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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to welcome you back to what promises to be an exciting school year filled with exploration, inquiry and fun!!! Coral Reef just isn't the same without your children so needless to say, I am eager to see them and hear all about their summer adventures.

I am excited to share with you that Coral Reef Elementary continues the tradition of "Academic Excellence" as evidenced by maintaining a grade level of "A" on the Florida Department of Education School Grading Scale. This marks the fifteenth year in a row that we have earned an "A". This achievement is attributed to the hard work; commitment and dedication of our staff, students and you. To that end I would like to thank you for your unwavering support of our school and curriculum programs.

At school, the teachers who attended the Synergy Symposium have been planning and are eager to share what they learned regarding current trends in curriculum and technology. In an effort to enhance our technology at school, I have been able to purchase **20 additional computers** to augment classrooms that do not have a minimum of three student stations, starting with Kindergarten and first grade. Additionally, our PTA also purchased **8 additional computers** to help us with this endeavor. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive PTA and I hope that you will consider being a member of this amazing organization.

Students' first day back is Monday, August 22, 2016. In order to ensure a smooth and orderly first day of school, we have scheduled our annual "**Meet-and-Greet**" session on **Friday, August 19th** beginning at 12:00 noon. This will enable parents and students to familiarize themselves with our school, assigned homeroom teacher and classmates.

Meet & Greet Sessions

Pre-K & Kindergarten: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Grades 1 & 2: 1:00 – 1:50 pm

Grades 3 – 5: 2:00 – 2:45 pm

As a reminder, all students must be in uniform on the first day of school which includes the patch with the school logo. This year we will transition to a closed campus. Although our campus will be closed to unauthorized adults before, during and after school, parents **will be allowed** to escort their children to their designated waiting area during arrival. In an effort to address any questions you may have regarding our closed campus, I will be holding informal meetings after each Meet & Greet Session. These meetings are scheduled for 1:10 pm, 2:00 pm and 2:55 pm in the Media Center.

Sincerely,

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