

DRIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Having just completed the first five weeks of school this is an excellent time to review and reflect. Parents and students can review their progress and discuss how the school year has started. It is a good time to consider the habits we have formed and determine whether or not we need to make some adjustments to help us be more successful. The next five weeks will be very important for creating a solid first marking period. The number one helpful source for students is their teachers. 7th and 8th graders have an excellent opportunity to spend time with teachers after school to get some extra help, ask questions or just have a place to complete their school work.

Recently, Mrs. Sharlow and I visited all classrooms grades 5-8. We discussed the goals we have for each student. First, to have a successful academic school year which includes filling their brain with knowledge and building a toolbox full of strategies to help them overcome obstacles, manage their time, prioritize their work, ask for help and experience success in their schoolwork. Second, we hope each child will continue to spread the message of our Positivity Project as they continue to become mature responsible young adults. This year while grade 5 starts to learn what the Positivity Project is all about and be exposed to the character traits we have studied, grades 6-8 will be focusing on the theme "Other People Matter." Our message to students was to think about how their actions and words can make a difference and positively impact each other and our school community each and every day.

Other reminders:

- If you do not want your child's photo published in any school publication online or on paper, please use the link on the middle school website to express your request.
- This year we are using a software program called Peachjar to send flyers and notification electronically. If you have an email address on file in Schoooltool you should have received an email with registration information. You can also access all the Peachjar flyers from the district website using the quick link that looks like a peach.
- Remember our school day for students in 5th and 6th grade ends at 3:20. If students are being dismissed before 3:20 they are missing content and classwork. Please try to wait until dismissal to pick up your child when possible.
- Parent teacher conferences for students in grades K-6 will be held on October 26 and 31st. There will be no school for K-6 on the 26th and a half day on the 31st. If you would like to schedule a conference and have not done so already, please contact your child's teacher.
- Follow us on Twitter: @DriverMiddle

Visit our webpage regularly. We will post upcoming events, information, videos and we will frequently showcase events and student work. This is a quick and easy way to communicate information! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions we would encourage you to contact us in the main office at any time.

Thanks for working with us to make an awesome start to the 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,

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