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Dear 5th Grade Students and Families:

We would like to welcome you to Northeast Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. NEMS has much to offer, and we are thankful you chose us as your pathway school. We are hosting a **5th Grade Transition Night on Wednesday May 23rd from 5:30-7pm** to personally welcome you to our school. This is a great opportunity to meet students and staff and relieve some of the worries students have in their transition to middle school so we hope you can come.

As the 6th grade counselor, one of my roles is to help students in their transition to middle school to make sure they have a successful year as 6th graders. I've included some information in this packet about next year to help get students started.

- **5th Grade Transition Night Invitation.** Providing opportunities for students and families to visit our school before the first day can be very helpful. If you are not able to attend our transition night, there are other opportunities to get to know our school such as coming to summer school or attending our Open House in August the Thursday evening before school starts. A transition presentation will be at 6:15pm for parents that night.
- **Course Catalog.** Students at Northeast Middle School will start their day in Advisory followed by a 6 period day. All 6th graders take Math, Science, Language Arts, and MN Studies. There are a number of both year-long and semester elective course also offered. Our course catalog provides a detailed description of these offerings and we ask parents/guardian's to **return this form to indicate their preferences by June 8th**.
- **Supply List.** This list gives students an idea of the supplies they will need for next year. All students use a binder system which is a 3-4" binder with notebooks and folders or dividers for each class. Students use this system to help them stay organized and keep track of multiple classes.
- **AVID Application.** One of the year-long elective options for students is AVID. AVID is offered to students who would like to prepare for four-year universities. The curriculum features writing, inquire, collaboration, reading, note-taking and study skills, college/career activities, and community service. Students must apply to be in the AVID program.
- **Transition Survey.** The green worksheet is something we hope students can fill out at their elementary school or they can bring it to our 5th grade transition night. This worksheet gives us a chance to learn more about our incoming students and their fears and excitements.
- **Mississippi Adventure Day.** Through our partnership with Project Success, we are inviting all 6th graders on an exciting field trip at the beginning of the school year so please sign the permission slip as soon as possible for your child to attend.

If you can't make it to our family night and would like more information, please contact me at 612-668-1503 or erica.gatesrouta@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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