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Carol Stock, Director

SO MUCH HAPPENING... SO MUCH TO SAY!

Here are some more updates about what's happening at RUE and Demarest.

DEMAREST

We have signed the contract with the Hoboken School District regarding the renting of 4 classrooms at Demarest on the first floor. I have a feeling that when everyone starts to notice that there are no other occupied rooms on the first floor, folks may wonder why we haven't rented any more rooms at Demarest.

The response is that the option to rent additional space was not available to us. In addition, for this year, at least, our budget would not have supported the renting of additional space at Demarest. Should you have questions about this situation or wish to move further along towards realizing the possibility of future renting of additional space, I urge you to reach out to me so we can speak in more detail about the issue.

Please do not approach the Hoboken School District directly. Ken Nilsen and I have been working hard all year to establish a positive ongoing working relationship with the Hoboken District. In order to help Elysian Charter, I would like to continue to be the point person in the relationship between Elysian and the District. I am asking for your continuing support in helping me to nurture this relationship.

- Odalis, as she did at OLG in previous years, will be welcoming 2nd and 3rd graders at the main

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entrance of Demarest (up the stairs to the door on 4th Street) each morning from 8:00 - 8:45 AM.

- An Elysian Charter School sign will be posted near this main entrance door.
- The hours given to Elysian Charter at Demarest are Monday to Friday, 7 AM to 4 PM.
- The doors to the building (for security reasons) will be locked at 9:00 AM for the rest of the day. There will be one door open for entrance to the building. This entrance is on Bloomfield Street. There is a small staircase to the basement level. You walk up one flight of steps and you arrive on the first floor of the school, able to walk to our four rooms at the end of the corridor.
- The 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades will have recess at the same time. This will allow children from both RUE and Demarest to play together. This will also give the four teachers at Demarest a common time together for lunch.
- School opens at 8:30 AM. Students may enter the building at 8:20 AM. Students are marked late beginning at 8:35 AM. Students who arrive late will go straight to their classrooms (no late passes).
- Students who arrive after 9 AM will have to be escorted by their parents or caregivers to the Bloomfield Street entrance, through the door, up the stairs and to the classroom, where their teacher will receive them.
- Carmen and her cleaning staff will be cleaning the classrooms from 3-4 PM daily.

- There will be certain days when the Demarest building will be closed, but Elysian Charter School will be open. We will be planning daylong field trips on those days.
- I am sure there are many questions that you may have which were not addressed here. Please e-mail them to me at carolstock53@hotmail.com. I

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will answer them in a future edition of this column.

RUE

The volunteer painters who painted rooms at RUE this summer have come, worked, and gone home to Alabama, North Carolina, and Florida. They were wonderful. We received more than \$1400 in donations of paint. The rooms look beautiful, and we are very grateful.

- The sink outside of Melissa's room and the sink in the ART closet are now working (after many years of being out of order. Two water fountains are being installed, one at each end of the long corridors. The water will be chilled and filtered. We will no longer need to use bottled water. One of the fountains will be on the wall at a lower level suitable for small children.
- The main office has a spiffy new look: shiny wood floors---no more carpeting or clutter.
- The only grade that will be doubled up in one large classroom is the fourth grade. Let's give a big shout-out to Abra and Amanda who voluntarily agreed to work together as a team in one classroom. Thanks to you both, and welcome back, Amanda!
- Jessica, our art teacher, will be leaving (to have her baby) in the middle of September. She will return on March 1. Cynthia Lisa, her leave replacement, will be working with Jessica, side-by-side, before Jessica leaves. Welcome, Cynthia!
- Music Teacher, Mary and the art teacher will be working in the homeroom classes this year. We will not have a separate music room or a separate art room. They both have designated spaces for

storing their supplies, and will be using carts as they bring their materials to each room. They will also be going to Demarest (as will Spanish Teacher, Karen and Special Education Teacher, Gila) for their classes there.

- Physical Education Teacher, Casey, will be using the RUE gymnasium, the Demarest gymnasium, and the Multi-Service Center (on Grand Street) for his physical education classes.

As mentioned before, I am sure that I have not addressed all questions that you may have. Please contact me with any additional inquiries you may have (carolstock53@hotmail.com).

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Tuesday, September 7, 8:30 AM -- HALF-DAY

Best regards to all. . .
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