



BERKSHIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Berkshire Local Schools

NEWSLETTER

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Maximizing each student's potential as an individual and as a responsible citizen.

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Hello 5th Grade Families,

WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL! 😊 We are excited to welcome you and your child to the next chapter in their educational journey. To help ease this transition, we will be holding our **annual 5th Grade Orientation** before the school year begins. This event is designed to answer questions, ease anxieties, and prepare students!

Orientation will take place on Friday, August 21st. Students should be dropped off at 10:30 a.m. for a tour, locker practice, schedule pick up, and other activities. Please return at 11:30 a.m. for a short parent/guardian and student meeting in the auditorium, which will conclude at noon. We encourage all incoming 5th-grade students to attend so they can receive important information and begin feeling comfortable with their transition.

We understand that moving into middle school brings new experiences. Some common questions include:

- Switching classes, managing materials
- Navigating social situations
- Mastering locker combinations
- Organizing classwork
- Adjusting to a new wing of the building

To support your child over the summer, here are a few things you can do to help:

- Practice time management together
- Establish morning and evening routines
- Discuss and set up a system for organizing schoolwork
- Encourage independence and confidence through small responsibilities
- Extra practice with your math facts for fluency
- Practice using a combination lock

In addition to orientation, we invite you to our Middle School Open House on Tuesday, September 8th from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Before the Open House, we will offer a special **5th Grade Q&A session at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.** This will provide another opportunity to ask questions, walk the building, meet Encore teachers and practice locker combinations.

Orientation on the 21st will take the place of the traditional Open House with teachers. However, students and families are still welcome to attend to practice lockers, review schedules, meet Encore teachers, and walk around the school. If you have any questions before orientation, please feel free to contact us at the main office at 440-834-3380 ext. 1101 or 1104.

We look forward to meeting you and starting a fantastic school year together! GO BADGERS!

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