



# 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!***

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## A MESSAGE FROM RCES ADMINISTRATION



Dr. Claudio Barbarán  
Principal



Mrs. Adalis Alvarez-Craft  
Vice Principal



Ms. Liana Rodriguez  
Vice Principal

*Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,*

*On behalf of the Roberto Clemente Elementary Administration, I hope this letter finds you, your children and your families in good health and spirits. I hope you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones during these summer months. I would like to thank you for your resilience and support during the remote and hybrid learning period this past year. During any adversity, our community continues to stay S.T.R.O.N.G. ensuring "Success for All"!*

*I would also 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 eager to work with you as we transition into our school setting, and we are looking forward to sharing the successes we will accomplish this school year.*

*In this newsletter, I have outlined the district's and school's "[Safe Return Plan](#)" that you will need to be informed of in order to prepare for a successful start to this school year. We will continue to take all Covid-19 safety measures as we return for in-person instruction. SAFETY FIRST! I look forward to partnering with you to ensure the academic success of your children.*

— Dr. Claudio Barbarán

**First Day of School  
Tuesday, September 7, 2021**



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

*We continue to be S.T.R.O.N.G at Roberto Clemente Elementary*

## 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.
- 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.!**

## 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.



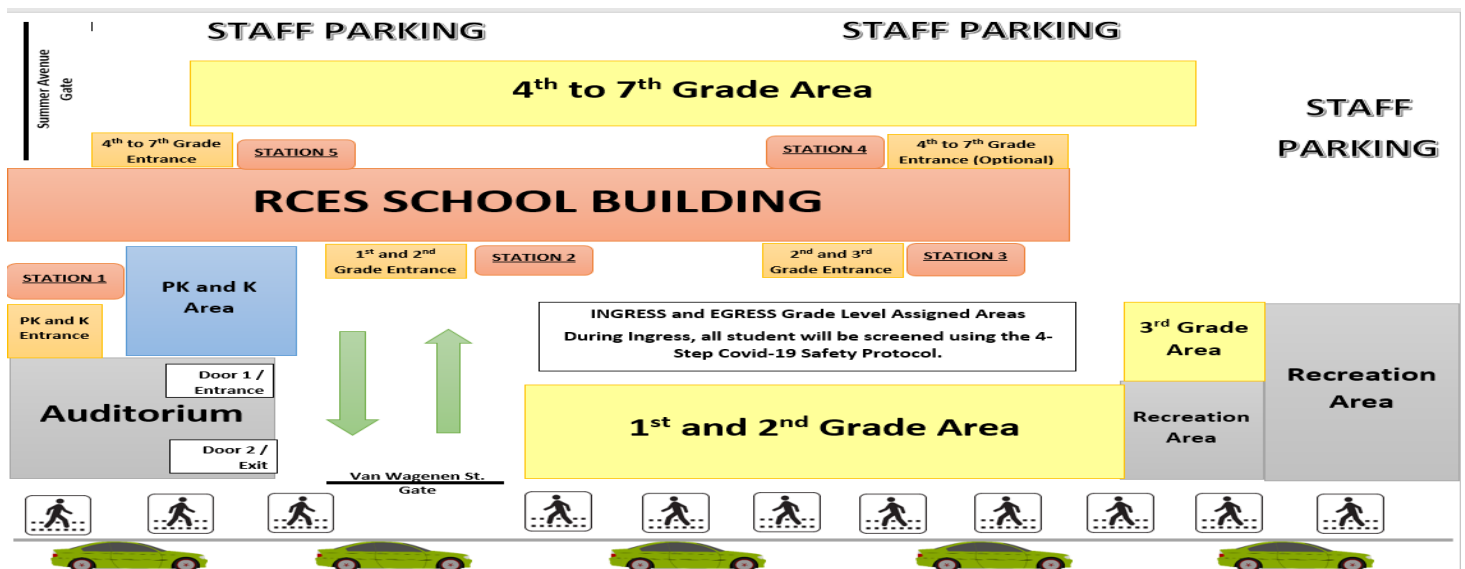
## School Logistics / Procedures

### First Day of School and Start/Dismissal Times

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 7, 2021. School start time is 8:25am and dismissal time is 2:55pm. Van Wagenen street gate will be opened at 8am to begin the 4-Step Covid-19 Ingress Procedure.

### Ingress and Egress Procedures (MAP)

- Families are to complete the Daily Health Screening via the app, RST Mobile Application, by 8am (prior to arriving at the school).
- Van Wagenen Gate will open at 8am to welcome families who arrive before 8:25am.
- Grades PK-7 will stand in a designated area on the playground during Ingress and Egress times. Parents will be highly encouraged to leave the students in the playground for Grades 4-7, with the supervision of staff.
- **All students will go through a 4-step process when entering the building. The four step process includes: Health Screening Questionnaire, Temperature Check, Foot Sanitizing and Hand Washing/Sanitizing.**





## Health and Safety Procedures

Our priority has always been the safety of our students, parents, staff, and school community on a daily basis. There are specific procedures that will be followed during the start and end of the school day to ensure the health and safety of everyone. Below are the measures that will be taking place at Roberto Clemente:

- During Ingress, students will go through a screening process, such as answering health related questions, temperature checks, footwear sanitizing and hand washing / sanitizing before entering the building.
- Three-sided clear desk partitions will be used along with visual cues to ensure the safety procedures are being followed by all.
- Wearing a face mask is required for students / staff entering the building and throughout the day, except while using the restroom or mealtimes. Other exceptions can be discussed based on individual needs.
- Lastly, the school will be equipped with advanced and safe products to clean and sanitize every classroom and areas in the building. Foaming hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and communal areas throughout the day.
- Please click on the link to review [Safe Return Plan](#).

## Student / Teacher Assignment / Academics/ Policies

By Friday, August 20, 2021, you will receive a letter and / or email notification with your child’s teacher assignment and additional information for the 21-22 school year. The school will follow the grading, attendance, and assessment policies of the district throughout the year.

- **Student Supply List:** Please click the following link to review [Student Supply List](#) for September.
- **Attendance:** Please click on the following link to review how to “[Help Your Child Succeed: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early](#)” and “[Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child On Track In Middle and High School](#)”.
- **Uniforms:** All Newark Board of Education students (Pre-K to 12th Grade) are required to wear school uniforms. School Uniforms enhance school safety, promote school pride, create a sense of unity amongst students, improve the learning environment, bridge socioeconomic differences between children, promote good behavior, improve children’s self-respect and self-esteem and produce cost savings for participating families. The school colors at Roberto Clemente School are: Yellow or black- shirts/blouses, Khaki or black- pants/skirts.



**The official vendor for the school uniform is Kids Place. Kids Place has two convenient locations:**

Locations:  
311 Ferry St (Pathmark Shopping Center), Newark, NJ and  
126 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

**Store Hours:**

**Monday-Saturday  
9:30am – 7pm  
Sunday 11am – 6pm  
908-355-0600**

## Checklist for Parents

If you have any questions or need assistance regarding the following items below, please contact the following office staff members:

Point of Contact	Email	Office Phone
Ms. Sabrina Greene	<a href="mailto:Sonibudo@nps.k12.nj.us">Sonibudo@nps.k12.nj.us</a>	973-268-5290
Mr. David Lema	<a href="mailto:dochoa@nps.k12.nj.us">dochoa@nps.k12.nj.us</a>	973-268-5291
Mr. Michael Garcia	<a href="mailto:m5garcia@nps.k12.nj.us">m5garcia@nps.k12.nj.us</a>	973-268-5325

### Newark Enrolls - SchoolMint Application

SchoolMint is the Enrollment Application used by the district to enroll new students, re-enroll current students, and complete emergency contact information. It is imperative you are familiar in using this application to register and upload the required documents as soon as possible. SchoolMint Site Page: <https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>

### Lunch Application

Every family is required to complete a lunch application per child enrolled at Roberto Clemente Elementary School. You can complete the lunch application online at <https://family.titank12.com/application/new?identifier=7LGSDU>. You may also visit the school for assistance completing the lunch application. The deadline to complete the lunch application is Friday, September 10, 2021. Our goal is to have 100% of applications completed, as this affects our school wide funding and lunch programs.

### Summer Packets

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** ensuring your child continues to **READ EVERY DAY** and completes the required literacy and math summer packet. Let's make sure your child has a **S.T.R.O.N.G.** start returning to school on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Summer Packets will be collected and graded the first day of school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6pm: Virtual Parent Meeting (English Version)**

<https://nboe.webex.com/nboe/j.php?MTID=m24c082a3638061122e1c81c40c32bb3d>

Meeting number: 120 808 1141

Password: strong21



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### **Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6pm: Virtual Parent Meeting (en Español)**

<https://nboe.webex.com/nboe/j.php?MTID=me27a35a1b1c5b56cde79ea54e9494cb9>

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021 6:00 pm | 2 hours | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 120 014 4244

Password: fuerte21

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6pm:** PreK, K and New Student Orientation (outdoors, inside the playground)

**Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 1:30pm:** PreK, K and New Student Orientation (outdoors inside the playground)

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021:** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

You can follow our school by visiting of all our social media outlets.



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