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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 2nd, 2015  
Grade 6 Orientation

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

Thursday, September 10th, 2015  
Open House

### Parent Conferences

Thursday, October 22, 2015 1-3pm  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1-3pm  
Thursday, October 29, 2015 6-8pm

## 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 are recommended)
- 1 Three-subject spiral notebook
- 1 pocket folder
- 3 hole pencil case
- A package of blue/black pens
- A package of pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler/ 3 hole punch
- Calculator

# Crew 6S



# Herald

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## 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-S. 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-S 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, be sure to do some reading, and we'll see you in late August!

## Meet the Teachers!



### Mr. Matthew Tomei

This will be Mr. Tomei's eleventh year at RLMS and he will be teaching Math. He believes learning can be a fun experience and tries to incorporate humor into Math. Besides seeing Mr. Tomei teach Math, he could most likely be found playing basketball, camping, playing guitar, traveling, watching his beloved Boston Red Sox, and most of all, spending time with his wife, Heather, and daughter, Dahlia. Mr. Tomei looks forward to the year ahead with the new Crew 6S students. Be prepared to have an exciting and fun-filled year in his class.

### Mrs. Janice Lareau

Mrs. Lareau returns to RLMS for her fourth year. Prior to coming to RLMS, she taught grade 6 at Fairfield Woods Middle School. She will love to share what she knows about weather, geology, ecology, estuaries, and much more in her science classes. Mrs. Lareau enjoys running, watching and playing tennis, and walking her dog, Blue. She lives in Fairfield with her husband, Scott, and her three children, Tatum, Quinn, and Jane.

### Mrs. Karen Louie

Welcome to sixth grade! We are going to have a great year together at Roger Ludlowe Middle School! This will be my 26th year teaching, the last eleven of which were spent at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. I am really looking forward to sharing my passion for language arts with you next year. 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 19 and 21. 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!

### Mr. Phil Simpson

This will be Mr. Simpson's 21st year teaching in Fairfield and 18th at RLMS! He has taught the last 10 years in 7th grade Geography and before that was a 6th grade teacher. He is glad to be back and can't wait to start up the school year. He is looking forward to teaching about ancient civilizations while incorporating some new geography skills throughout the regions we study.

### Mrs. Amy Vernon

My name is Amy Vernon, I've been teaching in Fairfield for 17 years. I have been teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade Resource for the last 15 years at Fairfield Woods and am so excited to start teaching at RLMS. Crossfit and reading are two activities that I enjoy doing. This summer, I am going to Chicago with family. I can't wait to see you all in September. Have a great summer!