

Roberto Clemente Elementary

"Building a S.T.R.O.N.G. Foundation"

Successful, Team Player, Respectful, Optimistic, Nice to Others, Great!

We are S.T.R.O.N.G!

CELEBRATING RECENT SUCCESS

Our 3rd and 4th grade teams achieved major success in NJSLA ELA and math scores during the 2018-2019 school year.

Our school's academic proficiency rate grew by almost 10% in ELA and math, surpassing previous years' scores.

Additionally, RCES was one of the top two schools for highest proficiency growth in the district.

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL BARBARÁN



Dear parents and legal guardians:

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning and new parents and students. The faculty, staff and I are excited about working with you through 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. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure the academic success of your children.

— Principal Barbarán

Important Dates to Remember for August and September

You can now come to the school to register your child and complete your lunch application online at <http://www.schoollunchapp.com/>.

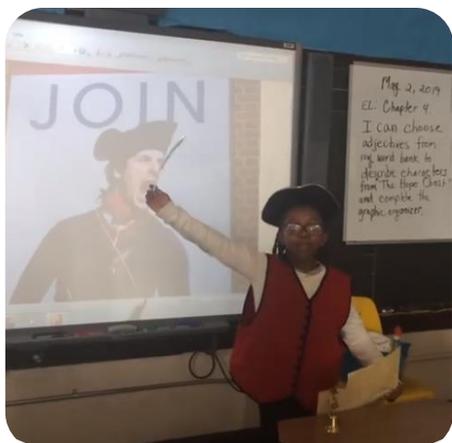
August 2019: During the month of August, new parents can now register their children by visiting the school.

Wednesday, Aug. 28: PK/K/1st/2nd/3rd /4th/5th Grade New Student-Parent Orientation at 5 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 2: Labor Day — School will be closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 3: First Day of School — School starts at 8:25 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12: Open House — 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Knight, Ashlynn S.

*Broadside: A Patriot's Perspective
Mrs. Cerbasio's 4th grade ELA class*

"Anytime 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

ROBERTO CLEMENTE'S VISION, MISSION, CORE VALUES AND GOALS

Vision and Mission

Vision

Building a S.T.R.O.N.G. Foundation for Tomorrow's Leaders, Workers and Productive Citizens.

Mission Statement

Collaboration = Success for All!



Core Values

"Building a S.T.R.O.N.G. Foundation"
At Roberto Clemente Elementary School...

I am going to be Successful.
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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.!

Goals

- Increase attendance in all grade levels.
- Support scholars' social and emotional needs.
- Increase reading proficiency in all grade levels.
- Increase critical thinking and problem solving in all subject areas.

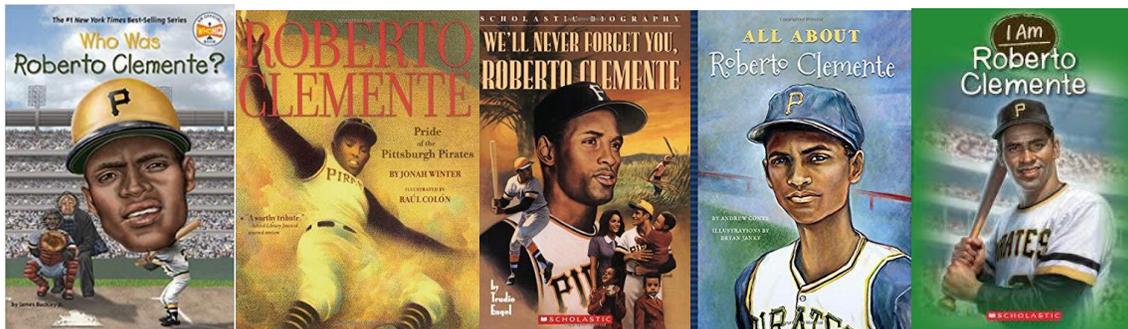


SUMMER 2019 PACKET

WE NEED YOUR HELP making sure your child continues to **READ EVERY DAY** and completes the required literacy and math summer packet. Let's make sure your child starts **S.T.R.O.N.G.** when returning to school on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

One of the most important tasks in the summer packet is the **"Getting to Know Roberto Clemente"** reading and writing project. The goal is for our scholars to learn about Roberto Clemente, a great role model and the namesake of our school. Scholars will learn about his life, values and contributions while increasing their school pride. Please visit our school's website to access each grade level's summer packet: <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/roc/2019-summer-packet-2/>.

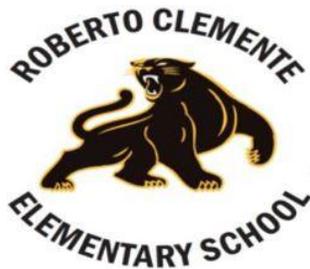
Recommended Roberto Clemente books:



Helpful Tip for Parents & Guardians:

Encourage reading at home by having your child pick a favorite, comfortable spot inside your home where they can read every day.





INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEW STUDENT - PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING AND FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

All new families are invited to attend our Pre-K, Kindergarten, Dual Language and **New Student Orientation on August 28, 2019, at 5 p.m.** Meet your child's teacher, tour the school and receive an overview of our goals for the upcoming school year.

Where to go:

- All Pre-K, Kindergarten and Dual Language families will convene in the auditorium.
- New students will meet in the cafeteria.

The first day of this school year is Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019.

What you need to know:

- We will welcome families at 8:25 a.m., and you will be allowed to visit the classroom and briefly meet the teacher to build community within our school.
- **You will receive an additional letter before school starts with your child's teacher and homeroom information.**
- Remember our school uniform policy begins the first day of school:
 - Yellow or black shirts/blouses
 - Khaki or black pants/skirts
- All students will be dismissed to their designated classroom lines on the playground at 2:55 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, Pre-K through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the auditorium.



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ROBERTO CLEMENTE SCHOOL 2018 – 2019 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

RCES had a productive 2018-2019 school year. The following highlights reflect the commitment to excellence demonstrated by our staff, faculty and students:

- Monthly attendance exceeded 91% every month except June (88%). Our best month was September (95.6%). Consistent attendance is a crucial part of a student's ability to advance academically and socially.
- Grades 3 and 4 showed significant academic growth in the state's ELA and math assessment:
 - ELA Level 4 and 5 increased by 8.8%.
 - Math Level 4 and 5 increased by 9.7%.
- K-2nd Grade reading proficiency improved at all levels.
- Pre-K data showed that 30% of students were exceeding benchmarks in literacy, and 22% exceeded benchmarks in math. Students also excelled in social-emotional, physical and language categories.



Students
PTO
Fundraisers Parents Champions
School Support Teachers Volunteers



RCES PARENT - TEACHER ORGANIZATION

At Roberto Clemente Elementary, we are transitioning toward a S.T.R.O.N.G. Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) Structure led by parents, teachers and school staff. The goal of the PTO is to establish and sustain a close relationship between the parents, teachers and students by developing growth opportunities within the home, school and community. The PTO will provide parents with the forum and tools to collectively influence the decisions that affect RCES students. It also will 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 to support our teachers and students, the school is asking ALL PARENTS to:

- Join the new RCES PTO.
- Volunteer time for special school events.
- Attend PTO general meetings for school-related initiatives and events.

Stay tuned for more information about joining the PTO and getting involved!



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