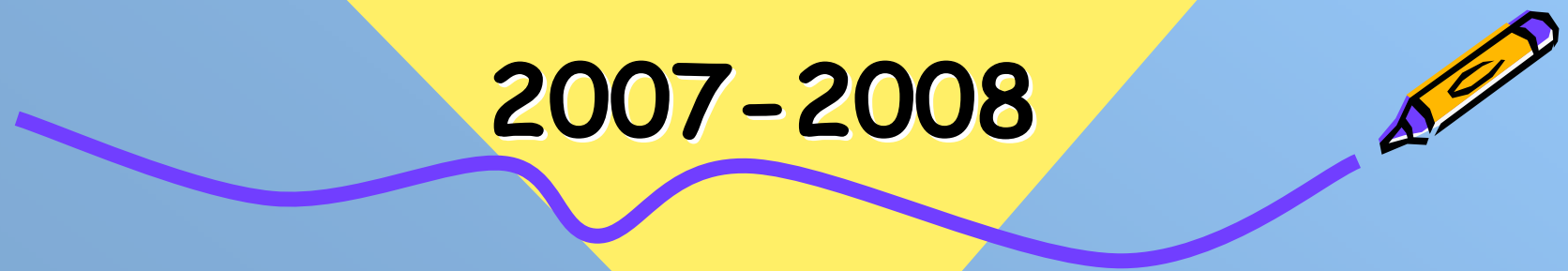


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Jericho Middle School

Sixth Grade Orientation
2007-2008

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Everything a Parent Needs to Know About Middle School



Agenda:

- ❖ Jericho Middle School Introduction – Donald F. Gately
- ❖ Middle School Counseling – Lois Smith, Kerri Schmitt, Joan York and Meredith Pollack-Richman
- ❖ Middle School PTSA – Ilene Joachim and Rhonda Starr
- ❖ Middle School Assistant Principals – Patricia Bany and Benny D'Aquila
- ❖ Teamwork Makes the Difference – Patricia Bany
- ❖ Student Scheduling and Course Registration – Benny D'Aquila
- ❖ World Languages – Elaine Margarita
- ❖ Learning Center – Dorothy Vann
- ❖ Middle School Intramurals and WISE START – Mark Burkowsky
- ❖ Middle School Essentials – Donald F. Gately
- ❖ Questions and Answers



Middle School



I'm looking forward to going to Middle School.

I'm excited and a little nervous.

Somehow all the kids seem to like it, but they love telling horror stories about what goes on there.

My parents are the ones who are really nervous.

If they ask me once more if I'm scared, I think they'll convince me that I am.



- Author Unknown

Counseling Services



❖ Transition to Middle School

- ❖ Articulation meetings with faculty at elementary schools in February.
- ❖ Counselor visitation with elementary students in April.
- ❖ 5th grade visitation to the middle school in May.
- ❖ High School Project AIM, the first week of school.



Counseling Services

- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Group Counseling



The role of the Counselor is to advise/coordinate/guide...



- ✓ Social/Personal Development
- ✓ Educational Growth
- ✓ Career Exploration

A Counselor is a:

- ✓ Student Advocate
- ✓ Parent Advocate
- ✓ Staff Advocate



"Everything I Need to Know
I Learned in Middle School"



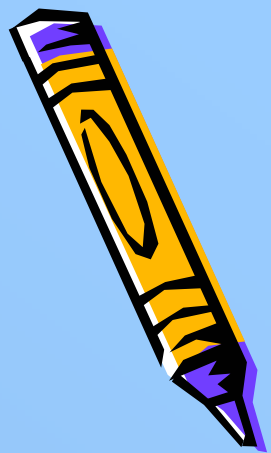
PRESENTED BY:
6TH GRADE PANELISTS



What were you worried
about most when you
moved from the
elementary school to
the middle school?



What aspect of
Middle School do you
enjoy the most?



Clubs Offered Could Include:



Chess Club
Cartoon & Animation
Games Club
Craft Club
Jazz Band
Wing Chun Kung Fu
Diversity Club
Science Club
Community Service
Homework Club
First Lego Robotics

Computer Repair
Drama Club
Decorating Club
Create-a-Game
Young Inventors
Mathletes
Newspaper
Student Council
Spanish Club
Italian Cooking
Set & Scenery Design

Italian Club
French Club
Stock Market
Yearbook
Web Team
Advertising
Desk Top Magic
Scrabble
SADD
Calligraphy Club
Study Skills



Jericho Middle School PTSA



Jericho Middle School Assistant Principals



For any questions or concerns you may have,
contact our Assistant Principals.

Mr. Benny D'Aquila
(For last names A-K)

Mrs. Patricia Bany
(For last names L-Z)



Teamwork Makes the Difference



- ❖ Team Design

- ❖ 2 teachers

- ❖ Social Studies/ELA and Math/Science

- ❖ Team Focus

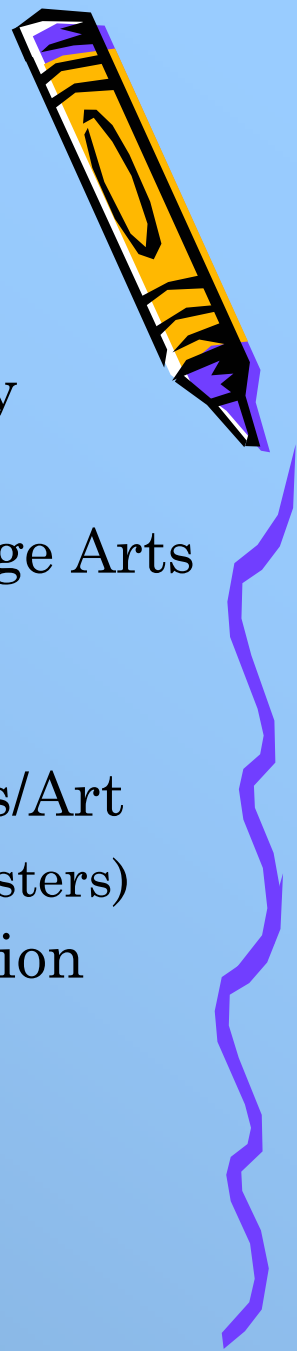
- ❖ Teaming advantages in middle school



Scheduling



Creating a Student Schedule



DAY 1

1. Interdisciplinary
2. Music
3. English Language Arts
4. Social Studies
5. Lunch
6. World Language
7. Physical Education
8. Mathematics
9. Science

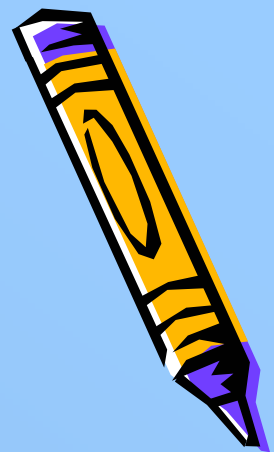


DAY 2

1. Interdisciplinary
- 2.
3. English Language Arts
4. Social Studies
5. Lunch
6. Home & Careers/Art
(Alternating Semesters)
7. Physical Education
8. Mathematics
9. Science



Course
registration
forms have been
sent to you.



Please complete the
registration form with
your child and return it to
Mr. D'Aquila's office by
February 9, 2007



World Languages

Presented by: Dr. Elaine Margarita

* French

* Spanish

* Italian

The focus is on Communication, Culture, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities (reflecting the New York State and National Standards for World Languages). The students will also be prepared for the New York State Proficiency Exam at the end of the eighth grade.

Topics include:

Personal Identification

Family Life

Physical Environment

Health & Welfare

Earning a Living

Public & Private Services

House & Home

Community & Neighborhood

Meal-taking

Education

Leisure

Shopping

Current Events & Culture

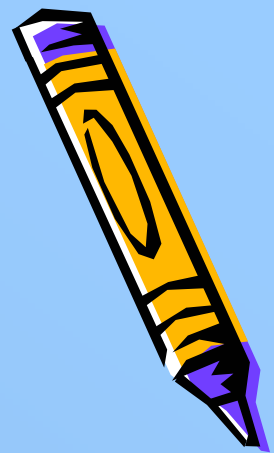
Travel



The Middle School Learning Center

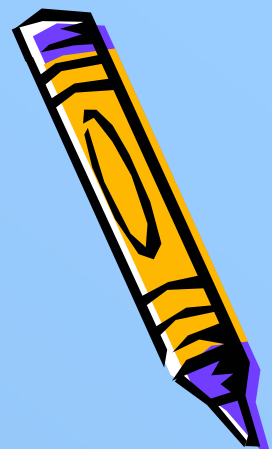
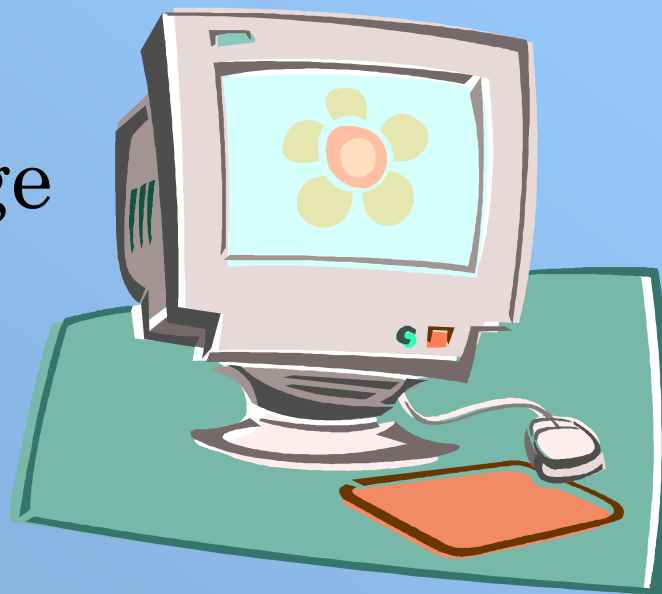
Academic Support

- Content Specific Class
 - ELA
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - Language
 - Mathematics



The Middle School Learning Center

- English Language Learners
- Reading Services
- Speech and Language
- Technology
- Counseling
- OT/PT





The Middle School Learning Center



- Organizational Skills
- Study Skills
- Writing Skills
- Test Taking Strategies
- Homework Strategies

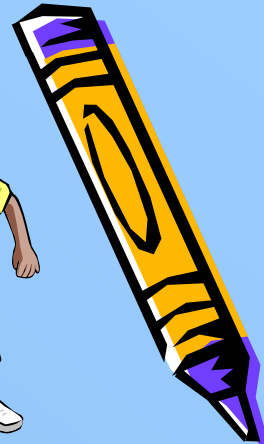




Intramurals

Grades 6→8 Co-ed

Monday through Friday
Generally 2:10 pm - 2:50 pm
(Depending on the activity)



Fall Offerings

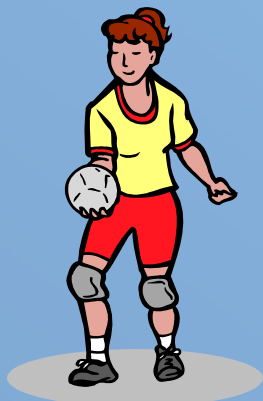
Basketball
Bowling
Flag Football
Golf
Soccer
Tennis
Strength & Conditioning
Swimming
Volleyball

Winter Offerings

Basketball
Bowling
Ice Skating
Indoor Football
Intro. To Gymnastics
Strength & Conditioning
Ping Pong
Swimming

Spring Offerings

Basketball
Bowling
Diamond Sports
Football
Golf
Ping Pong
Soccer
Strength & Conditioning
Swimming
Tennis



6th Grade WISE START Health Program



Content areas include:

AIDS - HIV

Refusal Skills

Risk Factors

Decisions & Actions

Self Concept

Stress

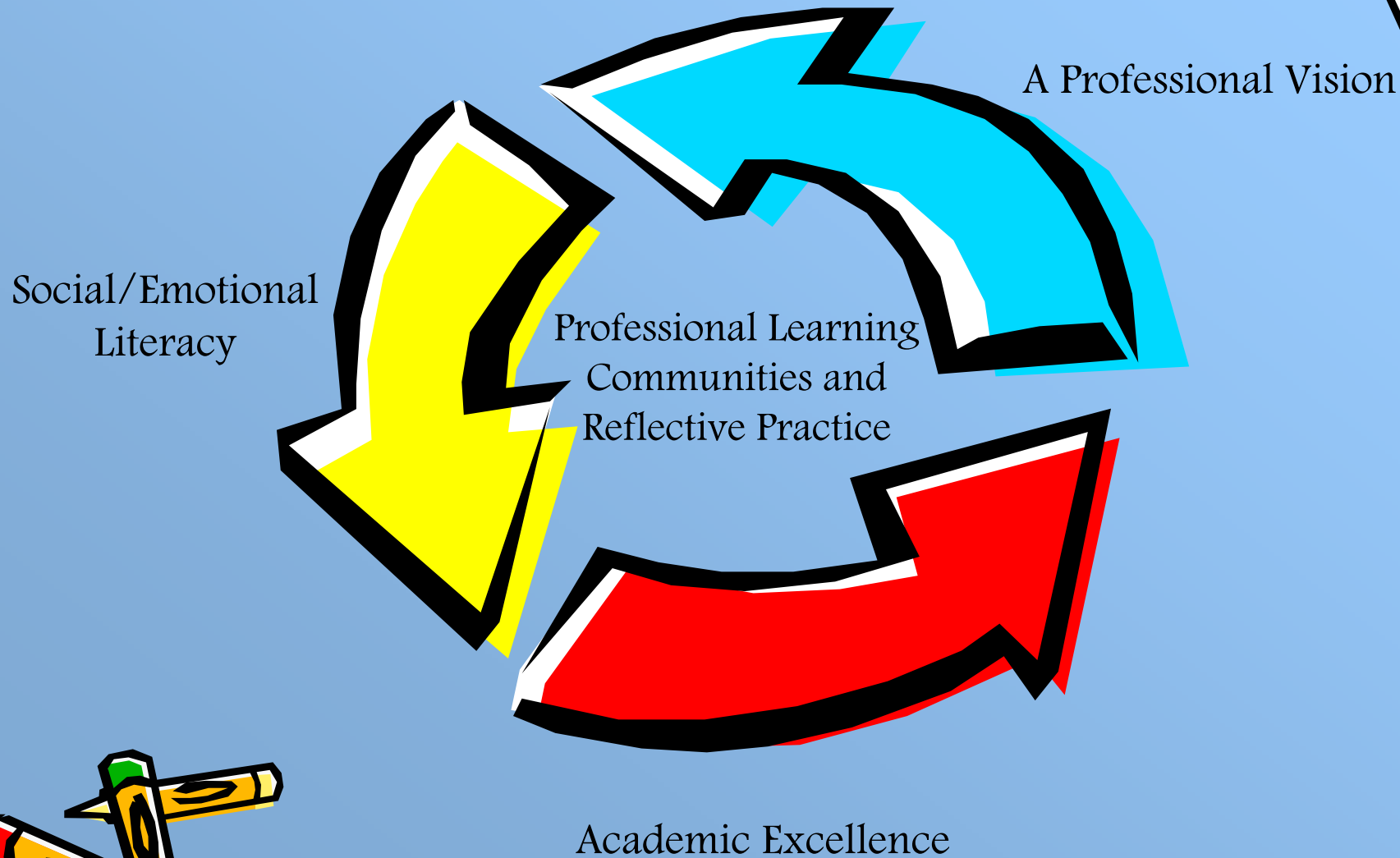
Responsibility

Peer Pressure

Wellness

Health Enhancing Behavior

Charting a Course of Excellence





Characteristics of Young Adolescents

- rebellious
- loyal to friends
- need frequent affirmation from adults
- moody, restless, self-conscious
- confused
- seek acceptance from peers (identity)
- egocentric
- highly curious
- seek relevance
- sensitive to criticism
- strong sense of fairness
- mature at varying rates of speed

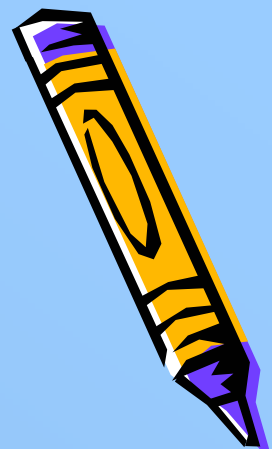


Middle-Level Policy Statements

- This We Believe (1982, 1995)
 - National Middle School Association
- Turning Points (1989, 1998)
 - Carnegie Corporation for Adolescent Development
- Essential Elements of a Standards Focused Middle School (1999, 2004)
 - New York State Education Department



Developmentally Appropriate Transition



- Grade 6:
 - Interdisciplinary Teams
 - 2 teachers
 - Instructional Teams
 - Move as a class
- Grade 7
 - Instructional Teams
 - Re-group for all subjects
 - Individual programs
- Grade 8
 - Instructional Teams
 - Greater specialization
 - High school credit



Social and Emotional Literacy is ...



- Knowledge of Self
- Caring for Others
- Responsible Decision Making
- Social Effectiveness



Knowledge of Self



- Identifying and labeling ones feelings
- Personal responsibility to engage in ethical, safe and legal behavior
- Recognizing strengths and positive qualities



Caring for Others



- Perspective-taking
- Appreciating diversity
- Respect for others



Responsible Decision Making



- Managing emotions
- Problem Solving
- Goal setting and organizational skills
- Analyzing situations



Social Effectiveness



- Communication
- Building relationships
- Negotiation
- Refusal
- Help seeking



SEL Programs



- BRAVE
- Quality Circles
- Voices of Love and Freedom
- Project Wisdom K-12
- Facing History and Ourselves
- Life Lessons through Literature

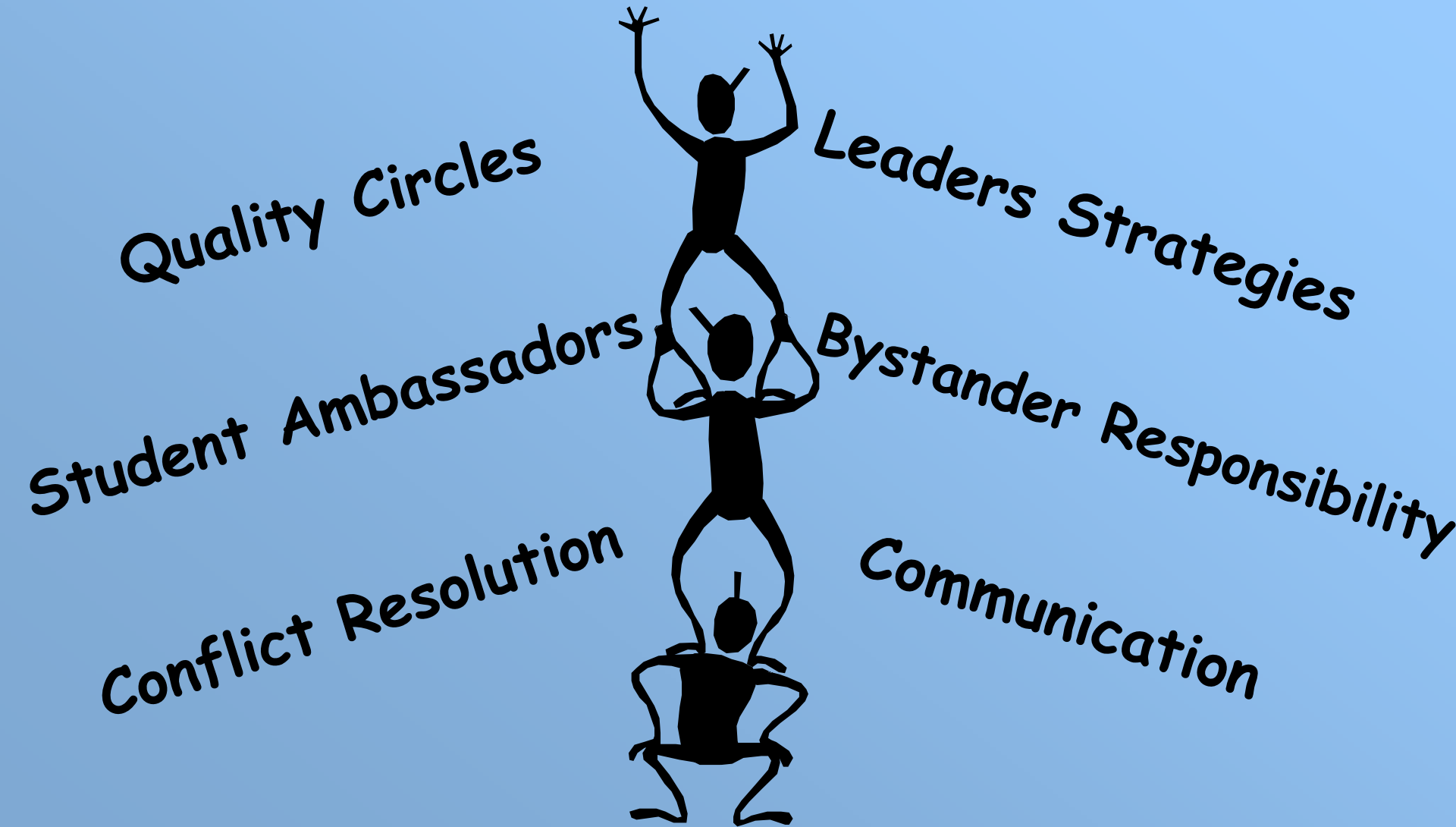


SEL Programs

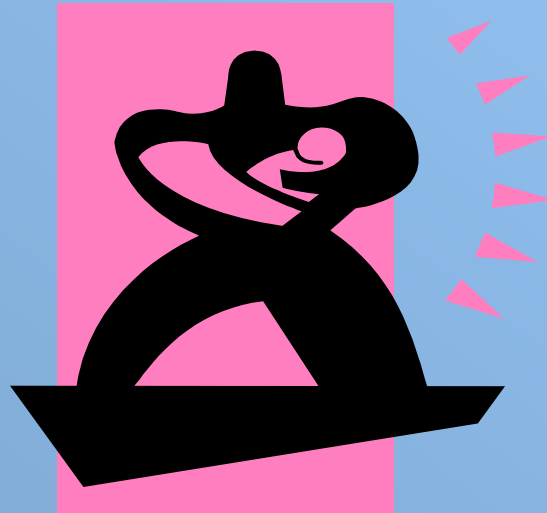
- Community Service
- Mentoring
- Interdisciplinary Teaming
- Monthly Themes
- Partnership with CSEE & CASEL
- Social and Emotional Learning Resources



B.R.A.V.E.



Believing in the Rights and
Value of Every student is
the foundation of the
BRAVE Program



L

leave no one out

E

empower yourself

A

amuse with humor

D

divert and distract the bully

E

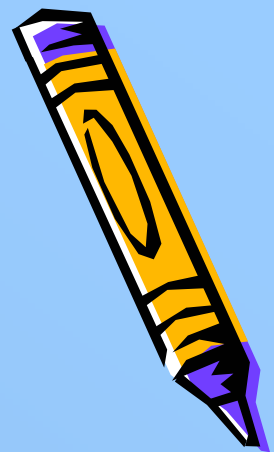
enlist help

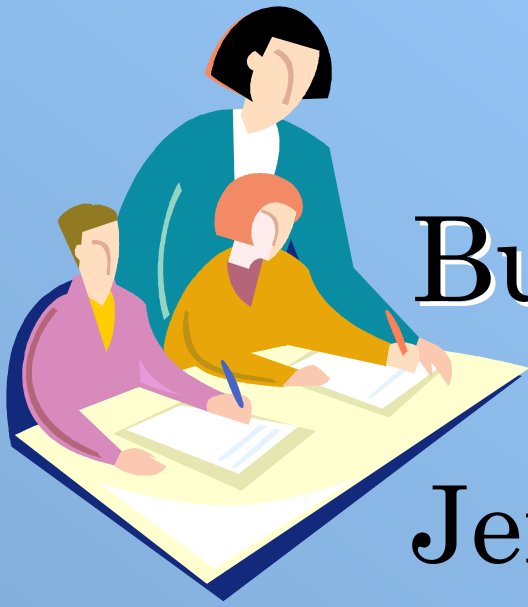
R

rumors stop with you

S

support the victim





Building Partnerships...



Jericho Middle School
invites you to:

*Actively participate in
your child's education*



Developing Relationships:



- Administrators
- Teachers
- STA
- School Nurse
- Counselors
- Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- Support Staff
- PTSA
- SEPTA

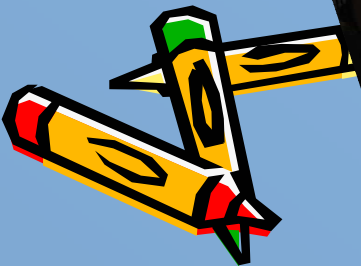




Communication is
the name of the
Game!



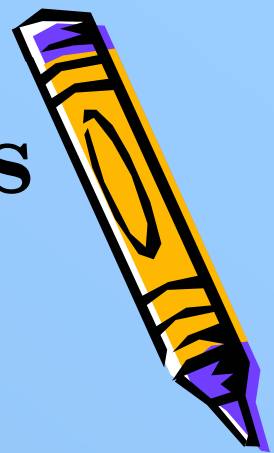
A Developmentally Responsive Middle School



Frequently Asked Questions



*Is it hard to get to
class on time?*

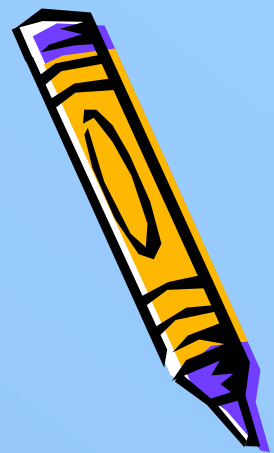


FAQ's

*Is there a lot of
homework?*



FAQ's



*How much time
should my child
spend on
homework each
night?*



FAQ's



*How can I make
sure my child
gets Mrs. (fill in
the blank)?*



What's on your child's mind?

- How will I find my way around?
- How long are the periods?
- How much time is there between classes?
- How do the late buses work?



More Frequently Asked Questions

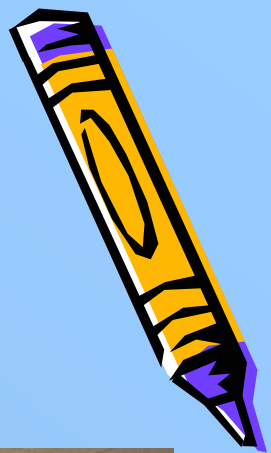


- What is lunch like?



FAQ's

- How many teachers will I have next year?
- What if I forget my locker combination?
- How does extra help work?
- What if I'm late for a class?



FAQ's

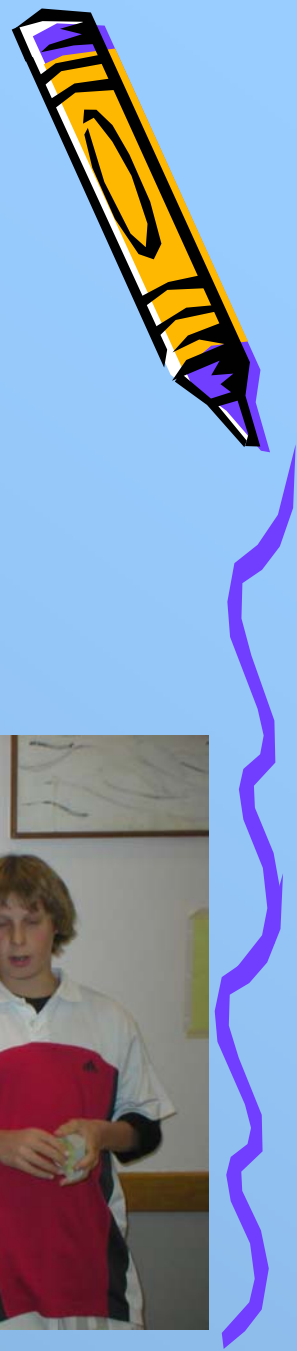


- How many tests will I take?
- How many kids in each class?
- What if I forget my lunch money?
- Where do we go when we get to school?
- When do we get to use the library?



FAQ's

- Do I keep my backpack in my classroom or in my locker?
- What should you do if an older kid bullies you?



FAQ's



- Are we allowed to wear hats?
- When will we find out our homeroom?
- Do we switch classes for every subject?
- Do we have recess?



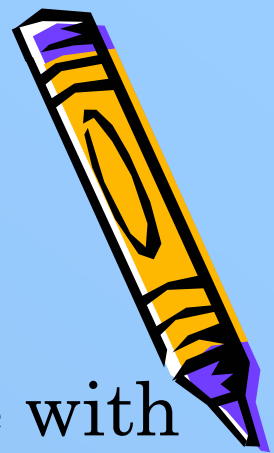
Do Your Personal Best!



- **Middle School Goals**
 - Academic
 - Social/Emotional Development
- **High Expectations**
 - Academics
 - Behavior
 - Character



Parents



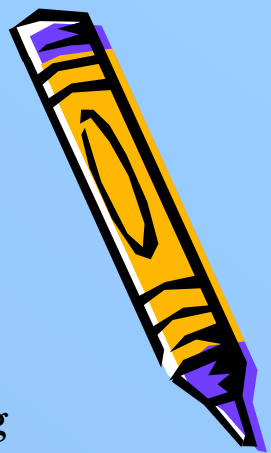
- Communicate with school
- Stay involved
- Join PTSA
- Open door policy
- Support your child



Jericho School District Website

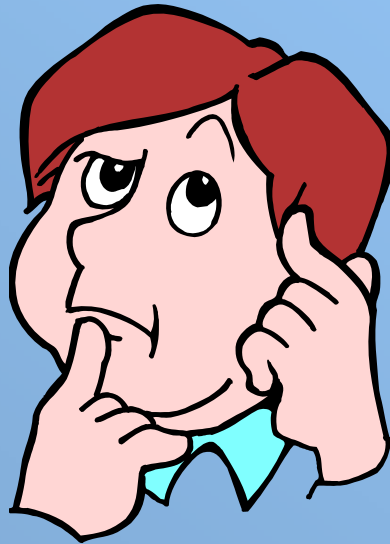
Please visit our school district website. It contains some of the following information:

- Middle School Chain of Communication
- Club Calendars
- Parent Newsletters
- PTSA Meeting Minutes
- Lunch Menus
- Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- E-mail: A vehicle for communication
- Updates on School Closings



www.jerichoschools.org

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Reflection and Feedback



Thank you!