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*"You are entering the doors of successful scholars"*

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**Dear VES Families:**

**It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. Welcome back! You are just as important to your scholars' education as we are.**

**Your scholar will receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team. It's a parents enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires children to do their best; and a teacher's ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things.**

**There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times.**

**As a parent myself, I know how fast time goes by. One year your child's in 1st grade and seemingly in the blink of an eye they're in middle school or starting Kindergarten for that matter.**

**I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our school, as well as create a homework-friendly home environment that will allow your children to excel.**

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**Remember that school begins on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 9:05am.** Breakfast begins at 8:30am. If you do not have the name of your scholars' teacher then there will be many support staff available to assist you.

**Please join me in Cafeteria on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am for a "2nd Cup of Coffee"**

**Please see the arrival and dismissal procedures that will take effect this year. I have enclosed them for your review and ask that you adhere to these guidelines for the safety of our scholars, parents and staff.**

**In closing, thank you for your commitment to your scholars' education and I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.**

**Sincerely,**

**Nicolas Jones, Jr  
Principal**