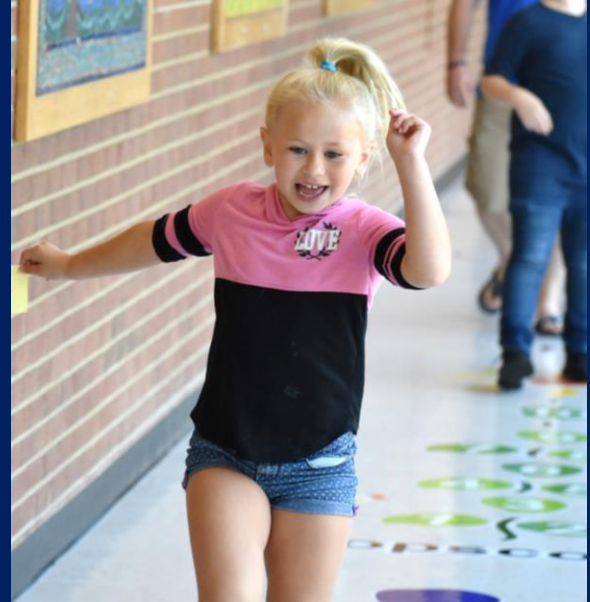


Welcome Back!

Meet the Teacher Day

The school hallways were filled with excitement as the students returned for Meet the Teacher Day on August 12th. At the elementary school, students and parents were greeted by teachers and explored many of the new upgrades including the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Lab, the sensory hallways, and the outdoor learning courtyard. The redesigned courtyard was a RappFLOW project dedicated to Beverly Hunter with generous support from The Headwaters Foundation, Piedmont Environmental Council - Krebsler Fund for Rappahannock County Conservation, Northern Piedmont Community Foundation - Lykes Fund, Commit to Be Fit, and The PATH Foundation.

The high school was equally as busy as students and parents received their schedules and met with teachers. Also, Principal Jimmy Swindler presented a special Study Skills Seminar in which he shared tips for scholastic success for middle and high school students and parents.



Meet the Newest Members of the RCPS Family



Back Row (*left to right*)- **Greg Czekaj** (Biology), **Kevin Alther** (4th Grade), **Nicholas Acquino** (Elementary School Band Teacher), **Steven Mattichak** (High School P.E. Teacher)

Front Row (*left to right*)- **Renae Athelli** (Paraprofessional), **Lia Slaton** (College Advisor), **Kathy Sickler** (Social Worker), **Christen Good** (2nd Grade Teacher), **Sherry Burfield** (1st Grade Teacher), **Michele Fincham** (Long term sub)

Not Pictured: **Lindsey Morris** (Athletic Trainer)

RCPS Announces New Assistant Principal at RCES

Join us in welcoming Ms. Lisa Gates to the RCPS Family. Mrs. Gates will be serving as the new Assistant Principal to work alongside of Principal Temple at Rappahannock County Elementary School. Ms. Gates, a graduate of Concord University and Old Dominion University, previously worked in Wythe County as a kindergarten and first grade teacher and has a strong background in reading instruction having completed Reading Recovery training. Upon earning her Masters of Educational Administration, she gained valuable administrative experience in Wythe County school division as well. In addition to her passion for education, she enjoys traveling, running, kayaking, and living an active lifestyle with her husband, Jermey, and six-year-old daughter, Farrah.



According to Gates, she is thankful for the warm and friendly welcome from the staff. "I love being part of the RCES family!" She added, "I can't wait to meet all the students!"