



East Ramapo Central School District

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A Unified Community Educating the Whole Child ...



Pomona Middle School
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Memorandum

To: Pomona Students and Families
From: Taren Washington-Peterson, Principal
Date: 9/4/2024
Subject: Welcome Back Students and Families

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Pomona Middle School! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. I am extremely proud to serve as the Principal of this amazing learning community for the 3rd year and to continue to support the students of Pomona Middle! This year, the Pomona Middle School Theme is *"Everyday Counts"*. As a school, we will be infusing this concept in all that we do to highlight the importance of making the most of every day and every opportunity in school. As has been our vision at the East Ramapo School District, We will become proficient in all that we do.

As we prepare to embark on another exciting academic journey, I am thrilled to welcome our returning students and families. I would also like to welcome all of our new families, whether you are joining us from another school in the district or have relocated from another city, state, or country. We are excited to share with you all that Pomona has to offer and believe you will soon feel as we do, that Pomona Middle is a special place for *all* children. Our educators, support staff, families, and other education partners are ready to welcome you into the Pomona Family.

At Pomona, we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive. Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been working diligently over the summer to prepare for the upcoming year, and we are excited to share our SCEP (School Comprehensive Education Plan) goals:

Commitment 1: Pomona is committed to building strong foundational vocabulary for all learners in order for students to access comprehension skills to become lifelong readers.

Commitment 2: We are committed to helping students and adults build trusting relationships where they feel valued and seen in order to ensure a mindset of success.

Commitment 3: Pomona commits to enhancing a welcoming and supportive environment for all families in order to improve chronic absenteeism rates.

These commitments are designed to enrich our students' educational experience and provide them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

Our school community is built on the values of respect, responsibility, and resilience. We believe that by working together—students, families, and staff—we can create a positive and supportive environment that fosters academic excellence and personal growth. We encourage you to get involved, whether through volunteering, attending school events, or joining our parent-teacher organization. Your partnership is invaluable to us.

We are also committed to maintaining open lines of communication with our families. Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of our staff with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We value your input and look forward to working together to ensure the success of every student.

As we begin this new school year, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we will make this a year of growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for our students.

Please note the following:

- ❖ The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4, 2024.
- ❖ Middle School orientation is Thursday, August 29, 2024: 11am-2pm.
- ❖ Bus passes will be mailed to your home during the last week of August from the Department of Transportation. If you have any questions, contact Transportation at 845-577-6490.
- ❖ Physical Education supply list:
 - Shorts (appropriate length)/ leggings/ sweatpants/ t-shirt/ sweatshirt
 - Sneakers
 - Deodorant (perfume and cologne not allowed due to allergies)
 - Labeled Reusable water bottle
- ❖ 7th/8th Grade Supply List
 - 1- Daily charged chromebook and charger
 - 1- pair of inexpensive Headphones

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- 1- Three inch, three ring binder
- 3- pkg. Loose leaf paper
- 1- pkg. Colored Dividers
- 6 -marble notebooks
- 2- boxes of #2 pencils
- 2- boxes of blue/ black pens
- 1- pencil case
- 1-pkg Highlighters
- 6- Two pocket folders
- 3 packs of 3x3 post its

Please refer to the Pomona Middle Webpage for updates: <https://www.ercsd.org/pomona>

What are the school hours?

Regular Day: 9:15am- 3:40pm

One Hour Delay: 10:15am- 3:40pm

Two Hour Delay: 11:15am- 3:40pm

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this school year extraordinary!

Warm regards,

Taren Washington- Peterson

Principal, Pomona Middle School