WHAT’S THE SCOOP?!

STUDENT LIFE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL – How 5th grade will be different.
**MS Homeroom Teachers**

- Are only with students only during Morning Meeting & PM Homeroom
- Not necessarily the point person for academic or behavioral questions.
- Still important to see them at conferences.
The Big Picture

- MS students travel to their teachers unescorted.
- Could be a different teacher every period throughout the day.
- Most classes will be on 2nd & 3rd floor, except for specialists (Gym, Art, Music, etc.)
- Important - Big Picture Q's & Concerns
  - Academics – Mrs. Miller (English speaking classes) or Wu Zhuren (Chinese speaking classes)
  - Student Life & Behavior – Mr. P
  - All of the Above – Dr. Lien
- Review the STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK posted on the school website.
**Uniforms**

- **Red** – Students in grades 5-8 may wear red tops in addition to the light blue, white or black tops.
  - Black pants/shorts/skirts or “red plaid” Lands’ End skirt.
Lockers

- 5th grade used the 2-tier lockers on 2nd floor.
- No locks
- Coat hooks & boot trays are along the walls.
- Dimensions - 30” T x 15” W x 15” D, Door is 15” W
- We recommend getting shelves for organization.
  - Purchase (Target, Wal-Mart, etc.) or custom build.
  - Must be removed in June.
Organization & Responsibility

- 5th Graders have a lot more freedom and responsibility than 4th graders.
- When traveling from class to class unescorted so organization and timeliness are very important.
  - Stay on top of your lockers.
  - Use your planners everyday.
  - **NAME ON EVERYTHING**
- Electronics
  - MS Students may use electronics before and after school
  - Students bring at their own risk.
Dragon Life Organization

Structure
• Students are selected to be “prefects”
• Students have real jobs and responsibilities.
• Mirrors the administration of the school.

Promotes
• Positive School Community
• Empowerment
• Community Service
• Ownership
• Self Discovery
• Self Confidence

Gain Life Skills
• Character Building
• Responsibility
• Organization
• Leadership
• Teamwork
• Communication
DLO Clubs

- Students can create and manage clubs for their classmates. (with teacher guidance)
- Teachers lead fun Chinese clubs to promote Chinese language environment.
- Starts in 7th Grade

Card Games Club! (Mr. Byykonen)
1. Uno!
2. Euchre!
3. Hearts!
4. Card Tricks!
5. Etc.
Some Current Clubs

- Volleyball Club
- Social Justice Film Club
- Chinese Movie Club
- Art of All Kinds Club
- Chinese Music Club
- Magic the Gathering Club
- Crochet Club
- Chinese History Club
- Movie Making Club
- Basketball Club
Middle School Retreats

- Big trips focused on:
  - Building Community
  - Growing Positive Relationships
  - Creating Memories
  - Experiencing local culture outside of the classroom

- 5th–6th Local Retreat
  - 8:30am–8:30pm
  - Science Museum
  - Cave Tour
  - Gangster Tour
  - Community Dinner
  - Hockey Game

- 7th–8th Overnight Retreat
  - 2 days and 1 night
  - Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center