



ROBERTO CLEMENTE ELEMENTARY

"BUILDING A S.T.R.O.N.G. FOUNDATION"

RCES Newsletter Volume 2

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Message from Principal Barbarán

Dear parents and legal guardians:

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer with your families. As we near another school year starting in September, I would like to take this opportunity to extend the warmest welcome to all our returning and new parents and students. The faculty, staff and I are excited about working with you through all of the challenges and successes this year will bring. In this newsletter, we have outlined important information that you will need in order to have a successful start to this school year.

It is my belief that our students, your child, can reach great educational success in the Newark Public Schools with the support and guidance from each of us collaborating together. Along with teachers and staff, we will work hard to continue the legacy of success established at RCES by building strong relationships with parents, students, and community partners. We will focus on teaching "the whole child" exposing them to not only rigorous academic skills, but also to the arts.

We will continue to promote our S.T.R.O.N.G. core values and beliefs ensuring that everyday all of us are Successful, Team Players, Respectful, Optimistic, Nice to Others and Great. *If we follow these beliefs and core values everyday, "We will be S.T.R.O.N.G." as a school and community.*

I'm excited to start the new school year and am looking forward to working with you to educate your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Claudio Barbarán, Principal

Important Dates to Remember for August & September

****You can come now to the school to complete your lunch application****

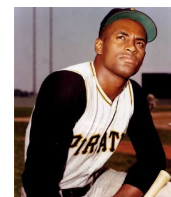
Monday, August 21st - New Registration for new students that have been placed to attend Roberto Clemente via OneNewark will start at 9am at the school.

Wednesday, August 30th - Prek and Kdg Orientation (5pm)

Tuesday, September 5th - First day of school (8:25am)

Thursday, September 14th - Open House (5pm - 7pm)

Wednesday, September 27th - Early Dismissal (1pm)



"Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth."

Roberto Clemente

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17-18SY



RCES 17-18SY Goals

- Continue to improve Teacher Quality
- Use Data to Drive Instruction
- Continue to Improve the School's Culture of Achievement
- Increase Leadership Capacity in our Teachers, Staff, Parents and Students.

School's Vision and Mission

VISION

Roberto Clemente Elementary School will be a community of 21st Century learning environments and opportunities fostering learners to thrive as tomorrow's leaders, workers, and citizens.


MISSION STATEMENT

In order to prepare students to acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in a 21st Century globalized environment where change is dynamic; Roberto Clemente Elementary School provides a rigorous curriculum and exposure to the Arts designed to meet the "Whole Child's" academic, cultural, and social needs of the individuals from the diverse backgrounds of our community. At RCES, not only do we strive to build the capacity of our students but our teachers, parents and community as well. We work collaboratively to ensure a thorough and efficient learning environment that promotes high standards for all of our students.



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."


Martin Luther King Jr.



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At Roberto Clemente Elementary School...

I am going to be Successful.
I am going to be a Team Player.
I am going to be Respectful.
I am going to be Optimistic.
I am going to be Nice to others.
I am going to be Great!

We are going to be S.T.R.O.N.G.!



PK/K/New Student - Parent/ Student Orientation

We will host an important PK/ Kindergarten/New Student orientation on **Wednesday, August 30th at 5:00PM** for parents and scholars. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, school administrators, support staff (Guidance Counselor, Nurse, etc.), and familiarize yourself with the school.



Summer Packets

Please make sure to have your child bring their completed summer packet with them on the first day of school. Remember, it will count towards their first marking period grade.



Uniforms

Parents please understand that it is the district's policy that children use uniform **EVERY-DAY!** Our colors are yellow and black shirts, pants, and skirts may be khaki or black (tie is optional).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The first day of classes for students will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

School Schedule

Your child must be in the courtyard of the school before 8:25 a.m. Our goal is for all students/Scholars to have breakfast between 8:00am – 8:25am and then have them enter their classrooms at 8:25am.

Procedures for the First Day of School

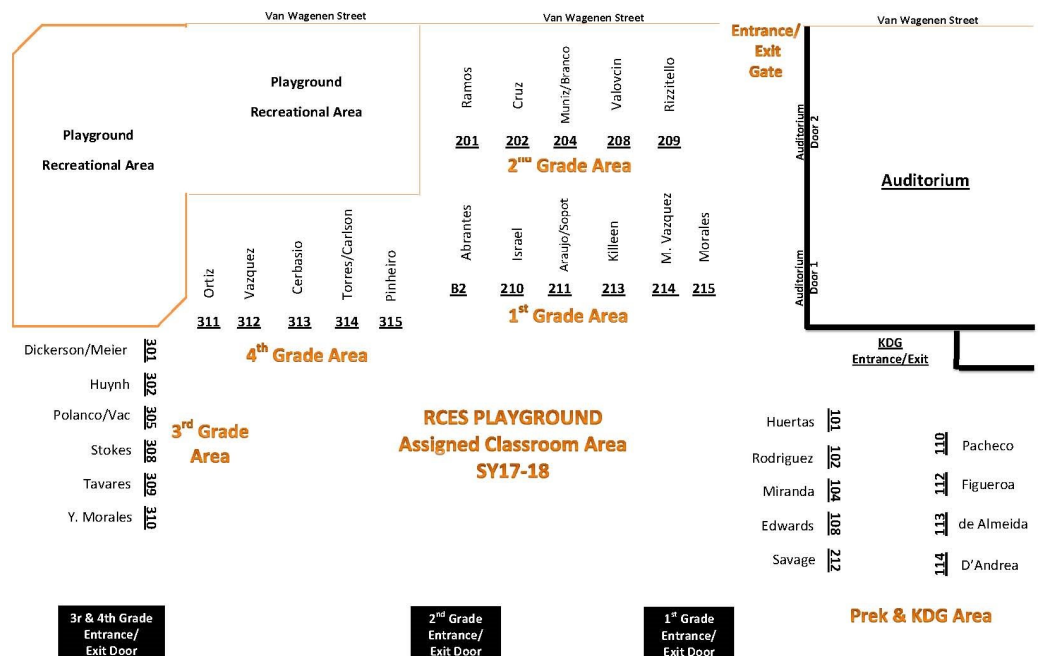
You are to come in to the backyard by the VanWagenan entrance. As you enter, you will see large posters with alphabetical lists by grade that will list your child's name, classroom location and teacher name.

Students line up with their NEW teacher/ NEW Grade. See image below for Playground Assigned Classroom Area. Take this time to chat with your child's new teacher!

At the appropriate time your child will be escorted to their new classroom by their new teacher.

Students in need of Registration with an authorized ONE Newark letter, will come in to the auditorium. Three proofs of address (e.g. utility bill, phone bill, cable bill, Bank statement, rental lease agreement, etc.), original birth certificate, immunization record and the child who is to be registered must be present.

At 2:55 sharp, dismissal will occur and your child will be exactly where you left them in the morning.





RCES Parent/Teacher Association

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. The PTA will provide parents with the forum and tools to collectively influence the decisions that affect children not only at their schools, but also throughout their districts, within their states, and across the nation.

At Roberto Clemente Elementary, we have a **S.T.R.O.N.G.** PTA Leadership Committee led by parents, teachers and school staff. Every year, the PTA raise funds to support students' extracurricular activities and host several events to support the culture of the school and connect with the community.

In order to continue support to our teachers and students, the PTA is asking **ALL PARENTS** to join the RCES PTA, volunteer time for special school events and attend PTA general meetings for school related initiatives and events. If you would like to join the PTA and/or receive more information, please contact the school at 973-268-5290/5291.

Contact Us

Give us a call or visit our school's website for more information about our school

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