

May 14, 2012

Dear Parents,

I am very excited about having the 5<sup>th</sup> grade remain at MED next year. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with lots of new changes.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team will be comprised of Mr. Jeffrey Kole, Ms. Laura Grill, Ms. Sara Murray, Mr. Joshua Noble and Ms. Nikki Wrigley. We are going to take a team-teaching approach in 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year. This means that two teachers will be paired together to teach all subjects to both classes. One teacher will be responsible for teaching all language arts and social studies, while the other teacher in the pairing will be responsible for instructing math and science.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will be in the same hallway as the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. As 5<sup>th</sup> graders, the students will be given more independence and will be provided with more leadership opportunities. We are excited about some new initiatives that are in the works!

As you may already know, we will NOT be having our 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation night at the Middle School on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, nor will we be having our Moving Up day ceremony on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be having an end of the year picnic to celebrate the achievements of the year.

Thanks you for your support during this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Kristen Reno  
MED Elementary Principal