

# Welcome to RLMS! -Crew 6M-

August-2014

Soon the doors of Roger Ludlowe Middle School will open, and you will begin a very important time in your life. The building is ready for you. Your teachers are ready for you. Are you ready?

You are ready if you are eager for a new experience, are ready to learn, and are willing to try new things. Your first year at RLMS will be exciting and busy!

At RLMS you will be a part of approximately 70 students that we call a **crew**. You will work with three crew teachers for your academic subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science & Social Studies). You'll also have several Unified Arts (UA) teachers throughout the year who will teach classes like Music, Health, Computers and Art. You'll get to move around the building. You'll see old friends from elementary school, and you'll meet many new friends too.

Crew 6M will do many things together as a

large group. We meet weekly for large crew meetings and take field trips together. We become really close knit, like a family.

One of middle school students' favorite things is the cafeteria. You can bring a cold lunch from home or purchase from a large selection of food choices in our cafeteria.

We know RLMS looks like a very big school. Don't worry about it! Before you know it, you'll master your way around here like a pro!

Remember, come to school on the first day with a good attitude and be ready and willing to accept new challenges. We know you'll soon feel very confident about your middle school-RLMS!

## Important Dates:

Orientation	8/27
<u>Bring a pen/pencil.</u>	
First day of school	8/28
Open House 7:00pm	9/10
Conference days	10/23
Early dismissal @ 12:40pm	10/29
	10/30

## School Supplies to bring August 28, 2014

- small photo of yourself
- SSR book to read
- 3 hole pencil case
- 1 large binder (2-3 rings) zippered if possible
- 2 pocket folders with 3-hole punch
- 8 tab dividers
- paper reinforcers
- pens
- 2 glue sticks
- pencils
- 3 hole punch that fits in binder
- calculator
- 3 spiral notebooks

## Meet Ms. Serio

Welcome to Crew 6M! I am looking forward to a fantastic year where we will be investigating topics in Language Arts and Science. Together we will learn to look at ourselves as skilled readers and authors through Reader's and Writer's Workshop. In Science, we will be learning all about the earth. We will explore weather patterns, plate tectonics, and more, completing fun and interactive labs along the way! This will be my fifth year teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade at RLMS. Before this, I taught third grade in Trum-

bull. I graduated from Quinnipiac University with a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. At Quinnipiac, I developed a love of hiking while exploring many of the trails found across the street at Sleeping Giant State Park. In my spare time, I also enjoy reading, traveling, and spending time with my friends, family, and my new puppy! I am excited to get to know you and begin the year.

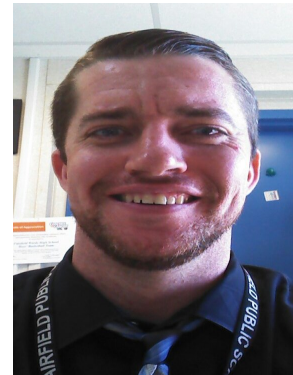


## Meet Mr. Swaller

I am pleased and excited to welcome you to sixth-grade. I am very much looking forward to meeting and working with you this school year on Crew 6M. In Social Studies this year, we will learn about the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and many other civilizations. In Language Arts, we will continue to better ourselves as readers and writers using the workshop model.

This will be my 7th year teaching in Fairfield. Prior to this year I have been a 5th grade teacher at Mill Hill Elementary School. I am excited about joining the

Bulldogs. I graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in Communications and a minor in Business. I received my Teaching Certificate and Masters Degree in Education from Sacred Heart University. Outside of the classroom, I love all types of sports and outside activities. I enjoy taking my dog, Webster, for a walk, playing a game of basketball, or hitting the links for some golf. I also coach high school basketball at Fairfield Warde High School in the winter. My wife is also a teacher and we are expecting our first son this summer! I look forward to meeting all of you and to a great year.



## Meet Mrs. Louie

Welcome to sixth grade! We are going to have a great year together at Roger Ludlowe Middle School! This will be my 24th year teaching, the last nine of which were spent at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. I teach Language Arts and Math. I grew up in Fairfield, where I attended Stratfield Elementary School, Fairfield Woods Middle School, and Andrew Warde High School. It gives me great pleasure to teach in Fairfield because I am able to return the wonderful education I received

here. I have a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University and the University of Salamanca (Salamanca, Spain) in Elementary/Bi-lingual Education. I also have a Master's Degree from Fairfield University in Education and a Sixth Year Degree of Advanced Study in Reading and Language Arts. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy doing arts & crafts, cooking, reading, and traveling with my husband and two children, ages 18 and 20. Our goal is to visit each of the fifty states together!

We are an active family and enjoy all types of recreational activities together, including biking, running, rollerblading, and ice-skating. Ice-skating is my personal favorite, and I can give Michelle Kwan quite a run for her money! I look forward to meeting each of you and learning all about you this fall!



## Meet Mrs. Zingoni

Mrs. Zingoni is beginning her 40th year teaching in Fairfield. She is the Learning Center resource teacher, and her role is to support both students and classroom teachers. A Fairfield native, Mrs. Zingoni has resided in Newtown with her husband, Ron, for 27 years where they raised three children, Peter, Janie, and Christie. Mrs. Zingoni spends her summers in Rhode Is-

land combing the beach for sea glass and shells. She loves time spent gardening, reading and cooking, and is looking forward to working with the new crew of sixth graders.

