



Welcome to  
Milford Middle School's  
Incoming Grade 6 Parent  
Orientation  
August 27, 2018

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# Administrative Staff:

- Mr. DeMarco: Principal
- Miss Hackett: Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Gibney: Curriculum Coordinator
- Mrs. MacDonald: A-K Counselor
- Mrs. Vaupel: L-Z Counselor
- Mrs. Puzas: School Nurse
- Mrs. Creighton: Principal's Secretary
- Mrs. McEttrick: Assistant Principal's Secretary
- Mrs. Scott: Receptionist, Guidance Secretary
- Mrs. Wisniewski: Special Education Secretary

# MMS PTO 2018-2019

- **MMS PTO Board Members**

- President: Marguerite Caron
- Vice President: Amanda Hodges
- Co-Vice President: Stacy Cusack
- Secretary: Tracy O'Connor
- Treasurer: Karin Cevasco
- Co-Chairperson: Michele Lewicki

- **Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month here in the library.**

- **We are always looking for Event Volunteers**

- **Like us on FaceBook: [Milford Middle School PTO](#)**

- **Email us at: [nhmmspto@gmail.com](mailto:nhmmspto@gmail.com)**

# Nature's Classroom 2018



- Nature's Classroom - October 15-19, 2018  
Charlton, MA
- Nature's Classroom web site -  
[www.naturesclassroom.org](http://www.naturesclassroom.org)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Contact – Doreen Danhof –  
ddanhof@milfordk12.org
- Final Payment : Due September 14
- Students leave by 8:00AM on Monday Morning  
and return by 3:00PM on Friday.
- Parents should pick up students at 3:00PM on  
Friday, October 19th.

# Sports & Clubs

- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Girl's Soccer
- Boy's Soccer
- Girl's Volleyball
- Boy's Basketball A & B
- Girl's Basketball A & B
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading
- Girl's Volleyball A & B

- Baseball
- Softball
- Golf
- Track & Field
- Boys Lacrosse
- Girls Lacrosse
- Kaley Speaking
- Kaley Writing
- Art Club
- Drama

- Math Counts
- MMS Recycling Club
- Newspaper
- Student Council
- Destination Imagination
- Jazz Band
- Fuel Up to Play 60 / Wellness

# How to Contact Us:

- MMS Main Number: 673-5221
  - Report a Student Absence
  - Nurse's Office
  - Guidance
  - Special Education
  - Kitchen Office
  - Athletics
- Staff emails are available on our website and in PowerSchool
- Main Office email: [mms@milfordk12.org](mailto:mms@milfordk12.org)
- Leave a message with the main office

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# Our Mission Statement

*Milford Middle School provides a safe learning environment that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit of every student.*

*Respect for self, others and property is promoted as students are guided toward their fullest potential in academics and in citizenship. This is best accomplished through the cooperative effort of students, teachers, families, and the community.*



# About Milford Middle School

- MMS is a middle school by philosophy and design.
- We house grades 6 through 8. Our anticipated population this year is 560 students.
- Students are “teamed” at each grade level. This makes a large school “feel” smaller.
- Grade 6 consists of 3 teaching teams; daVinci, Edison, and Newton
- Each Team consists of several subject area teachers. Students move from subject area to subject area. Students rotate through their Unified Arts programs throughout the year.
- Teaching teams meets on a regular basis to discuss curriculum, logistics, and students.
- The middle school offers students a variety of subjects and opportunities to explore and challenge themselves.
- Students begin to make choices and find possible paths that they may want to follow.
- Our goal is to assist students in the transition to middle school and in developing their independence for high school.

# Where Do I get Information?

- **Please be sure to provide your email address** to the school on the registration forms – we will update our information.
- ALL notices are sent home by email on Thursday afternoon. This includes the Principal's newsletter once a month and weekly notices.
- Report Cards are physically sent home with students.
- Access to your child's grades / attendance through PowerSchool's Parental Portal
- Parent and Student Handbooks
- Follow us on Twitter: **@MilfordMS**
- Our webpage is always up-to-date **mms.milfordk12.org** and weekly notices are posted on Thursdays.
- **Parent Back to School Night** is September 12, 2018 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM
- **Parent / Teacher Conferences:** Week of November 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM to 8:00PM - appointments or email narrative conferences are available.



# Cafeteria Information

- School lunch prices for the 2018-2019 school year are anticipated to be as follows;
  - Hot Lunch: \$2.80 daily
  - Milk: \$.50
  - Breakfast: \$1.50 daily
  - Free & Reduced programs are available and are confidential
- Mrs. Neider is our Kitchen Manager. She may be reached by dialing #5 or at ext. #1537
- You may prepay your child's account with the cafeteria and on-line using our new service; EZ School Pay - on our website
- Usually there are 2 choices for lunch. We offer a salad bar as the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.
- Snack Bar: Offering healthy snacks and drinks. Parents must give permission for students to use their accounts to purchase items from the snack bar. We are *Smart Snacks* compliant.

# Buses & Bus Passes

- **Bus Routes** are posted on the school district and school website and are different than Heron Pond bus routes
- Starting in 6th grade, bus routes are determined using a mile and half distance to determine walking and riding zones. Students that were bus riders at HPES may not be at MMS. Please check the websites and bus routes if you have a question or call the bus company at 213-6401. Milford School District Policy #2315
- Bus Passes are used the same as HPES, for emergencies only.
- Boys & Girls Club members may take Bus #9 to the SVB&G Club afterschool.
- Mason buses are the responsibility of the Mason School District.
- Mason and Milford have a mutual agreement that they may ride each other's buses.

# 2018-2019 Grade 6 Teams:

- **daVinci**: Mrs. Erdody, Mrs. McCarroll, Mrs. Whigham
- **Newton**: Ms. Barry, Ms. Herron, Mrs. Danhof
- **Edison**: Mrs. Julian, Mrs. Doherty,
- **Gr. 6 Special Education Liaison**: Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Crampton (READ 180), Ms. Dorsey and Mrs. Nannicelli

# The First Day of School:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students meet on the playground – behind the building near “The Loop” – All DROP-OFFS and PICK-UPS are in this area.
- Please do not park in the **Fire Lanes** in the front of the building
- The teachers will meet the students outside and bring them up to their Advisory/Homerooms. We will have lists to help the students find their Adv/HR teachers.
- Advisory/Homeroom is extended on the first day.
- Students will receive their schedules and the teachers will review them with the students. Lockers will be assigned by their Adv/HR teacher.
- A discussion on team and school expectations will take place with their homeroom teachers
- Students will follow a somewhat modified schedule the first day and will be brought to their Unified Arts classes by their teachers.
- **School Pictures: September 12, 2018**

# Core Subjects Offered at MMS

- Grade 6: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies
- Grade 7: Mathematics or Intro to Algebra, English, Science, Social Studies
- Grade 8: Algebra Foundations or Pre-Algebra or Algebra I, English, Science, Social Studies

# Unified Arts Courses Offered

- The following classes are offered to all students at all grade levels: Art, World Languages, Technology Education, Consumer Education, Physical Education, Music (Gr. 6 & 7), Health
- Students may choose to participate in the following classes: Band, Jazz Band (by audition), Chorus
- Computer Integration: the use and application of computers is being taught directly in the content areas. Students will be applying computer skills in performance tasks and classroom projects.



# Response to Intervention at MMS

- RTI involves high quality instruction and/or intervention matched to student needs: 25 min block 3 to 4 X's per wk
- Middle school RTI program is designed both for interventions and for enrichment.
- Middle school RTI targets known areas of concern and does not require the extensive screening process of elementary RTI, by middle school areas of concern are already identified.
- RTI answers four questions;
  - Exactly what is it we want all students to learn?
  - How do we know when each student has acquired the essential skill or knowledge?
  - What happens in our school when a child doesn't learn?
  - How do we enrich and extend the learning for students that are already proficient?

# ICT ePortfolio

## Information, Communication & Technology Standard Requirement

- The NH Department of Education requires that all students by the end of Grade 8 demonstrate technical skills and knowledge by integrating examples technology into their school work
- Students begin building their ePortfolio in Grade 6 and then refine it over the next 3 years demonstrating that they understand and can use technology.
- Students are given project matrixes, a scoring rubric, time in computer class, and are told by their teachers which projects / assignments will fulfill the requirement.
- Each grade level is responsible for projects / assignments that complete certain ePortfolio requirements.
- We average about 98% of our Grade 8 students completing the requirement.
- Students that do not complete the requirement by the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year must take a credit recovery course at the high school.