

Dear Coatimundi Parents and Guardians,

I hope you have enjoyed a nice summer break with your family. We are preparing for the upcoming school year and are getting everything in place to serve the educational needs of our Coatimundi students. On behalf of the faculty and staff of CTMS, I would like to officially welcome you and your child to the 2016-2017 school year!

As you know, the staff at Coatimundi is dedicated to the continued success of each of our students. We are pleased with the academic achievement of our kids but we want to strive to make these achievements even higher! This year, one of the key areas of focus for our teachers will be the Professional Learning Community (PLC). The PLC practice creates a system where every student is guaranteed a rigorous and relevant learning experience. As a parent, you can be assured that regardless of which teacher your child has, that teacher is working in collaboration with his or her fellow teachers to continue to refine instructional practices. At CTMS, we are committed to the learning of all the members of the school community.

Please make sure your son or daughter has made progress on their summer math and English project. This will allow your child to be prepared for learning on the very first day of school. Also, continue to encourage your child to read every day. Reading non-fiction books is especially beneficial. I read a quote recently that said, "Books are a school's oxygen and the more we read and share words, the healthier our school communities are." As you all know, Coatimundi has a dedicated time each day for SSR (silent, sustained reading). Encourage this same love of reading when your child is at home!

You will be as involved as your schedule will allow with our school. We would love to have all of our parents participate in our school site council, our booster club or volunteering at our school. Remember, we are in partnership with you in providing your child a world class education! We are including valuable information for you regarding upcoming events and dates of which you should be aware.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance in preparing for the school year. Remember to attend the Back to School Blitz on July 30 at Calabasas. There will be a variety of resources for you and your student.

I am very excited about the upcoming school year! You can be assured that we are well prepared for your child and we will create an environment that will allow them to thrive during their middle school years! We will take care of your child, we will provide them a safe and loving environment and we will prepare them for their long educational journey. *Let the 2016-2017 year begin!*

Sincerely,

Lerona Dickson

Lerona Dickson, Principal