



Roberto Clemente School #8

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"A School of Expeditionary Learning"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the summer is more than half over and you are receiving this "Welcome to School Letter." As many of you already know, my name is Christine Sickles, and I am the Principal of Roberto Clemente. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the school and community in this role. I have the pleasure of working with a **wonderful** Administrative Team, a **dedicated** teaching staff, **supportive** families and **awesome** students!

Our Staff has been working hard these summer months in preparation for the upcoming 2014-2015 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 27th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm please plan to join staff and community partners for a "Welcome Back to School" orientation. *As you may know, RC8 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 3, 2014. Students will enter classrooms at 7:35 am and begin instruction at 7:50. Regular dismissal time will be at 2:10 pm. You will receive more information about the schedule at the Family Orientation. It is important to note that students should not arrive to school prior to the arrival time. There is no supervision of students prior to 7:30 am.

School Day Hours

Instruction begins promptly at 7:50 am and ends at 2:10 pm.

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 shirts or blouses

Bottoms: Black pants, skirts or bottoms.

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
Roberto Clemente Day	Wednesday, September 17 th	5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Open House	Tuesday, October 7 th	5:00 pm-7:00 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