

Summer is quickly passing and August is just around the corner! We hope all of you will continue to take these last few weeks to relax, rest, and enjoy your summer vacation. I know the anticipation of starting a new school start year is growing and the excitement is in the air. We can't wait to see all of you in August.

Our faculty, staff, and PTA have been busy planning for the 2014-2015 school year. This school year, our theme is **"ROCK 'N' ROLL IS HERE TO STAY!"** We have many wonderful and exciting activities planned as we continue to provide our students with an academically challenging curriculum in a nurturing learning environment. We hope that you will continue to be involved with our school. Your support and participation will help make this school year a successful and enjoyable year for your child. Thank you in advance for your support! When we all work together as a team, our students will always succeed.

There are several new faces at Brushy Creek Elementary this school year. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members:

Adranna Sanders, K5 assistant
Amy Smith, K5 assistant
Katie Ammerman, 1st grade teacher
Beth Fowler, 2nd grade teacher
Holly Rollison, 5th grade teacher
Jill Farr, 5th grade teacher
Jennifer Teague, speech teacher
Caitlin Scott, music teacher (Team 2 on Wednesdays and Thursdays)
David Janiskee, ESOL teacher
Thomas Costello, Plant engineer
Sylvia Carrington, custodial

We are excited about our State's new initiative to promote student success by emphasizing reading. This year all elementary public schools in South Carolina, including Brushy Creek, have received funding for a reading coach/specialist position. The purpose of this new position is to implement with fidelity the research based reading/literacy intervention program designed to improve literacy performance of the most at-risk readers by providing assistive strategies and individualized support. Our school qualified for a half-time reading specialist. Sara Lawlor, our .5 resource teacher will assume the position as our new .5 reading specialist.

The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 19th. We hope to see all of you at "Meet the Teacher Night" on Monday, August 18th from 4:30-6:30 pm. We look forward to your return! See you soon.

Charles T. Davis, Jr.

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