

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR
2009 - 2010

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back our returning families to Royal Vale School and wish all of our students a successful year filled with new academic challenges and rewards. We also extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. We hope that everyone has had a good summer vacation and that all of our students have re-energized their batteries and are ready to begin a brand new school year.

Both teachers and administrators are excited to be back at school and plans are well underway for the return of our students. When you enter our school, you cannot help but notice that some major changes have occurred during the summer break. The steps that lead to our main entrance are being repaired, as promised, and many of our hallways have been painted. Our main office has also been given a fresh look with a new color. Priority lists for repairs, cleaning and painting have been created and, one by one, all items on the lists will be handled. We are certain that all of these improvements will lift everyone's spirits and will help us begin our year with a "fresh" outlook!

Although we continue to strive for academic success and believe that motivation comes from within, the administrators of Royal Vale aim to supplement the intrinsic motivation of our students with pleasant surroundings, so that they may be proud of the way their school looks. Beautification of our building, therefore, has become a major focus for the year. We hope that you will be pleased with the jobs accomplished thus far and that you will help us instill in our children the importance of maintaining our school beautiful and clean. If we all work together, we will continue with the improvements and, before you know it, our school will be unrecognizable!

As mentioned before, our teachers have returned and are preparing their classrooms. Some of them have already been joined by student teachers that will stay in our school for a period of eight weeks. We welcome all of them and wish them well in their assignments. We also have some new staff members who have joined us this year. As soon as all of our staffing is complete, we will post on our website a list of all staff members of our school, indicating their positions.

Another change that is exciting and in the works is the improvement and use of our website. We are very proud of what was accomplished recently, with the creation of a Royal Vale website, and know that many parents welcomed this addition to our school operations. This year, we plan to improve our website and make more frequent use of it as a means of communicating information to our parents. Stay tuned for more details on this subject in the near future.

Opening day procedures are the same as previous years; please check the newsletter that was sent to you (also on the website) for the details on the return of our students. **DUE TO A SMALL DELAY IN THE REPAIRS TO OUR FRONT ENTRANCE, PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: ALL ELEMENTARY**

STUDENTS WILL USE THE DOOR ON ROYAL STREET TO ENTER THE BUILDING ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL OUR STAIRS HAVE BEEN FULLY REPAIRED. OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL USE THE DRAPER STREET ENTRANCE—THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO OUR SCHOOL FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE A BIG DELAY IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS WORK. WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE!

Once again, on behalf of our teachers and all other staff members of Royal Vale School, we welcome you back and look forward to seeing you on August 31st for the beginning of a wonderful new year.

C. Martin
Principal

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