Greetings Rocky Run Families!

It is with much delight that we welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! Despite this shortened summer...WE ARE READY! Returning Bulldog families - we look forward to seeing you again as we enthusiastically continue to serve you and your children. For all families NEW to Rocky Run - WELCOME! We are here to support you and your child’s transition to our wonderful family. Our staff and school community are committed to providing the best educational experience possible for your child. We are striving towards our goal to strengthen our home/school partnership and we encourage you to set a goal to connect with us as well.

Your commitment as parents combined with our commitment as a staff is exactly what our young Bulldogs need to THRIVE academically, socially, and emotionally. We THANK YOU for what you do every day and throughout the year to support our educational mission.

Speaking of “mission,” our school's theme this year is “Mission: KNOW YOUR WHY.” This mission has everything to do with the power of POSITIVITY and finding purpose in every moment. Mission: KNOW YOUR WHY is also rooted in the VERY powerful phenomenon of GRATITUDE. Our staff’s summer read this year, “The Positive Dog” by Jon Gordon, speaks directly to how love, purpose, and gratitude relates to our personal and professional lives. The book is so inspirational that we encourage ALL of you to read it. Need a copy? See me! I have few left that I’d love to share.

While we are continuing to add to our Rocky Run staff family, we are at this time welcoming the following individuals as new staff members to the Rocky Run Community:

- Kylee Gentile: 2nd Grade
- Alexandra Lapp: 5th grade teacher
- Marla Garcia: Learning Support
- Miranda Kamphaus: Autism
- Ashley Jones: Paraprofessional
- Stephanie Polickowski: Paraprofessional
- Christina Maday: Library Ass.

The Rocky Run Staff is back to work and ready to assist with registration. We are preparing for the return of the students on August 12.

Important tidbits about the beginning of the school year:

NEW THIS YEAR - we will no longer be mailing postcards home to communicate who your child’s teacher will be. Instead, you can find your child’s classroom...
A Message from the Principals Continued

placement by using ParentVue. This application will be turned on and be accessible staring at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7. Thank you for trusting our work and professional judgment in placing your child in the best possible learning environment.

How To Create A ParentVue Account

Parents WHO ARE NEW Stafford County Public Schools or WHO HAVE NOT YET CREATED a ParentVue account should create a ParentVue account by clicking on the “Create ParentVue Account” on the online registration page: https://esp.staffordschools.net/Login_parent_owner.asp and complete the steps for creating your account. Directions can also be accessed at the following link: FAQ: https://www.staffordschools.net/Page/2158

This will allow you to register your new student for the 2019-2020 school year. Once registration is complete please contact the student’s school to finalize the student’s registration. ParentVue will also allow you to receive updates about your student such as class placement, attendance, assignments, and secondary students can access grades.

Parents of students ALREADY REGISTERED in Stafford County Public Schools and have a ParentVue account, click here: https://psp.staffordschools.net

You can also register new students and also update their returning student’s information for 2019-2020 school year. Parents should go to online registration, login with your username and password. Once logged in parents can either register a new student and/or select a returning student’s name to update information for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents can update information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. Parents will also need to accept the 2019-2020 Code of Conduct and update opt-out/opt-in information requested for the 2019-2020 school year.

Student schedules/class placement will be available via ParentVue. If the schedule/class placement is not accessed via ParentVue, the information will be provided during your student’s back-to-school night.

Schedules/class placement cannot be provided over the phone or before your school’s Open House Night.

We have new car-rider tags this year! If your child will be a car-rider this year, please visit the table during our Open House and sign up. We will be issuing 2 tags per family (FREE of charge)! A replacement fee of $5 will be issued should one become lost or damaged.

In case you haven’t already done so, please visit our website to access this year’s grade level supply lists and other important information!

Again, WELCOME to Rocky Run Elementary and to another new school year! We look forward to partnering with you! Don’t forget to like our Facebook pages (Rocky Run Elementary AND Rocky Run Elementary School PTO) and follow us on Twitter @RockyRunES.

Sincerely,

Nick Roman – Principal
Crystal Estes – Asst. Principal

Our Open House Night event is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. In addition to meeting your child’s teacher, the PTO will be accepting family memberships, the School Nutrition Dept. will be accepting lunch account payments, and numbers will be given out to parents who use our car-rider line.

For Kindergarten parents, we will be hosting a PARENT ONLY informational session on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 11:00 a.m. in our activity room.
PROCEDURES FOR REGULAR CAR RIDERS

To ensure the safety of your child/children when dropping off or picking up, please follow these procedures:

**MORNING DROP OFF**

Students may be dropped off between 8:30 and 8:55.
1. Please use the designated drop off area.
2. Cars will line up five at a time for students to exit their cars.
3. Children exiting from the driver’s side need to cross in front of their own car.
4. After unloading, cars will drive away slowly and the next four/five cars will move forward.
5. Rocky Run staff is not responsible for opening car doors.
6. For safety reasons, please do not pass stopped cars.

**AFTERNOON PICK UP**

1. Students must be picked up between 3:40 – 4:00.
2. If you are late 2 or more times in a 4 week period, you will be subject to dismissal from the car rider program.
3. Always make sure that your assigned number is clearly visible.
4. Form a single line, pulling up to the cones.
5. Children will be brought out to the first five cars in line.
6. When those cars have departed, move forward to the cones.

**IF YOU NEED TO PICK YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN UP EARLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE GO INSIDE THE SCHOOL TO SIGN THEM OUT.**

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the main office at 540-286-1956.
Please remember all medication permissions/orders need to be reordered yearly. These forms need to be filled out and returned to the nurse at the beginning of the school year along with their medication. If you visit the doctor during the summer, it is a good opportunity to have the form completed and signed. We need to have these forms in place the first day of school so we can appropriately care for your child. Thank you very much for your cooperation and have a great summer.

School Nutrition offers an online payment system that allows parents to add money to their children’s account. You can access the Parents FAQ section of myschoolbucks.com.

Parents: If you want to make changes to your child’s spending limits, please call your School Cafeteria Manager.

Make sure when updating your child’s daily spending limits, include funds for breakfast and/or lunch. If you have any questions or requests, please feel free to call us at 540-285-1956 ext 120, email Mrs Brown at browndj@staffordschools.net or you can send a written note to school with your student.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
- Please keep your child’s current Health information, such as new allergies, medications, and newly diagnosed medical conditions updated in the clinic.

- Please keep your home/cell phone numbers updated, so if your child needs to be picked up from school we are able to reach you.

- Our school is taking steps to ensure food related activities other than school lunch (i.e. treats for birthdays, classroom activities, etc.) are conducted appropriately and with regard for students and staff with food related allergies. Our school recognizes that the risk of accidental exposure to food allergens can be minimized best by working cooperatively and proactively with our families and students to provide a safe educational environment for everyone.

- No home-made goods are acceptable: store-bought only

- No CAKES, CUPCAKES or similar baked goods of any kind are permitted

Alternative choices include: Oreo, Rice krispie treats, Popsicles, Chips Ahoy cookies, Ice cream, Dunkin Donuts

Ashley Kaley, RN, BSN
RRES School Nurse

Free and Reduced Lunches:
All Stafford County Public Schools offer Free and Reduced lunches to qualifying students. Reduced lunches are also available for short-term family hardships.

Mrs Donna Brown, Manager

Cafeteria Corner

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Nurse Notes from the Bulldog Clinic

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Regular Car Rider Registration Form

This form is to be completed if your child/children will be picked up by car on a regular basis during the school year. Pick up may occur one day each week, every day, etc.

Once this form has been completed, you will be issued either one or two plastic tag numbers. Please allow 24 hours for the paperwork to be processed. Plastic tags are yours to keep and use while you have students at Rocky Run Elementary. You will need to reregister your child/children every year for security purposes. You will keep the same number. Should you lose your number you will need to purchase a new tag. The number needs to hang from the rear view mirror of the vehicle. If your tag is not hanging in the windshield you or the person picking up your child/children will be asked to go into the office to show proper identification and sign them out.

A master list of all those persons who are permitted to pick up your child/children will be derived from the information given below, THIS IS A DIFFERENT LIST THAN YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST. By signing this form, you are giving permission for your child/children to be picked up as designated below without being signed out in the office. Please remember to write first and last names on the form. Please include yourself, spouse, relatives, friends and/or childcare provider who will have permission to pick up your child/children. Your child/children will not be released to anyone unless their name has been provided to us on this form.

If your child is not a regular car rider, you will be required to park and come into the office to sign him/her out. Children will be released only to those individuals who have been given written authorization to do so by the child’s/children’s parent or guardian. Office staff members require identification from any unfamiliar persons seeking to pick up students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr. Nick Roman, Principal
Mrs. Crystal Estes, Assistant Principal

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LIST THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PERMISSION TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN:

Circle the days that your child will be picked up:

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Varies

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Signature of Parent/Guardian  Date
The PE Spot

Parents and Students of Rocky Run,

We hope that you enjoyed your summer!

Just a reminder to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes on P.E. days. If, for some reason, you are unable to participate, a note from your parents would be helpful. If it is more than a week you can’t participate, a doctor’s note is required.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces and having a great year in P.E.!

See you on Open House, Aug. 8th, 5:30-7:30pm.

Mr. Nenni & Miss Carson

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Security/Access at RRES

All visitors are required to show a Photo I.D. as well as state their reason for visiting. A security camera allows staff to view & verify your information before permitting access into the building. These are the steps which you need to follow to gain entry.

- Push doorbell button.
- Face camera
- Show Photo I.D.
- State reason for visit

**Arrivals** —> Students/Visitors will not be granted access until AFTER 8:30am. Students must be brought in with a parent if coming through the front office.

**Dismissals** —> Regular dismissal starts with announcements at 3:35pm. Please arrive by 3:20pm if you will be picking up through the office.

**Early Pick-ups** —> Parents picking up early should arrive no later than 3:15pm. Anyone arriving after that time will be asked to wait until regular dismissal.

**Attendance**

Regular ALL DAY, EVERYDAY attendance is important. Tardies/Early Pickups should be limited.

Should your child need to miss school please call the school at 540-286-1956 and press #4 for the attendance line. A note will be expected upon your child’s first day of return to school.

**Transportation Changes**

All transportation at the school level will need to be done in writing. Please put your student’s first, last name, teacher, bus number they will be riding as well as the address they will be going to. If the change is for car rider or pick up, please state that on the note. Should there be an unexpected change (emergency) please call the office at 540-286-1956 select option #4 and speak to attendance before 2pm. Please be prepared to answer security questions in these situations.

If you need the office of Transportation (bus issues, stop changes, late buses) please call : 540-373-6095.
**Rocky Run Open House**
You are invited to attend our Open House to meet your son or daughter’s teacher

**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2019  
**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Kindergarten Parent Information Session**

**Who:** Parents of incoming Kindergartners  
**What:** The Kindergarten teachers will present much needed information about Kindergarten and the first day of school. Teachers can answer general questions you may have.  
Due to the importance of the information presented, **this is a parent only event.** Students are invited back at a later date (open house see above) when you both can meet their teacher and familiarize yourself with Rocky Run Elementary School.

**Date:** Monday, August 6, 2019  
**Time:** 11:00—12 PM

If you have any questions about these events, please do not hesitate to call—**540-286-1956**

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**Bulldog Pride**

Don’t forget that every Friday is Spirit wear Day! The class with the most Spirit wear winners will win the coveted Paw Spirit trophy for their grade level. So Show your Bulldog Pride! Wear either a RRES Shirt or our school colors, Maroon, Gray and Royal Blue.