

Fox River Grove Middle School

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Mr. Eric Runck, Principal



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Principal's News

Dear Parents:

I hope that both you and your child had a wonderful first week of the new school year! By now, hopefully our new school year parent anxieties have turned into the comfort of seeing our children successfully meeting school's day to day challenges.

As we start this new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to restate our school's most fundamental mission - "This is a place where the learning, genuine care and safety of our children is our highest mission."

At Fox River Grove Middle School, we strive to meet the needs of all students by promoting opportunities for their social, emotional, academic, and physical growth. Within this light, as middle school educators assisting students towards success, we affirm that we are first teachers of children,

and secondly teachers of subject matter. We will treat our students as we wish others to treat our own children. We will lead by example. We will have high expectations for all children. We will speak with kindness and sensitivity. We will model respectful, ethical and caring behaviors. We will remain current with educational research. We will meet both the academic and affective needs of our students.

In short, we will work in partnership with you to ensure that our children develop into well-rounded men and women.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Runck

Pep Club - Every Friday!



Pep Club will once again be meeting on Friday mornings in Mr. King's room at 7:00 AM. Pep Club is a great way to get your child involved in school activities and to show their school spirit. All students are welcome. All they need is a good attitude and the willingness to create posters and flyers. These posters and flyers will be used to decorate our hallways and lockers.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pep Club
- ◆ MS Dance
- ◆ Explore Test
- ◆ MS Pictures

Middle School 6th - 8th Grade Dance Information



FIRST MONTHLY DANCE - Friday, September 17th

Once again this year, the 8th grade class will be hosting monthly dances as a way to raise funds for their end of the year activities. We thought it might be helpful to share in advance some important information and the guidelines we will be following to clear up any questions and concerns.

- Dances are held from **2:45pm to 4:15pm** in the multi-purpose room. All students are expected to stay for the entire time. Exceptions can only be made with prior arrangements by contacting Jackie O'Mara by e-mail, phone, or through the Middle School office. Cell phones should not be used during the dance, so they won't be able to contact you by phone until the dance is over.

- The cost of the dance is \$3.00 and refreshments, including drinks and snacks, are available for \$1.00. Singles or small bills are appreciated.
- When the dance is over students are released to their lockers to collect their backpacks, coats, and other belongings. Parents are not allowed to enter the building. If you are picking up your child, please make arrangements to meet your child near one of the exit doors so they are also clear on where to meet you.

We look forward to seeing all your children on Friday afternoons! If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact Jackie O'Mara at omaraj@dist3.org or 847-462-2310.

District 155: H.S. "Explore Test" Information

Exam offered October 2nd and 16th to all incoming freshmen for the 2011-2012 school year

Placing the nearly 2,000 students who enter District 155 each fall from middle schools throughout the area is accomplished after a thorough and thoughtful process. The district uses a combination of recommendations from each student's eighth grade teachers and results from the EXPLORE test. The process begins in October, some ten months before the students will even set foot in Cary Grove High School.

The EXPLORE test is the first formal step of the process, and is administered to all incoming freshman to measure their academic strengths, deficiencies,

and ultimately place them in the appropriate high school courses. Because EXPLORE covers Reading, English, Math, and Science Reasoning—the same areas as ACT—the test is also important for tracking a student's progress over his or her academic career. Information about the test itself is available as a PDF at: www.act.org/explore/pdf/WhyTakeEXPLORE.pdf.



7th & 8th Grade News

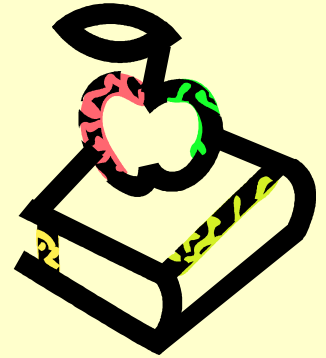
Parents,

This year, we will once again be offering the after school homework club. Any student who fails to turn in his or her homework will be issued a missing homework ticket which is to be taken home for parents to sign. As a parent you will have the chance to agree with this opportunity for your child to stay after school the following

day and make up the missing work, if they have not done so already. The homework club runs Monday through Thursday until 3:30. Bus riders can take the late bus home. The club will be supervised by 7th and 8th grade teachers who will be available to answer any questions your child may have. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any 7th or 8th grade teacher.

Don't forget to check the section of the school's website for daily homework, spelling lists and upcoming projects and tests.

We're on the Web!
www.dist3.org



*Homework Club
Starts Soon!*

New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our building:

- Mrs. Jennie Bebbler transferred from ARS to join our M.S. 5th Grade team. Mrs. Bebbler will be teaching Reading, Language Arts, and Math.
- Mr. Kevin Watson, a former student teacher under the direction of Mr. John Danley, joins our staff this year as a 7th and 8th Grade Teachers' Aide.
- Mrs. Linda Cassidy joins our staff as our new 5th and 6th Grade Teachers' Aide.

We extend them a warm welcome and know that they will be a great addition to our staff!

SMILE!
Middle School
School Pictures are
Thursday, September 30th



September

- 6 Labor Day – No School
- 7 X/C vs. BS, BP
- GBB vs. GL
 - BSOC vs. WAU
- 8 X/C @ HS w/ LZS
- 9 GBB vs. BMP
- BSOC @ BMP
- 11 CGHS Homecoming
- FRG Fox Fest
- 13 X/C @ GL w/ LZN
- BSOC VS. BMS
- 14 GBB @ HS
- BSOC vs. LZN
- 15 XC @ Hawthorn Invitational
- BSOC @. LZS
- 16 GBB @ LZS
- 17 M.S. 6th – 8th Grade Dance **(2:45-4:15)**
- 21 Early Release (M.S. 1:50)
- X/C vs. Mt & NN
 - GBB vs. HN
 - BSOC vs. HN
- 23 GBB @ LZN
- BSOC @ MT
- 27 School Board Meeting
- GBB vs. BMS
 - BSOC @ LZN
- 28 X/C VS WAU
- BSOC @ GL
- 29 1st Qtr. Mid-terms Go Home
- Band Day Rehearsal (6 – 8:00 p.m.)
- 30 Middle School Pictures
- GBB @ WAU
 - BS vs. LZS