August 25, 2020

Dear Roberto Clemente Promise Academy Students and Families:

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to our Clemente family, welcome and thank you for choosing our school for your child’s education. We have missed you over the summer and look forward to welcoming you to a new year of learning and growth.

The 2020-2021 school year will be an unprecedented one that will challenge all of us in new ways. We’re gearing up to meet the challenge. Our teachers and other school staff are engaged in virtual training sessions to better support students’ social-emotional needs and help them succeed in this new digital learning environment. Our team has been honing our virtual teaching skills and preparing materials just for our scholars.

Here’s how you and your child(ren) can prepare for the start of school:

**Attendance Matters:** Our school day will begin at 7:54 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Even though we will be 100% digital, students are expected to participate in a full day of school five days a week. No doubt about it, digital learning will look and feel different than last spring. Read more about what to expect and how you can help with this [Attendance and Grading Quick Guide](https://clemente.philasd.org/)

**Getting Ready:** To help you and your child get organized and prepared for a successful new school year, we’re sharing this [Family Back-to-School Checklist](https://clemente.philasd.org/) which contains information about Chromebooks, internet access and much more.

Also, mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **Textbook Pickup**: The list below will identify which day you can stop by our school to pick up your child’s textbooks and other items. Mask wearing is required and social distancing and other protocols will be in place to ensure everyone’s safety.
  - Friday, August 28, 2020 (11:00 - 1:00 pm): 8th Grade Scholars
  - Friday, August 28, 2020 (1:30 - 3:00 pm): 7th Grade
  - Monday, August 31, 2020 (11:00 - 1:00 pm): 6th Grade

- **Back-to-School Drive-Thru Backpack Giveaway**: This year’s event will be held on August 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Lincoln Financial Field, K Lot. Visit [philasd.org/face/backpacks](https://philasd.org/face/backpacks) for details and how you can schedule a walk-up appointment.

- **Virtual Back-to-School Night**: This is a great time to virtually meet your child’s teachers and learn more about the new school year. Join us remotely on **Wednesday evening, September 30, 2020 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at (215) 400-3930 or any of your child’s teachers with any questions. By working together, we can make this a successful year of learning and growth for every student. **See you virtually on September 2nd!**

Respectfully,

*Mrs. Paulette Gaddy, Principal*