

Welcome to RLMS! -Crew 6M-

August-2013

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 eager 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	8/28
<u>Bring a pen/pencil.</u>	
First day of school	8/29
Open House	9/11
7:00pm	
Conference days	10/17
Early dismissal @ 12:40pm	10/23
	10/24

School Supplies to bring August 29, 2013

- small photo of yourself
- SSR book to read
- 3 hole pencil case
- 1 large binder (2-3 rings) zipped if possible
- 2 pocket folders with 3-hole punch
- 8 tab dividers
- paper reinforcers
- blue, black, and red pens
- 2 glue sticks
- pencils & pencil sharpener
- loose leaf paper
- ruler/3 hole punch
- calculator
- 4 bound composition notebooks for Math, Social Studies & Science
- 5 single subject 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 fourth year teaching 6th 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 dog, Molly! I am excited to get to know you and begin the year.



Meet Dr. McGrath

I was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and spent my early years growing up in Falls Church, Virginia, and Taipei, Taiwan, before venturing off to Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where I majored in East Asian Studies and Education. For graduate school, I attended Fairfield University and the University of Bridgeport, and I hold advanced degrees in Educational Administration and Educational Management. During my free time, I enjoy traveling, freelance writing and playing rock and

roll music. My oldest son, Devin, is a computer programmer and my youngest son, Connor, is a student in video production at the Art Institute in Philadelphia. I have been teaching in the Fairfield Public School system for over 36 years, and I will be the Crew 6M Language Arts & Social Studies teacher.



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 17 and 19. 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 39th 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.

