August 2019

Dear Families,

We hope you’ve been having a great summer thus far. While there are still several weeks to go, we are excited to welcome all students and families back to Westlake Middle School! We will continue our commitment to a student-centered mission statement and philosophy, in addition to an inquiry-based approach to learning.

This coming school year, we will be building upon the successes of the 6th grade Westlake Foundations seminar and the 6th Grade University, which will focus on the transition from elementary to secondary education, and include topics related to social-emotional learning, executive functioning, time management, self-advocacy, leadership and more. We also will have our 2nd annual Woo Hoo Welcome for incoming 6th-grade parents and co-sponsored by our very own WMS PTA.

For our returning students, we look forward to continued growth and success in academic areas as well as social-emotional areas. We encourage students to take ownership of their learning. With educators and families working in partnerships, we will guide students to make connections between these areas so that their learning becomes more meaningful and whole, with an eye on the future.

Here are some important logistics before the upcoming school year:

- Tentative student schedules, locker assignments and bus routes will be available on-line through the Parent Portal on Friday, August 16th at 9 a.m. (https://esdparentportal.lhrice.org). Please note that the first time you log-in, you will be required to verify your emergency contact information.

- On August 22nd Mr. Mungioli will be hosting a “meet and greet” in the Columbus Elementary School Cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for families to get to know the new Westlake Middle School Principal. If you will be attending the meeting, please complete the attendance form using the following link: https://forms.gle/3cGTVxN22oum2d9HA

- On August 30th, the building will be open for self-guided tours from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. We will also have student-guided tours on from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
For those who ordered school supplies, they will be available for pick-up in the gym lobby August 30th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Any remaining school supplies will be available for students to pick-up in our main office. Faculty will help facilitate this process on the first day of school on September 3rd.

If you have questions or concerns you can reach out to our school counselors the week of August 26th. They will be scheduling appointments as needed starting Wednesday, August 28th. If you wish to contact them directly call or email:

Tania Greco, ext. 2602 | tgreco@mtplcsd.org: Grade 7 | Grade 8 (last names M-Z)
Bill Keogh, ext. 2603 | wkeogh@mtplcsd.org: Grade 6 | Grade 8 (last names A-L)

Please be mindful that due to construction, parking locations and availability may shift. As the dates approach, additional updates and information will be sent.

We hope the remaining weeks are enjoyable and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Westlake Middle School on Tuesday, September 3rd!

Sincerely,

Anthony Mungioli  Christine Parrottino
Principal         Assistant Principal