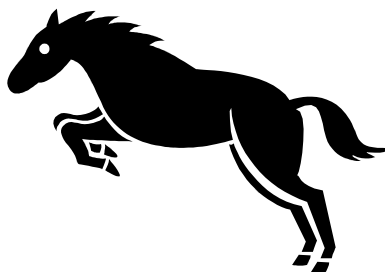


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NEWSLETTER

McGlynn Middle School

Medford, Ma.

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HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Greetings MMS Community,

Wow! How quickly the summer days come and go! This has been an especially busy summer here at MMS for many reasons. There were several staffing needs that needed to be addressed and many changes to how we deliver special education services. I am pleased and excited to inform you that these areas have been addressed quite successfully. I am extremely grateful to the district for supporting my goals and vision for the future of McGlynn Middle School. I have spent the passed two years assessing and learning about this wonderful school and have made some informed decisions on how to maximize the talents of our faculty and implement program changes as a means to improve the overall teaching and learning process.

In terms of staffing, there are several new faces in our community. Ms. Sherri Bunting is the new science teacher on team 8B. Ms. Bunting did some substitute teaching for us last year and brings a wealth of experience and passion to our community. Michael Varone has transferred from Medford High School to serve as the social studies teacher on team 8B. Mr. Varone demonstrates firm historical knowledge and a passion for innovative teaching in the classroom. We also have a new physical education teacher, Mike McGlynn, transferring from the Roberts School.

There are several new special education teachers. Patricia Kilbride will be the new language-based classroom teacher in grade six. Ms. Kilbride is transferring from the Columbus School and will bring a wealth of experience to this position. We have two new programs moving into the building to serve specific special education populations and have hired two new teachers, Emily Wilson and Brian Kline. We need to hire one additional special education teacher to help us with inclusive and intensive intervention mathematics. This is a major component of my plan to strengthen our special education services and increase our focus on providing a rigorous curriculum for students at all levels and abilities.

The schedules have been completed, the school looks fabulous thanks to the efforts of our custodial staff and we are ready to open our doors to students on September 7th. Please begin the process of waking your middle school children up earlier so that they can adjust their routines and be ready for the academic year. I know that many students are not thrilled about their classroom assignments as I received nearly 200 voicemails and e-mails. There will NOT be any changes. Please enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Looking forward to a fun and productive school year,

MMS Principal, Jake Edwards