



## RIO RANCHO CYBER ACADEMY

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Dear Returning/New Students and Parents:

We begin the 2008-09 school year in a new building at 1330 Jackie Road located behind Smiths at Meadowlark and State Road 528. The new school site brings a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm for our program! The setting will create a high tech environment and eventually hands-on project areas that will continue to support the teacher/student learning partnership. ***The first day of classes for grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> is Monday, August 25, 2008 and for grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, August 26, 2008.*** In the meantime, we will have New and Returning Student Orientation held at the Destiny Center located at 4401 Northern Blvd. NE, Rio Rancho. This will enable students to begin their course work from home. ***It is mandatory that all students attend an orientation session to receive their course schedules, Next-Step Plans and meet with their advisors.*** New students will get information to successfully log into E2020 and Rosetta Stone. Any new students needing additional support will be able to make arrangements to meet with advisors at 421 Quantum Road (former Cyber Academy location) until our new building is complete to ensure starting their course work. Teachers will be consistently in contact with all students during this transition time.

The new school schedule will be an afternoon one that will require students to eat something before coming to school. Bus service will be provided as it has been in the past. ***School begins at 11:45 AM and ends at 3:45 PM. Grades 7-9 will attend school on Tuesday and Thursday. Students in grades 10-12 will attend on Monday and Wednesday.*** There will a revolving break in the afternoon that will allow students to take advantage of our Café area which will also serve as a small meeting place for students to engage in social exchanges. A snack machine will be available for students or they may bring a healthy snack from home.

We are pleased to announce that our curriculum E2020 is upgrading its version 3 to 4 and RRCA students and teachers will benefit from the new features. Implementation is well within students' abilities and upgrades will be inspiring to our learners. Please be aware that high-speed internet is a requirement (minimum of 56 kbps connection speed) for E2020 curriculum and other high-end audio and graphics programs to work affectively on computers. Computers are recommended to have Windows Vista or XP Home or Pro as last year. Additional plug-ins will be needed with the newer version. Please see the attached specifications to make sure your home system is adequate for student's workstation.

Whether you are a new or returning student, we ask that you participate in this unique learning experience through your commitment to the following principles which are reflected in the RRCA Performance Contract.

- Integrity:*** Keep my word and tell the truth
- Courage:*** Move forward and explore my talents
- Humility:*** Know when to look beyond myself
- Passion:*** Engage wholeheartedly in my work
- Creativity:*** Use my imagination, inspire and be inspired
- Perseverance:*** Set short and long term goals  
Recognize and build on my strengths
- Compassion:*** Learn empathy

***Celebrate Achievement***

Through your commitment to these principles, you will build skills and confidence. The faculty and staff at RRCA believe that you will benefit from our modeling these principles.

School supplies will not be needed until we are in the new building. Remember that we expect all students to apply themselves to their school work and to be engaged positively in their relationships with their teachers. The staff and I are looking forward to a new start in the new building and with the new version of E2020. The theme of renewal and a fresh start could certainly apply for the 2008-2009 school year for RRCA!

Regards,  
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