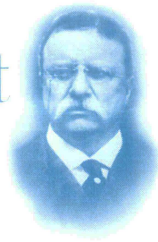


Roosevelt ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Hello Roosevelt Families!

We have successfully completed the first two weeks of school and are moving into September full steam ahead! There are many things to look forward to this month including the very exciting and important work of **creating a Shared Vision**. I will be working with our entire staff this week to get this process started, and we would like our Roosevelt families to participate as well. You will be receiving a survey via email shortly that asks about your values and beliefs surrounding education, and the future of our learning community. With your thoughtful input and that of our Roosevelt staff, we will develop a Shared Vision that our entire learning community will know and feel a part of. Once our Shared Vision has been established, we will continue on to **develop a Mission Statement**. Our students will also be included in this process. The last step to ensure we are on task and working within the alignment of our Shared Vision and Mission Statement is to **establish a targeted Academic Focus**. Our Site Leadership Team (SLT) and I will be leading our teaching staff in analyzing data from many key assessment sources and student work samples to determine our strengths and areas of need. From there, we will develop an academic focus that is relevant to all grade levels and build in systematic, measureable outcomes, and assessments that ensure progress and accountability.

Our **Site Governance Committee** will provide over-site to this process each step of the way! I encourage you to attend these meetings to stay current with our progress and understand the scope of all the great work we do here at Roosevelt. Site Governance meetings are scheduled the third Thursday of each month and our first meeting is **Thursday, September 14th at 3:15 p.m. in Room 26**. I hope to see you there!

In addition to creating a Shared Vision, Mission Statement, and Academic Focus, our esteemed **Columbia University Teachers College staff developer, Christine Holley**, will be here at the end of September to work with our TK -2nd grade teachers. She will also host a **Family Literacy Night for our TK-2nd grade families**. I will provide you with more details on the date, time, and structure of her presentation soon!

Other fun and fabulous things happening at Roosevelt this month include our **School SMARTS program offered to all parents**. Please join us to learn about our school in depth and the larger learning community! Many professionals come to present valuable information about a variety of educational and social/emotional resources. School SMARTS is comprised of a six to seven session course planned out over September, October, and November. September dates are Tuesday, September 12th and Tuesday, September 19th. Both sessions are from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. **We will provide pizza and childcare in the cafeteria.**

Our annual **Book Fair begins on Monday, September 25th**. This is your perfect chance to get involved with our PTA and volunteer! Not to mention, there's nothing better than a brand new book to motivate your child to READ!

Our **Back-To-School Picnic is Tuesday, September 26th on the Big Yard starting at 4:00 p.m.** The delicious In & Out Burger truck will be there ready and waiting to serve you. This is a super fun event and I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Last but not least, please join me for **Coffee with the Principal on Thursday, September 28th at 8:35 a.m. in the library.** I will be presenting the basics of Teachers College Reading Workshop and some strategies to take with you to use at home with your child.

There is a lot happening at Roosevelt this month! I hope to see you around school and at many of these events!

Sincerely,

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