

Summer 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Tawasentha 6E Team and Farnsworth Middle School! We look forward to working with your child and meeting them during the Tawasentha Orientation Day on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2024**.

We understand the transition to middle school comes with a set of unique challenges, both academically and socially. We value and focus on the importance of life lessons and the social emotional health of our students. We look forward to building relationships with our incoming 6th grade students while providing learning environments that are positive, safe and engaging. We look forward to working with you and your family throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us as they arise.

The year our team consists of the following teachers:

- Christine Huestis (Special Education): huestisc@guilderlandschools.net
- Marissa Matteo (Math & Science): matteom@guilderlandschools.net
- Meg Polino (ELA & Social Studies): polinom@guilderlandschools.net

During the summer, we expect our incoming 6th graders to read, read, read! We are requiring that students read at least **one book** and be prepared to do an assignment during the first full week of school, the week of September 9th. **Please do not write a summary of the book prior to school.** Remember, it is not too late to complete a book. Please refer to the recommended reading list, [HERE](#), for suggestions on amazing books.

Parents, we would also like you to email a letter telling us about your child. We are interested in hearing about his/her strengths as a learner, special interests, and accomplishments, from the people who know our incoming students the best. Please also include any questions or concerns you may have. This will help us meet the needs of each of our students and would be greatly appreciated! We ask to have these letters by **Wednesday, August 31st**, so we are able to review them prior to meeting students during Orientation.

Please take a moment to sign up for our contact list [HERE](#) by filling out the Google Form and sign up for [ParentSquare](#). Additionally, please be sure to log-in to [eSchoolData](#) to make sure that your contact information is accurate.

In a separate document, we have created a supply list for your Core classes. Please label all binders and notebooks in **BLACK Sharpie** with your student's name and homeroom number.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with your child. We look forward to "meeting" you on **Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at the 6th Grade Parent Open House**. More information will follow.

Sincerely,

Christine Huestis, Marissa Matteo & Meg Polino