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# Crew 6L



# Herald

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## PARENTS' CORNER

We believe that all students benefit when parents and teachers team up to ensure that they work toward their greatest potential. We hope that you will join us in a partnership throughout the year. We will communicate with you about our crew and with any individual concerns as well. Please contact us when you have questions. Your thoughts are very important to us.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, August 27, 2014  
Grade 6 Orientation

Thursday, August 28, 2014  
First Full Day of School (all grades)

Wednesday, September 10, 2014  
Open House

Parent Conferences  
Thursday, October 23, 2014  
Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
Thursday, October 30, 2014

## Are You Ready?

As you're organizing your new school supplies, are you preparing your most important tool: yourself? Middle school will provide you with an opportunity for a fresh start; one you can choose to continue your successful school habits as well as discover new ways to grow both academically and socially. Awaiting you will be new challenges that include organizing a binder, following an individual class schedule, and making your way from class to class, independently. Your teachers are here to help you transition successfully.

## School Supplies

- SSR Book
- 3-ring binder w/pocket tabs (Zipper binders are recommended)
- 5 Single-subject spiral notebooks
- 3 hole pencil case
- Supply of blue/black pens for the year
- Supply of pencils for the year
- Pencil sharpener
- Calculator
- Ear buds
- Flash Drive
- Highlighter

## Welcome To RLMS!

Welcome to Roger Ludlowe Middle School! Are you ready for a new school, new friends, and a challenging and successful year? This year, you will be part of a group of students and four teachers. Our crew is known as 6-L. You will spend most of your day with your fellow "crewmates" during Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. However, you will have a chance to see 6th graders from other crews during your Unified Arts periods and lunch.

Your first year at RLMS will be exciting and busy! You will participate in many wonderful and challenging learning experiences on a variety of topics ranging from Reader's and Writer's Workshop, to how river systems work, to geometry, to what life was like in ancient Egypt! We will be going on some fun field trips together, too.



In addition to academics, RLMS offers a great selection of co-curricular clubs and activities to suit students with all kinds of interests from drama to leadership to sports. We encourage you to get involved. It's a great way to make friends and develop some new hobbies and interests.

The 6-L teachers are very excited to work with you this coming year! We would love you to bring a 2" x 2" picture of yourself from last year for an activity we will be doing during the first week of school. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and be sure to keep up with your summer reading. We look forward to seeing you here at RLMS in late August!

## Meet the Teachers!



### Mr. Andrew Zelman

Mr. Zelman has taught 6th grade at RLMS for the past 13 years. He is looking forward to teaching Language Arts & Math. As the mathematics instructor for Crew 6L, he can't wait to begin challenging his students through the implementation of the Big Ideas math program. He loves seeing children develop confidence in their mathematical problem solving abilities as well as learn to express themselves clearly and eloquently in Language Arts. Outside of school, Mr. Zelman enjoys spending time with his family; especially traveling to other parts of the country with his wife & children.

### Mrs. Jeanine Baldwin

Mrs. Baldwin is beginning her 18th year teaching & her 6th year teaching at RLMS. This

year, Mrs. Baldwin will be teaching Language Arts & Science. She is looking forward to a fun year of learning & is excited to share her knowledge of science with you. In science class, you will learn a great deal about the atmosphere, weather, plate tectonics, earthquakes, & estuaries. There will be lots of hands on experiences. Away from school, Mrs. Baldwin enjoys spending time with her husband & 9 month old daughter, Addison.

### Ms. Lauren Paladino

Ms. Paladino is starting her 1st year here at RLMS and is eager to meet all of her new students. For the past 5 years, she has taught just down the road at TMS. This year, as part of Crew 6L, she will be teaching Language Arts & Social Studies. She is looking

forward to helping her students develop their skills as readers and writers and is excited to explore ancient civilizations with her students. Outside of school, Ms. Paladino enjoys traveling, playing sports, and spending time with family and friends. She is also a huge Syracuse fan.

### Ms. Donna Spigarolo

Ms. Spigarolo has taught at RLMS since it opened in what is now FLHS. Ms. Spigarolo is the Learning Center teacher and works with all of Crew L teachers. Ms. Spigarolo enjoys traveling with her niece and five nephews and has been in forty-four of the fifty states. She also enjoys reading, biking and hiking and is a fan of the New England Patriots. She looks for-