

Tomlinson Middle School

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Dear Tomlinson Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to Tomlinson for the 2018-2019 school year. Last year, the Tomlinson Community grew even stronger with the support and dedication of our wonderful teachers, staff, and PTA. Our facilities upgrades included a complete renovation of the large gym floor and bleachers, new turf on our field, and a new roof. We crowned the Tomlinson Cup winners from Community 8T. Our Walk-a-Thon was very successful, enabling us to purchase additional equipment and support additional programs to enhance the curriculum. We continued to add enrichment experiences for all grade levels, such as celebrating our Veterans with a Veterans' Day Assembly in Grade 8. We were delighted to be able to bring in an author, Gordon Korman, to speak to the students. 6th grade organized Success Workshops and Greco Roman Olympics activities. Further, our 7th grade created a highly successful and innovative program to celebrate taking ownership for making our communities better called *#Changemakers*. We also subsidized several field trips to make learning more engaging for all three grade levels. We are all excited to take on the opportunities and challenges that this new school year will bring as we stay focused on the success of all of our students.

Summer is a great time to connect with family and friends. Making stronger connections with their own families helps our children develop a sense of safety and belonging. I started the summer break at an education conference learning how to create engaging learning opportunities for our students. The presentations reminded me of how important it is to inspire curiosity and make the work teachers and students do meaningful. The Tomlinson Middle School teachers and staff are a wonderful group of outstanding and caring teaching professionals who take the time to get to know all students individually. This year we will be working to use instructional strategies and technology tools to inspire our students to achieve their best and connect their learning to the world around them.

So as we look forward to a new school year, we are excited to discover and learn together. I will be greeting our families that are new to Fairfield for our New Family Orientation on August 23rd 11:30-1:00; incoming sixth grade students for sixth grade orientation on August 29th 9-11 (no buses provided-drop off on school street, no parking in the front loop); all students on August 30th (Full Day); and all families at Open House on September 13th 7-9pm. Community and Homeroom Assignments will be available on IC on the afternoon of August 24th. Additional details about TMS events will be posted on Infinite Campus, and there will be a link on the [TMS web site](http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/tms/) (<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/tms/>) and on Twitter @Tomlinsonmiddle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Formato', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Anthony Formato
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