

# Incoming Sixth Grade Parent Orientation



**Roger Ludlowe Middle School**

**2025**

# ROGER LUDLOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

**Small but mighty force** enriching the middle school experience for your kids, their teachers and you!

With your support **we provide teacher grants**, supply reimbursements, resource field trips, bring in guest speakers & more!

We support parents, too. **Middle School can be lonely**. Your kids (*may*) talk to you less and social groups shift and change.

- PTA meetings **feature speakers & relevant topics**
- **Bulldog Buzz Q&A** with our Principal and Dean Purzycki. Bring your coffee, your beach chair and your questions.

**Resourced over \$15,000 for teacher grants this year**

# Incoming 6th Grade Students

Dwight incoming = 47 students

Mill Hill incoming = 59 students

Riverfield incoming = 61 students

Sherman incoming = 68 students

Other = 5

The incoming 6th grade will have  
~240 students

# RLMS Crews

- ◆ 3 crews
- ◆ Each crew has an average of ~80 children
- ◆ Each crew has four core teachers and a Special Education teacher
- ◆ Each teacher teaches one content area (Language Arts, Math, Science or Social Studies)

# School Counselors: Kate Harder & Kelly Renna

- Provide individual and group counseling
- Developmental Guidance lessons
- Home - School liaison
- Each counselor will remain with the same students throughout their 3 years at RLMS



# Counseling Services



Walter Young

- ◆ Full-time School Psychologist



Jason Martin

- ◆ Full-time School Psychologist

# Dean



Jay Purzycki

- ◆ Maintain a healthy learning environment
- ◆ Enforce school rules
- ◆ Connection between counselors and administration

# School Resource Officer (SRO)



Officer Ed Kovac

- ◆ Serves as liaison and safety resource to the FPD
- ◆ Supports RLMS in all safety and security drills
- ◆ Member of the RLMS staff and school community



# Library Media Center

## RLMS Learning Commons

- Classroom resource
- Cross-curricular projects
- Learning hub of RLMS
- Access to multiple resources, text and technology



# Digital Wellness RLMS

Excessive screen media usage in children can have both positive and negative impacts on their development. *Regarding cognitive development, screens have the potential to enhance education and learning.* However, studies have shown that excessive screen time and media multitasking can negatively affect executive functioning, sensorimotor development, and academic outcomes.”

Muppalla, Sudheer Kumar et al. “Effects of Excessive Screen Time on Child Development: An Updated Review and Strategies for Management.” *Cureus* vol. 15,6 e40608. 18 Jun. 2023, doi:10.7759/cureus.40608

“Screen media can improve children’s academic performance, enrich knowledge and literacy skills and help develop positive relationships with teachers and peers. Screen-based programs and approaches can encourage both autonomous and collaborative learning, and stimulate inquiry. Dynamic software and quality apps and games can increase proficiency and reduce learning gaps in mathematics.”

Canadian Paediatric Society, Digital Health Task Force, Ottawa, Ontario. “Digital media: Promoting healthy screen use in school-aged children and adolescents.” *Paediatrics & child health* vol. 24,6 (2019): 402-417. doi:10.1093/pch/pxz095



# What are we doing at RLMS?



Professional development on the research behind digital wellness

Dedicated “unplugged” opportunities and activities for students and teachers (FLEX)

Utilizing curricular planning time to discuss and map out screen time balance (ex. Poetry Immersion, Great Green Wall-Sahara/Sahel VR)

School wide focus on executive functioning skills

Partnership with parents to raise awareness, set boundaries, and model balanced screen time

# School Communication

## Infinite Campus/Parent Square

- Infinite Campus - Used for grades and attendance. Please make sure your demographic and contact information is correct.

### [Infinite Campus Directions](#)

- Parent Square - This is our primary communication tool.

# SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE - GRADE 6

<b>Monday (Drop 1)</b>	<b>Tuesday (Drop 2 and 3)</b>	<b>Wednesday (Drop 4)</b>	<b>Thursday (Drop 5)</b>	<b>Friday (Drop 6 and 7)</b>
Homeroom 8:10 - 8:20	Homeroom 8:10 - 8:20	Homeroom 8:10 - 8:20	Homeroom 8:10 - 8:20	Homeroom 8:10 - 8:20
Period 2 8:23 - 9:20	Period 1 8:23-9:20	Period 1 8:23-9:20	Period 1 8:23-9:20	Period 1 8:23-9:20
Period 3 9:23 - 10:20	Period 4 9:23-10:20	Period 2 9:23 - 10:20	Period 2 9:23 - 10:20	<b>FLEX</b> 9:23 - 10:20
<b>Lunch 10:20-10:50</b>	<b>Lunch 10:20-10:50</b>	<b>Lunch 10:20-10:50</b>	<b>Lunch 10:20-10:50</b>	<b>Lunch 10:20-10:50</b>
Period 4 10:53-11:50	<b>FLEX</b> 10:53-11:50	Period 3 10:53-11:50	Period 3 10:53-11:50	Period 2 10:53-11:50
Period 5 11:53-12:50	Period 5 11:53-12:50	Period 5 11:53-12:50	Period 4 11:53-12:50	Period 3 11:53-12:50
Period 6 12:53-1:50	Period 6 12:53-1:50	Period 6 12:53-1:50	Period 6 12:53-1:50	Period 4 12:53-1:50
Period 7 1:53 - 2:50	Period 7 1:53-2:50	Period 7 1:53-2:50	Period 7 1:53-2:50	Period 5 1:53-2:50

# Extracurricular Activities

- ◆ Sports: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Track, and Volleyball
- ◆ Student Leadership, Mural Club
- ◆ Podcast Club, Games Club
- ◆ Yearbook, Newspaper, Literary Magazine
- ◆ RLMS Players, Jazz Band, Back Beat Bulldogs
- ◆ Arts and Crafts Club, Sewing Club
- ◆ Homework/Organization Club



# Parent Involvement at RLMS

- ◆ Volunteers

- Library
- Field Trips
- P.T.A.

- ◆ Team meetings

- ◆ Scheduled parent-teacher conferences



# Keeping in Touch with RLMS

- ◆ P.T.A. Friday Blast - Dawgbytes
- ◆ RLMS Monthly Curriculum Corner
- ◆ School website
- ◆ Infinite campus/Parent Square
- ◆ E-mail: teacher's first initial and last name @ fairfieldschools.org (check with individual teacher)

Example: ([mtiley@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:mtiley@fairfieldschools.org))



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@RLMSBulldogs

RLMS WEBPAGE - [www.rlms.fairfieldschools.org](http://www.rlms.fairfieldschools.org)

# 5th Grade Student Transition

- RLMS Team will be visiting all Elementary 5th grade classrooms
- All schools will tour RLMS by school on June 4th



Consider buying a combination lock and practicing over the summer!



# 6th Grade Students' First Day of School

- ◆ Monday, August 25th, 2025
- ◆ 9:00 – 11:00 am (subject to change. This will be published in the electronic summer mailing)
- ◆ Review schedules and become acclimated to the school



# Auditorium Exit Plan

## Presenter

### Group 1,2

1. Mr. Fry/Mrs. Reilly
2. Mrs. Capodanno/Mr. McAleese

### Group 3,4

3. Mrs. Baker/Mrs. Renna
4. Mrs. Epstein/Ms. Paladino

Cafe - Mr. Purzycki

Additional questions along the way???

### Group 5, 6

5. Ms. Harder/Mrs. Shemesh
6. Mr. Buchta/Mrs. Lichtenstein

### Group 7, 8

7. Mr. Byrne
8. Mr. Nikac

Group 9 - Ms. Kassay

AUDITORIUM LOBBY

Group 10- Mrs Gallati