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# Crew 6M



# 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, September 2, 2015  
Grade 6 Orientation

Thursday, September 3, 2015  
First Full Day of School (all grades)

Thursday, September 10, 2015  
Open House

Parent Conferences  
Thursday, October 22, 2015  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
Thursday, October 29, 2015

## 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

- Outside reading book
- 3-ring binder w/pocket tabs (Zipper binders recommended)
- 4 Single-subject spiral notebooks
- 2 marble composition books
- 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 five teachers. Our crew is known as 6-M. 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 reading and writing 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-M 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 September!

## Meet the Teachers!



### Mrs. Jeanine Baldwin

Mrs. Baldwin is beginning her 19th year teaching & her 7th year teaching at RLMS. This year, Mrs. Baldwin will be teaching 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 & two daughters.

### Mr. Steve Byrne

Mr. Byrne is entering his 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching middle school students. He is looking forward to taking 6<sup>th</sup> graders back in history to learn about Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome & China. Mr. Byrne lives

in Fairfield with his wife Lisa and two sons (Kyle, age 20 & Ryan, age 17). In his free time, Mr. Byrne likes to read non-fiction books and play basketball, softball & golf.

### Mr. Dave Lazar

Mr. Lazar has been teaching in Fairfield for over 30 years. This will be his 18<sup>th</sup> year at RLMS. This year Mr. Lazar will be exploring many interesting and fun math concepts. He lives with his wife Dee, his son Dan and their two pugs, Lucy and Maggie. Mr. Lazar enjoys both watching and playing sports and being out on the water.

### 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 M teachers. Ms. Spigarolo enjoys traveling with her niece

and five nephews and has been in forty-five of the fifty states. She also enjoys reading, biking and hiking. She looks forward to meeting the new students of Crew M.

### Mrs. Jennifer Peters

Mrs. Peters is going into her sixth year teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade at RLMS. She cannot wait to meet her new crew of students and help them grow as readers and writers in language arts. Mrs. Peters graduated from Quinnipiac University with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. At Quinnipiac, she developed a love of hiking while exploring many of the trails found across the street at Sleeping Giant State Park. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her husband and her dog Cooper!