on the dismissal card.**

Please take time to review the Rockledge Elementary School website: http://www1.pgcps.org/rockledge. The site contains important information including the Rockledge Elementary School Family Handbook, Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, school supply lists, and the school community calendar, as well as other topics and school expectations.

Students will bring home many important forms the first week of school. Please check your child’s folder daily, complete each form, and return it to school the next day. In particular, please complete and return the **Family Card and Student Information Form by September 5, 2019.** Safety is very important and this information is critical for arrival, dismissal, and emergency procedures. Please update the office immediately if there are any changes to this information during the school year.

The price for breakfast is $1.60. Lunch costs $2.75. Each child will have a PIN. Many families find it most convenient to utilize [MySchoolBucks.com](http://www1.pgcps.org/rockledge) to add money to their students’ accounts. If you choose to send payments to school, please place cash in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on it. There is also the opportunity to apply for the meal benefits program. The school lunch menu is available online. For more information, you can access [www.pgcps.org/foodandnutrition/](http://www1.pgcps.org/rockledge).

Please add these dates to your calendar:
We hope you can attend our “Sneak a Peek” event from 1:00 - 2:00 PM on August 30th. We are very excited to welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Roger Prince, Principal