

August 29, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,



Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are pleased that your son/daughter was chosen to be on our team, the Owls. Now that they have had a year to adjust to the middle school environment, students will spend their sixth grade year firming up their skills and knowledge base, and hopefully establishing study and work habits that will serve them well as they continue on their educational journey. You are encouraged to be an active participant in your child's education and this communication is designed to help you do just that.

Stay Informed

Each teacher on our team has a blog in order to communicate information about their classes. When you visit the blog for the first time, you can sign up to receive email updates anytime the blog is updated! This is the best way to stay abreast of what is going on in school for your 6th grader. We know they don't always fill you in on all the details when they get home! You can also find links to the blogs on our Facebook page if that makes it easier for you.

Teams 6-1 & 6-2	Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/CMSOwls
	Ms. Brodeur's Blog	mrsbrodeurcms.blogspot.com/
Team 6-1	Ms. Hill's Blog	hillbills.edublogs.org
	Mrs. Gering's Blog	gering6-1.blogspot.com/
Team 6-2	Mr. Earle's Blog	cmsearle.blogspot.com/
	Mrs. O'Regan's Blog	mrsoregan-cmsreading.blogspot.com/

You can also receive team reminders by text! Send the message **@1718hrinfo** to phone number **81010**.

Ask Questions

We want to work with you and your child to ensure that sixth grade is a great experience. Feel free to contact us at any time should you have a question or concern. We are generally unable to speak on the phone during the school day, but often have a few seconds here and there to read and/or respond to emails. If you need to leave a voice message, dial the school number, (508) 248-1423, and then use the extensions below.

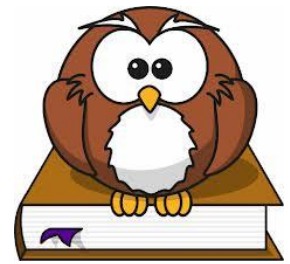
Ms. Hill	ahill@dcrsd.org	x 3103
Mrs. Gering	cgering@dcrsd.org	x 3101
Mr. Earle	rearle@dcrsd.org	x 3104
Mrs. O'Regan	voregan@dcrsd.org	x 3106
Ms. Brodeur	mbrodeur@dcrsd.org	x 3105

Equip your Student

To do their best learning, students need some basic supplies, and should come to class prepared with these items each day. Charlton Middle provides each student with a multi-pocket **red folder** and an **agenda** which is an essential organizational tool, and also a method of communication between home and school. These should be brought to every class, every day along with an **SSR Book**. Other materials needed for classes include:

ELA	Composition notebook, pencil, SSR book
MATH	3 Single subject spiral notebooks, pencil, glue sticks, Math Text, Dry Erase Marker, Folder
SCIENCE	Notebook, pencil, Science Text, SSR book
GEOGRAPHY	1" to 2" binder (to be kept in class), Single Subject Notebook, pencil, SSR book

The classroom pencil sharpeners don't work well and can disrupt class, so hand sharpeners are always appreciated!



Encourage Good Behavior

Each student is expected to follow the school rules, which are clearly stated in the Middle School Handbook. We, as a team, feel that respect for others is of utmost importance. If the rules are not followed, logical consequences will follow based on the nature of the situation, which may include:

Warning	Change of seat
Teacher/Student conference	Parent Contact
Detention	Teacher/Parent/Admin Conference

While it is important to have the above plan in place should behavioral issues arise, we work to prevent such events from happening by fostering a community of learners, by teaching and practicing procedures with students, and by positively reinforcing good behavior daily.

Support Good Homework Habits

Homework will never be “busy work.” Often it is used as part of an activity in the next day’s class and if incomplete, students miss out on learning opportunities. For example, they may not get to share and discuss their answers with a partner, or they might not get to play a game that uses flashcards made as homework. We will design assignments to reinforce concepts taught in school, to allow for practice with the concepts, or to prepare for assessments. By establishing a quiet, clear space in the home as well as a chunk of time dedicated to the jobs listed in the agenda, you will be helping build responsibility and good tomorrows for your 6th grader. We thank you for your support with this!

Should a student miss an assignment due to absence, they should make up the work as soon as they are able to. Classes are always moving forward and new assignments may pile up on top of old ones which can become overwhelming for 6th graders! The maximum amount of time allowed for assignments missed due to absence is outlined in the middle school handbook.

Give Blanket Permission

Throughout the school year we will show content related videos, which may be rated PG. Such videos might include Holes, the Sandlot, etc. Please sign the attached form giving blanket permission for your child to watch these movies. You may contact us if you have concerns.

Use Online Resources

These websites/online books may be useful during the school year:

ELA	http://www.quizlet.com	Search for key word <i>hillbills</i>
MATH	http://my.hrw.com	Students will be given unique usernames and passwords the first week of school.
SCIENCE	http://pearsonrealize.com	Username: DCRSD-(ID#) Password: welcome1
GEOGRAPHY	https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do	Students will be given unique usernames and passwords the first week of school.

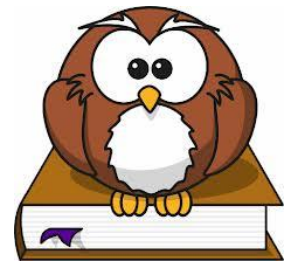
Volunteer!

If you would like to volunteer your time during the school year, please make sure your CORI form has been updated recently. If you are not sure, please check with the office to verify they have an up-to-date copy filed. ***The CORI process takes time so please plan ahead and submit the form early.***

We are look forward to working with you and your child as they navigate through their sixth grade year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Hill, Mrs. Gering, Mr. Earle, Mrs. O’Regan, & Ms. Brodeur



PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO SCHOOL

Parent Name: _____

Parent email Address (please print neatly): _____

Student Name: _____

We have read and discussed the team guidelines and understand the 6th grade expectations outlined therein.

(Parent Signature)

(Student Signature)

I give my son/daughter permission to watch movies that are rated PG throughout the school year.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Don't forget to bring your license when you come in to school to fill out that CORI form!