



January 27, 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

The school year is moving along rapidly. Although the weather remains cold, before you know it your child will be entering **Grade 6!** We are looking forward to having your child join us at TMS. From everything we hear the incoming sixth grade will be a true asset to our school. We have planned a series of activities in this process so that over time both you and your child will be comfortable with the transition to middle school. This week we visited the four schools. You could feel the excitement in the air! Please mark your calendars with some important dates below:

- **January 26 and 27 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Visits:** Mrs. George, TMS Vice Principal, Ms. d’Adolf, TMS Student Supervisor, Dr. Giblin, K-12 World Language Supervisor, Dr. Rzonza, Orchestra Director, Dr. Burja, Band Director, and I will meet with all of the fifth grade students at their schools to give them an introduction to our program and to distribute course selection sheets. ***Please carefully review and sign your child’s course selection form and return it to your child’s classroom teacher by Monday, February 15, 2017.***
- **Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m., in the TMS Cafeteria – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent TMS Transition Meeting:** Mrs. George, Ms. d’Adolf, Dr. Giblin, and I will meet with all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. There will be time to ask questions, speak with any of us, and meet other parents of fifth graders. The TMS HSA will provide information about their activities. This evening is for all "veteran" and "novice" TMS parents. It is the first step in having you become an active member of our TMS community.
- **Thursday, March 2 – Reach Out trip forms:** Elementary school classroom teachers will send home permission slips and forms for the **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reach Out** overnight trip to Club Getaway in Kent, CT. *on Monday and Tuesday, September 18 and 19, 2017. Please complete and return these forms to your child’s classroom teacher by Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*
- **Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2 - Fifth Grade Student Orientation:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will visit TMS during the school day. Details will be communicated to parents in May.
- In addition to these events, your child will be invited to attend **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Meet and Greet** on **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** to meet his/her 6<sup>th</sup> grade peers and become more familiar with the building.
- **On September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** there will be an evening **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reach Out** meeting for sixth grade parents to discuss details of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reach Out overnight trip and answer your questions about the trip and about sixth grade.
- **Wednesday September 13, 2017 - TMS Back to School Night, 7:00 PM**

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Parent Orientation on March 1<sup>st</sup>!

Sincerely,

John D. Fabbo  
Principal

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BACKPACK TODAY OR TOMORROW FOR TMS COURSE SELECTION FORM. PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND RETURN TO CLASSROOM TEACHER BY 2/6/17.**

***Thank you for your help and support!***