

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back-to-School

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## The Essential Question for Eighth Grade:

*What is a Good Citizen of the Community?*

Community Service Letter tear-off due 9/14

Community Service Contract due 9/27

Volunteer Opportunities posted on our GoogleClassroom (55ov1y)

Presentation on 4/3

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL / 310.393.9227

## Welcome!

Eighth grade is a very exciting and sometimes challenging year for you and your student. Working with families to ensure the success of our students is a focal point at Lincoln Middle School.

To help parents support their child in classroom assignments and projects, we have developed this newsletter to provide you with

helpful contact and policy information. We are confident that our collaboration throughout the year will create a positive environment for each student to experience academic and personal achievements.

We look forward to a year in which that will happen.

## Office Hours/Guided Study Policy

Office Hours are typically held Monday – Friday after school from 3:05 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Lincoln's traditional Guided Study program is modified for the 8th grade, as we help students transition to high school. Students may finish an incomplete assignment, with guidance, during published "Office Hours," or by appointment. Office Hours are an opportunity to access additional help or resources to support learning. This change will require students to be responsible advocates for themselves.

## Wish List

- Legal size envelopes
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Colored copier paper
- Antibacterial wipes
- Postage stamps
- Post-it notes (all sizes)
- Hand soap
- Hand-sanitizer
- Dry erase markers (black/blue)
- Scientific Calculators
- Clear tape
- Black/blue ball point pens
- Makerspace donations (email Ms. GGMc)

### Jade Core Office Hours

Mon. – By arrangement

Tue. – Mrs. Valenzuela

Wed. – Ms. Wilson (508)

Thurs. – Ms. Chang (502) Mr. Moe (505)

Fri. – Mrs. O'Brien (506)

### Onyx Core Office Hours

Mon. – Ms. Wrabel (501)

Tue. – Ms. Diamond (255)

Wed. – Mr. Rowe (503)

Thurs. – Ms. Chang (502) Mr. Moe (505)

Fri. – Ms. McLaughlin (116)

### Please Volunteer!

During the course of the school year, teachers want to coordinate events that show appreciation of our students and celebrate important events such as the end of grading periods, nutritious snacks during state testing, and participation in the Million Word Club and Community Service. We will also have opportunities for parents & community members. Please stay tuned and contact a teacher Core Liaison to express your willingness to volunteer. We can definitely use your help!

**Onyx Core Liaison: Ms. Renee Diamond** ([rdiamond@smmusd.org](mailto:rdiamond@smmusd.org))

**Jade Core Liaison: Mrs. Amanda Valenzuela** ([avalenzuela@smmusd.org](mailto:avalenzuela@smmusd.org))

*Thank you in advance for your support!*

## **Core Conferences**

With over 190 students in each Core, it is impossible to meet privately with every family. Please contact the teacher *directly* if you have any concerns.

If you feel a Core conference is necessary, contact Mrs. Stauffer (**Ext. 73-566**).

Core conferences are typically held during **lunch (12:40 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.) Mondays or Thursdays.**



## **Tardy Policy**



**Tardies 1 through 4** – Students and families are provided a warning via Illuminate's automated caller.

**Tardy 5** - (and subsequent tardies) Families will be notified via the automated caller and students will be assigned a school referral (30 min. School Detention).

# **Teacher Information**

To reach a faculty member, dial 310.393.9227 and the extension (73 - ###). Also, you may access the teacher's webpage by clicking on her/his name from the LMS homepage.

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<b>Marco Gerace</b> Physical Education	Ext. 73-574	mgerace@smmusd.org
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