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Dear 5th Grade Students and Families:

We would like to welcome you to Northeast Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. NEMS has much to offer, and we are thankful you chose us as your pathway school. While school buildings are closed, we will be sharing information virtually and will be reaching out to you in many different ways to personally welcome you to our school! Check out our website at <https://northeast.mpls.k12.mn.us/> for further information and updates.

As the 6th grade school 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 letter about next year to help get students started. I will also be reaching out to 5th grade teachers again to virtually visit with our feeder school classrooms starting next week.

- **5th Grade Transition Q & A Sessions (On Google Meets).** Providing opportunities for students and families to see our school and meet with staff can be very helpful. On our website is a video presentation for parents about Northeast and [tips](#) for supporting student's transition to Middle School. We will also be hosting live Google Meets Question and Answer sessions (see our website for dates/times) for families to say hello and ask questions. We hope there will be future opportunities next fall to get to know our school and attend our Open House in August the Thursday evening before school starts.
- **Course Catalog.** Students at Northeast Middle School will start their day in Advisory followed by a 7 period day. All 6th graders take Math, Science, Language & Literature, MN Studies, and Physical Education/Health. Most students will also have the opportunity to take two year-long elective courses. Our [course catalog](#) provides a detailed description of these offerings and we ask parents/guardian's to help their children **fill out a Transition Survey (click here) to indicate their preferences by May 17th.**
- **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, inquiry, collaboration, reading, note-taking and study skills, college/career activities, and community service. Students must apply to be in the AVID program by completing an online application and interview. [Click here for the application.](#)

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at 612-668-1503 or erica.gatesrouta@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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