



Roberto Clemente School #8

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"A School of Expeditionary Learning"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to introduce myself to you as well as provide information about the 2013-2014 school year. My name is Christine Sickles, and I have been appointed the Acting Principal of Roberto Clemente. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the school and community in this role. I had the pleasure of working with many of the students and families as the Assistant Principal here last year. I look forward to continuing those partnerships while forming new ones.

Our Staff has been working hard these summer months in preparation for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. It is my hope that this letter will provide you with key information needed to begin the new school year. This will be the first of many communications that will share important dates, academic information, and events. Our goal here at RC 8 is to work together to make sure that we have a productive school year where our students will grow as learners and citizens.



Student and Family Orientation

On Wednesday, August 21st from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm please plan to join staff and community partners in a "Welcome Back to School" orientation. *As you may know, RC 8 is an Expeditionary Learning School (EL)! As an EL school, we are committed to using the State Common Core Learning Standards and Curriculum to design learning experiences that inspire, motivate and engage students each and every day. By participating in our **orientation**, you will hear more about Expeditionary Learning, have an opportunity to meet staff, tour the school, hear about key instructional information, learn about TEAM, receive a parent handbook, and ask questions!*

The First Day of School

The first day of School for students is Wednesday, September 4, 2013. Students will begin their school day at 7:50 am. Wednesday is an early dismissal day, so students will dismiss at 1:20 pm. Regular dismissal time will be at 2:10 pm. You will receive more information about the schedule at the Family Orientation.

School Day Hours

The school day begins promptly at 7:50 am and ends at 2:10 pm, Monday-Friday.

*Please note that there will no longer be early dismissal on Wednesdays.

School Uniform

RC 8 is a Uniform School. It is a school wide expectation that students wear their uniform **each day**. There are many reasons why we believe that a uniform policy is important. Wearing a uniform helps to promote community, pride in our school, a culture of achievement and a focus on learning. The uniform for **all students** is as follows:



Tops: White, gold, yellow, or black collared shirts or blouses

Bottoms: Black pants, skirts or bottoms that are **not** jeans.

School-Based Planning Team

It is the role of the School-Based Planning Team (SBPT) to assess student performance, school effectiveness, and matters involving instruction. We currently have one parent serving on SBPT. Ms. Ella Darrisaw, the Parent Liaison, will be available at the Family Orientation to answer any questions and to connect with interested parents that would like to run for a position on the SBPT.

School Supplies

Attached to this letter is a **recommended** supply list for the upcoming school year. This list is meant to provide some guidance as you prepare your children to enter School in September.



Upcoming Parent Events

Throughout the year, we will sponsor activities that will occur during the school day or early evening hours, for you and your child that focus on teaching and learning, health, fun and a creating a TEAM! Below are two nights to note. More information can be found on our Website: www.rcsdk12.org/8

Event	Date	Time
Curriculum Night / Roberto Clemente Day	Wednesday, September 18 th	5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Open House	Wednesday, October 9 th	5:30 pm-7:30 pm



In closing, enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation, encourage your child to read daily and do not hesitate to contact the school with questions. On behalf of the RC 8 TEAM, we look forward to working with you and your child!

Respectfully,

Ms. Christine Sickles