

August 11, 2017

Welcome to Mountain View Middle School and the 2017/2018 School Year!

I am honored to be the principal of a school where families take time out of their busy summer to help in the efforts of making Mountain View more welcoming to all. This summer we have had many parents and students help us paint the hallways. You will see the changes when you enter the building. There were paint crews on fifteen to twenty days in the summer and our custodians did most of the cafeteria and tall hallways to assist us.

We are excited to welcome all of you back and hope to see you at the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Barbecue on Tuesday, August 29 and the 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 30. Both nights will run from 5:00 – 8:00. This is a time to gather and get acquainted and also an opportunity to pay all your school fees if you have not done so in advance.

This year we encourage as many families as possible to pay your fees on line or come into the office from August 22 – August 25 (in the mornings) and August 28 to pay fees so you do not have to wait in the long lines on the Barbecue and Ice Cream Social nights. The required fees are a PE Uniform, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Wheel, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration. Many of you will have elective fees and will not know those until you receive your schedule. The yearbook fee is *optional*. If you pay on line, please print and bring a receipt so you and your child will receive his/her schedule.

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September 5 is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade only day this year. It allows our new students to experience the middle school change all by themselves. Seventh and eighth graders will join us on Wednesday, September 6. All students should be aware September 6 is also our school picture day.

**Barbecue (August 29 for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Ice Cream Social (August 30 for 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup>):**

*(Italic items are optional.)* This is done through stations after receiving your passport.

1. Come prepared with Student Profile and Student Handbook forms filled out
2. Receive a passport in exchange for these two forms at the start table
3. Pay Fees
4. Buy a PE Uniform
5. Visit the Mountain View Parent Group
6. Learn about Blackboard (How to view grades and assignments)
7. *Check in with CPRD*
8. *Talk to a Bus Barn representative*
9. Exchange your passport for Schedule and Locker Assignment
10. Enjoy the barbecue/ice cream, pay lunch money, and/or practice opening your locker

**First Day**

- **Only** 6<sup>th</sup> Graders come to school on Tuesday, September 5
- Enter through the commons doors
- School starts at 7:40. We encourage all students to be at school by 7:35 at the latest.
- Picture Day for **ALL** students will be **Wednesday, September 6**
- First Day for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders is Wednesday, September 6. This is a late start day starting at 8:40.

Both Cassandra Thonstad and I both are leaders that have kept our core principles focused on what is best for students as they progress both academically and socially through their years towards high school graduation. Cass has taught math and has also been an instructional facilitator while I have had over 20 years of teaching experience with language arts and social studies at middle school before my administrative assignments the past 12 years. We both also value working with parents to form strong partnerships, and we look forward to meeting all of our families on our Back to School Nights.

Sincerely,

Terry McElligott  
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