

April 11, 2017

Dear Fifth-grader and Family,

Please join us on Monday, May 8, 2017, from 6-7 p.m. for our Middle School Open House dedicated to incoming sixth grade students. Here you will learn about the middle school structure and the many opportunities your child will have once they start middle school. Families will have the opportunity to tour the school and visit with sixth grade classroom teachers, the counselor and administration.

In addition, each August we offer classes for new sixth grade students and first-time middle school parents to prepare them for middle school. Enclosed you will find information regarding both classes as well as a registration form for the student session.

Gear-Up for Middle School

Gear-Up is a class that introduces new students to the various aspects of middle school. This class helps students transition and become familiar with their new school. Students will get a chance to meet fellow classmates, tour the building, learn schedules, policies, how to open lockers and ask questions related to the upcoming school year. It is highly recommended that all students attend so the transition from grade school to middle school will be a positive one.

Due to several large construction projects happening at Bullen and Lance this summer, both schools will temporarily relocate their classrooms, main offices and summer school for the summer of 2017. Fortunately, we are still able to provide Gear-Up for your child, but it will be at an alternate location and with a modified schedule. Below are specifics about Gear-Up for this year:

- **Bullen Gear-Up will be held at Bradford High School**
- **Lance Gear-Up will be held at Whittier Elementary**
- **Gear-Up will be approximately 90 minutes in length**

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it during open house. You will receive confirmation as to which Gear-Up session your child will be attending.

Gearing-Up for Middle School for First-time Parents

Parents will get a chance to meet other parents, learn how to read their child's schedule, house information, policies, pick-up/drop-off routines, calling your child in ill, lunchroom operations, review our online resources (i.e. Infinite Campus, mylunchbox.com, etc.) and ask questions related to the upcoming school year.

It is highly recommended that all "first-time middle school parents" attend this workshop so the transition from elementary school to middle school will be a positive one. **Registration forms will be available at open house.**

We look forward to meeting you on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 6 p.m.

Sincerely,

Andy Baumgart, Bullen Middle School Principal
Chad Dahlk, Lance Middle School Principal