Dear 6th Grade STEM Academy Student,

Welcome to sixth grade! We are sure that this first year of middle school will be a successful and rewarding one for you. We enjoyed meeting you at the Sixth Grade Orientation, and we look forward to a great year. Ms. Carter, Ms. Donahue and Mrs. Higgins have planned many exciting activities for your sixth grade year. We know you’ll enjoy them!

The students who are prepared and organized are more likely to do well in middle school. In order to start off on the right foot, please come prepared with the supplies that are necessary for success. Locker organization day is August 19, 2015, at STEM. This is a great day to set up your locker and bring in your supplies. Consider purchasing locker ladders and/or locker shelving.

Summer math packets can be found at www.monroeps.org. Be sure to look for the packet that is for incoming 6th grade students (that’s you!). You will find summer reading information regarding *The Giver* and the Governor’s Reading Challenge online as well. Bring a list of all the books (minimum of three books) that you read over the summer and be ready to share your favorites. Also, don’t forget to read *The Giver* over the summer and complete the questions for the first day of school.

Have a wonderful time during the remaining days of the summer! We can’t wait to see you on the first day of school! We’re going to have a great year!

Your 6th Grade STEM Academy teachers,

Ms. Carter, Ms. Donahue, and Mrs. Higgins
STEM Grade 6 Supply List
2015-2016

General Requirements
- personal computer (recommended, not required)
- calculator
- ruler - customary & metric
- pencils
- pens
- colored pencils
- highlighters
- glue stick
- index cards
- Post-it notes
- headphones
- independent reading book

Math
2 composition books - lined
1 composition book - graphing
3 pocket folders
2 rolls scotch tape

Guidance
1 pocket folder
loose leaf paper

Science
1 subject spiral notebook
1 pocket folder
2 scotch tape rolls
1 composition book - graphing

Art
8.5 x 11 sketch pad
2 ultra-fine tipped sharpies
2 fine tipped sharpies

Social Studies
1 notebook
1 pocket folder

Computers/PLTW
1" 3-ring binder

Language Arts
1 subject spiral notebook
3 pocket folders
1 composition book

General Music/Performance Music
1½" 3 ring binder
loose leaf paper
SAVE THE DATE!

Ice Cream Social for Incoming 6th Graders and New Students

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH FROM 10 AM - 1 PM

At Jockey Hollow Middle School Main Campus
365 Fan Hill Road

COME AND MEET YOUR CLASSMATES, WHILE COOLING OFF IN THE SUN AND ENJOY AN ICE CREAM AND GAMES!

Students of both campuses, Jockey Hollow Main Campus and STEM, as well as 7th & 8th graders new to Jockey Hollow/STEM are invited!

Rain or Shine

Sponsored by:
Monroe Youth Commission - Monroe Middle School PTO
Girl Scout Troop 34055
Camp? Reading? Sports? Sleepovers? Swimming? Rollercoaster parks? Whatever you may have done this summer, I hope you enjoyed the break from school and got some well deserved rest and relaxation. I am looking forward to seeing you on August 27 and hearing all about your varied summer learning experiences.

As the first day of school draws closer, start to get ready. Review the student handbook. Take some time to unpack your school supplies, review (and complete) your summer work, and organize those electronic files. Seventh and eighth graders, you will have plenty of time to set up your new locker, but if you would like to do it before school, plan to join the sixth graders at their Locker Organization Day on Wednesday, August 19. Seventh and eighth grade locker combinations will be available from 10:30 AM - 12 PM. Sixth graders can visit between 9 AM - 12 PM. Afterwards, you are invited to go to Jockey Hollow for a sixth grade ice cream social from 10 AM - 1 PM.

Eighth graders, if you are interested in receiving recognition for community service, remember to log your volunteer hours. Completed service hour forms are due in the spring but you can start logging your hours now. Also, be mindful of your independent research project. Mr. Horvath will give you details, but now is the time to think of a topic that really interests you-- one that would be enjoyable to read about and do in-depth research.

Seventh graders, gear up for GTT. Success in the Automation and Robotics unit requires teamwork. You will always be working in project teams to complete complex programming and building tasks. You will need to use your decision making matrix as well as your communication skills to build an effective/winning team.

Sixth graders, you are our newest members of the STEM Academy. Welcome! It was great meeting you at the Orientation Day last May. We can tell that you are ready for inquiry and BYOT. At STEM, you will be joining a group of students who shares a common interest in engineering, science, and math and who also enjoy using technology.

Parents, please read the information about middle school policies (medications, drop off pick ups, start and end times, physicals, etc.) As you know, we often communicate electronically, so be sure you are receiving SchoolMessenger emails from Mr. Ceccolini, Principal, and myself.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer vacation. On behalf of the entire STEM Academy faculty, I welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year.
August 2015

Dear Jockey Hollow Students & Parents,

I hope you have found time to enjoy family and friends during the summer. The months of July and August have been exciting as we plan for the new school year. Administrators throughout the district read the book *Creating Innovators* by Tony Wagner. The author explores what must be done to develop the capacities of young people to become innovators. Wagner speaks of the importance of “Passion” as a component to being creative and innovative. The quote above by world renowned cellist, Yo Yo Ma is powerful in defining the importance of passion. I look forward to working with our teachers and school community to provide the opportunities for our students to find their passion and explore, learn and create in ways that prepare them for the future.

With the new school year comes some personnel changes. It is my pleasure to introduce the new educators and staff joining our school and district.

A warm welcome to:

- Shannon Lynn – Special Education Teacher, Main Campus
- Margaret Chaves – General Music Teacher, Main Campus
- Amy Grasso – General Music Teacher, Main Campus
- James Holden – Custodian, Main Campus
- Mike Martone – Chorus Teacher, Main Campus and STEM Academy
- Jennifer Robillard – Student Teacher/Intern, Main Campus
- JoAnn Supan – Administrative Assistant, Main Campus

Teaching staff continued their work throughout the summer attending professional development workshops and institutes with the goal of being prepared to best serve and instruct our students. While the administrative and teaching staff have been continuing to analyze new methods of enhancing student learning, our custodians have been busy getting the inside and outside of the building ready. The classrooms and the halls have been cleaned and waxed, ready for the first day of school. In addition to the work being done by the custodians, further improvements to security have been installed.

Included with this packet is information that reflects important facts that we hope you will find beneficial. Please refer to this information should you have any questions or consult the student handbook on our website at [www.monroeps.org](http://www.monroeps.org) clicking on “Jockey Hollow.” Should you misplace any of the attached information it is also available on our website. If you have any other concerns, please contact me.

As you anticipate and plan for the new school year, know that student schedules, team, and course placement are an arduous task and one that is taken very seriously at Jockey Hollow Middle School. Opportunity for success for all students is the utmost goal for staff when scheduling. We strive to place students in academic settings that provide appropriate challenges so as to avoid the emotional, social and academic stress associated with changes in courses mid-year. Your child’s schedule is available for you to view in the “Parent Portal” of Power School and will be reviewed with your child by their homeroom teacher on the first day of school. Please understand that slight changes to Unified Arts or
Physical Education schedules may occur through the opening of school. This will not impact team or academic placement. All students will receive an updated schedule on the first day of school.

Also included in this mailing is a letter from your child’s team teachers at Jockey Hollow Middle School, or a letter from Mrs. Metcalf Ances if your child is attending the STEM Academy. Please have your child take the time to read it and bring the necessary materials to class on the first day of school. Each letter includes more detailed information regarding your team or the STEM Academy.

I hope you have a fun and healthy remainder of summer. On behalf of the Jockey Hollow Middle School staff, I extend a warm welcome to our sixth grade class. Sixth graders and students new to Jockey Hollow should plan on attending our open house on August 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We will also have an “Ice Cream Social” from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm on August 19th sponsored by the Monroe Youth Commission, our PTO and the Girl Scouts. We look forward to seeing all of you on the first day of school, August 27th, and encourage parents to mark their calendar for “Back to School Night” on September 15th. Our schedule for September 15th will have the STEM Academy “Back to School Night” beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Masuk High School and the Main Campus presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Jockey Hollow Main Campus.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John R. Ceccolini
Principal

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**Jockey Hollow Middle School Mission**

The Jockey Hollow community honors the unique needs of young adolescents by providing diverse, challenging, and engaging instruction that develops independent learners and thinkers and upholds the core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity.
**STEM ACADEMY - 2015/2016**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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<td>Mr. Bevilacqua is our school counselor. He can help students deal with social/emotional issues or difficulties. Parents, encourage your child to seek help if something or someone is making their school day uncomfortable. You can also be your child’s advocate if they need help approaching staff. Call us and give us the opportunity to intervene. It is much easier to assist with a problem if we are aware that one exists. To contact Mr. Bevilacqua please call 203 452-2919 Ext. 7219</td>
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<td>Each student is assigned a homeroom. This is the first “class’ of the day. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited and students hear the morning announcements. Your homeroom assignment is on your schedule. Homeroom begins at 7:50 A.M. and will be extended for the first few days of school to acclimate students to their schedules and provide other information. Students who do not report to homeroom are marked absent or tardy. A student is marked tardy if they arrive after 8:03 am.</td>
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<td><strong>LATE BUS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>LOCKERS</strong></td>
<td>Each student is assigned a locker. Locker combinations will be given out in homeroom. It is imperative that students not share the combination with their friends. We cannot be responsible if you do not safeguard your belongings. Sharing your locker combination may seem harmless; however, it has been our experience that, oftentimes in middle school, your &quot;best&quot; friend changes. When this happens you want your locker to be a private space. Safeguard it from the start.</td>
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**LUNCH**

Full lunch service begins on August 27th. Hot lunch costs $2.85. For lunch purposes your child’s school is Masuk **not** Jockey Hollow. Lunch is served in the Masuk Cafeteria every day at 1:11 P.M. Students will also have a working snack each day. All Monroe Schools have a Point of Service (POS) system for cafeteria purchases. This is a computerized debit account system that allows parents to place funds on account for a student and the student makes cafeteria purchases by debiting the account by using their ID badges at check-out in the cafeteria. Students could wear their ID badges every day.

**MEDICATIONS**

Public Act 90-85 requires that written permission from both the parent and the physician must be given to the nurse before medication can be administered to a child. Please bring medications in their original containers to the Health Office.

**PHONE NUMBERS**

*The STEM Academy main number is 203-452-2919.* From the main number, you will be able to directly dial a teacher’s extension. Additionally, there will be an option to report an absence, to reach the School Counselor, and to reach the Nurses’ Office. Any of the school nurses will be glad to assist you with health related concerns.

**PTO**

PTO is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community to support the education of our children through various activities and the sharing of questions and ideas. All parents are encouraged to join and become active members in the PTO. More information about registration and membership will follow.

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*Buses begin unloading at 7:50 AM. Should you drive your child to school each day, please plan to arrive no earlier than 7:50 AM and no later than 8:00 AM. In the afternoon, student’s board buses and are dismissed at 2:40 PM.*

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

A supply list has been included with this mailing.

**SCHOOL NURSE**

The STEM Academy and Masuk share nurses. We are fortunate to them caring for our children. They are all located in the Masuk Health Clinic. Should a student become ill during the school day, they must see a nurse. If she assesses the child needs to go home, a family member will be contacted based on “emergency card” information provided from home.

**STUDENT HANDBOOK AND AGENDA**

On the first day of school students receive a student agenda and information on how to access the Jockey Hollow Student Handbook on line. Please read the handbook on line together and sign the letter provided by your homeroom teacher indicating that you have reviewed the handbook. The goal is to have and maintain a safe learning environment. Once school is in session we will meet with students to review the important aspects of our policies and to answer any questions.
### STUDENT SCHEDULES

**Grade 6 – 8 Students are assigned a three teacher team.** These team teachers provide instruction in math, science, humanities, and language arts.

**Unified Arts** – All students in grades 6-8 will receive a period of Unified Arts instruction which consists of four classes and meets over the course of the entire year. These unified arts classes include music, art, computers and comprehensive guidance. In 7th and 8th grade, world language (Spanish) is also offered.

**PE - GTT** Students have PE/health and wellness during a different period. It occurs three out of every six days for the entirety of the school year. Opposite physical education/health and wellness will be GTT (pre-engineering.) It is scheduled on an every other day cycle.

### SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

Locker Orientation Day for sixth graders is scheduled for August 19 from 9:00 – 12:00. We will also have an ice cream social from 10:00-1:00 pm on August 19 at **Jockey Hollow**. During the visit, students can receive their locker combination and practice opening their locker. Consider purchasing locker shelving/locker ladders. The PTO will also have some available.

### TRANSPORTATION – BUSES

STEM Academy students ride the bus with Main Campus students. In the morning, STEM students are dropped off first. In the afternoon STEM students are picked up first. For the end-of-the- day dismissal, students will be assigned to a shuttle bus. After boarding one of our four shuttles, they will depart for Jockey Hollow. At Main Campus, students will get off the shuttle and get loaded onto their bus with their Main Campus peers. All STEM students will be able to participate in all Main Campus after school activities should they wish to.

### TRANSPORTATION – CAR

When getting a ride into school, please use the Masuk main entrance and adhere to the one-way traffic pattern. Signs are posted throughout the parking lot. Drop off your child at the base of the stairwell located near the STEM Main Entrance. Please plan to arrive between 7:50 and 8:00 to allow your child to get to homeroom in time for morning announcements. If you are picking your child up at the end of the school day, please plan to arrive at 2:45 p.m.

### TRANSPORTATION – STUDENT PICK UP

Picking up children after dismissal (approximately 2:50 p.m.) will be most convenient and allow you to meet your child in the upper level parking lot in front of STEM. We recognize that there are occasions causing the need for children to be picked up from school before dismissal. On these occasions please plan to arrive before 2:40 p.m. so you are not impacted by bus dismissal. It is important that these procedures are followed for the safety of all. Students who do not ride the bus and are permanent pick ups will be in the STEM Academy foyer after buses have departed the campus.
August 2015

Dear Families of Monroe Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome your sons and daughters back for the 2015-2016 school year. Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 27, 2015. This summer has been very busy with work being done in all of our schools. Teachers and Administration have been working on curriculum projects and professional development planning.

School Calendar for 2015-2016

Enclosed is the 2015-16 school calendar. The first day will be a full day of school for all of our schools. Please note that we will also have a full day of school on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, and Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11. Schools will be closed on Wednesday, November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.

Transportation

Bus routes have been finalized and are posted on the District’s website. Please check them for your student’s transportation information.

Transportation issues/questions should be directed to Gabriella DiBlasi, our Director of Finance and Management Services, by completing the online form at http://www.monroeps.org/Transportissue.aspx.

Best wishes for some additional fun and sun in the remaining days of our summer recess. I look forward to a productive and positive school year ahead.

Sincerely,

James C. Agostine
Superintendent of Schools
August 2015

Note to Parents, Faculty, and Staff:

A formal asbestos management program has been in place since March of 1987. This program was implemented to identify the asbestos-containing materials in the schools and to take steps to make certain these materials do not present an exposure hazard to the students, faculty, or staff.

Recent United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations supersede the Connecticut regulations, under which the 1987 management plans were developed. Accordingly, the asbestos management for Monroe Public Schools has been updated to reflect these new federal requirements.

A copy of this plan is maintained in the school office and is available for review during normal business hours.

We have completed our State mandate three year inspection and continue with our six month periodic inspections.

No major abatement projects are currently planned.

Sincerely,

James C. Agostine
Superintendent
August 2015

Dear Parents,

In our ongoing efforts to ensure that students and staff are in the safest schools possible, we are implementing a new safety tool this year. Each school will have a new security kiosk system called “SchoolGate Guardian.” All visitors will have to provide a state-issued ID like a driver’s license when they visit our schools. Visitor’s licenses will be scanned using SchoolGate Guardian and information from the license will be compared to numerous databases including the registered sex offender’s list. This same system will be used for pickups at the elementary level and will verify that the adult picking up the child has been approved by the parent or guardian.

It is very important that all visitors bring their license any time they visit our schools. Without a license or state-issued ID, the visitor will need to be cleared for entrance by a school Administrator or the school Resource Police Officer. Once a visitor has been cleared to enter the school, a date and time stamped badge will be printed. In the event of an emergency or emergency drill, a real time list of all visitors is provided by SchoolGate Guardian.

Elementary school parents, if you choose to pick up your child at the end of the school day, please understand that this process will take longer than usual as we implement this new system. Actions that you can take to expedite pickup includes, keeping your pickup information up to date in PowerSchool and having your driver’s license ready during the pickup process.

Fundamentally, this new system is about one thing - keeping your children safe. Parental input contributed to our decision to implement this new system, and I look forward to having this new tool included within our comprehensive safety and security plan. I hope your family is having an excellent summer.

Sincerely yours,

James C. Agostine
Superintendent
Mark Your Calendar

JOCKEY HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL
MAIN CAMPUS/STEM ACADEMY

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 15th

STEM ACADEMY – 6:15 P.M.
MAIN CAMPUS – 7:00 P.M.

At Main Campus, please report to your child's homeroom by 7:00 p.m. to receive your schedule for the evening. Homeroom lists will be posted in the foyer for your convenience.

This program is designed for parents only. Lack of supervision and space prohibits us from inviting students to this evening event.

Parking will be available in Jockey Hollow Middle School, Sandy Hook and Fawn Hollow parking lots for the Main Campus.

The Masuk parking lot will be available for the STEM Academy.

Please DO NOT park in any of the fire lanes at any of the schools.

Full Day of School Tuesday, September 15th
Dear Families of Monroe Students:

The goal of our district is to provide continuity of instruction and have the students in school as much as possible, provided they can be transported safely. We have developed two (2) delayed opening schedules and three (3) early dismissal schedules. These schedules offer more options to keep school open.

Sincerely,

James Agostine
Superintendent of Schools

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# Jockey Hollow Middle School & STEM Academy

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- August 24th - 25th - 26th
- No Students
- August 27th
- First Day of School for Students

### September

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- September 7th
- Labor Day ~ No School
- September 14th
- Rosh Hashanah ~ No School
- September 15th
- Back To School Night
- September 23rd
- Yom Kippur ~ No School

### October

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- November 3rd
- Staff Development ~ No Students
- November 25th ~ 26th ~ 27th
- Thanksgiving Recess

### December

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- December 23rd
- Early Dismissal
- December 24th ~ 31st
- Winter Recess ~ No School

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- January 1st
- Winter Recess ~ No School
- January 18th
- MLK Day ~ No School

### February

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- February 12th & 15th
- Mid-Winter Recess ~ No School

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- March 24th
- Staff Development ~ No Students
- March 25th
- Good Friday ~ No School

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- April 11th ~ 15th
- Spring Recess ~ No School

### May

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- May 30th
- Memorial Day ~ No School

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- June 10th
- Projected Last Day of School

**Note:**

- The Monroe Board of Education reserves the right to modify the school calendar.
Instruction

Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

Jewish Holidays

All Jewish holidays start at sundown of the day before indicated holiday.

Jewish law prohibits any writing and/or attention to secular studies during the holiday period.

Teachers shall not:

- Schedule tests on Jewish holidays.
- Assign homework that will be difficult for a Jewish child to complete due to time constraints.

Administrators shall not:

- Schedule evening programs on Ash Wednesday.
- Schedule school activities on Sunday mornings until noon.

Regulation approved 4/23/85

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Monroe, Connecticut
Overview & Mission

- Establish and maintain a working relationship between parents, school, and community.
- Support school improvement teams and promote the finest education possible for the students at Jockey Hollow / STEM Academy.
- Enhance the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies or programs that fall outside the school budget.
- Expand technology and supplement equipment and supplies.
- Increase student safety and security.
- Develop programs and projects that will support or enrich the curriculum.
- Bring a sense of community to the middle school students and families. Involvement is key!

We invite you to jump in where/whatever it works best for you and your family's schedule!

Included in this Packet:

- MMS PTO Overview and Mission
- Back to School Night September 15th – Stop by our table to enter our Yankee Candle raffle!
- Preview of 2015-2016 Fundraisers and Events
- PTO Membership and Handbook Sign Up
  - Please Return to School by September 4th
- Fundraiser Buy-Out & PTO Volunteer Sign Up
  - Please Return to School by September 25th

Join our Facebook Page! “Monroe Middle School PTO”
MMS PTO Fundraiser Buy-Out
2015-2016

This year the MMS PTO will be offering families the opportunity to participate in a Fundraiser Buy-Out. This Buy-Out is for families to contribute to the success of the PTO, who contributes to our school, staff and students, without having to purchase items through a fundraiser.

Based on the number of families at JH/STEM, and their participation, the following will eliminate 100% dependency on monies from fundraisers.

- If 100% of the families contributed $25
- If 75% of the families contributed $35
- If 50% of the families contributed $50
- If 25% of the families contributed $100

100% of the proceeds collected from the buy-out will go directly to the PTO.

If you are interested in participating in the Buy-Out, please complete the following and return to school to the attention of Danielle Rownin, MMS PTO Buy-Out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Danielle Rownin (Danielle@CTHomeSales.com). Thank you for your support of the MMS PTO!

Parents Name ________________________________

Email ______________________________________

Phone # ____________________________________

Student’s Name ___________________ Grade _____ HR_____ Campus: JH / STEM

Buy-Out Amount: (Check one) $25_____ $35_____ $50_____ $100_____ Other $: ______

Please make checks out to MMS PTO

Form due by September 25th
Please return to the attention of Danielle Rownin, MMS PTO Buy-Out.
MMS PTO Volunteer Sign Up 2015-2016

Do you have great ideas for a fundraiser or would like to help out or even chair a fundraiser? If you are interested in helping out in any way, please fill out the form below and return to school.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact any member of your 2015-2016 Monroe Middle School PTO Executive Board:

Danielle Rownin, MMS PTO Co-President, Danielle@CTHomeSales.com
Bonnie Meyerle, MMS PTO Co-President, BMeyerle@snet.net
Shawna Domenichelli, MMS PTO Co-Vice President, ShawnaDemenichelli@msn.com
Christina Madkour, MMS PTO Co-Vice President, CMadkour@gmail.com
Jennifer Cristo-Greenawalt, MMS PTO Treasurer, Jennifer@continuity.net
Barbara Sonnemann, MMS PTO Secretary, Barbara116@charter.net

Volunteer’s Name: _____________________________
Address: _____________________________ City ___________ ZIP: ___________
Home phone: ___________ E-mail: ___________
Child’s Name: _____________________________ Grade: ________ JH/STEM (circle one)
Homeroom #: _____________________________

Comments/Suggestions:

Form due by September 25th
Please return to the attention of Bonnie Meyerle, MMS PTO Volunteer
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- September 10 9:00-9:30am (Exec. Board) 9:30-10:30am (Gen. Meeting)
- October 8 6:30-7:00pm (Exec. Board) 7:00 – 8:00pm (Gen. Meeting)
- November 12 9:00-9:30am (Exec. Board) 9:30-10:30am (Gen. Meeting)
- December 10 6:30-7:00pm (Exec. Board) 7:00 – 8:00pm (Gen. Meeting)
- January 14 9:00-9:30am (Exec. Board) 9:30-10:30am (Gen. Meeting)
- February 11 6:30-7:00pm (Exec. Board) 7:00 – 8:00pm (Gen. Meeting)
- March 10 9:00-9:30am (Exec. Board) 9:30-10:30am (Gen. Meeting)
- April 7 6:30-7:00pm (Exec. Board) 7:00 – 8:00pm (Gen. Meeting)
- May 12 9:00-9:30am (Exec. Board) 9:30-10:30am (Gen. Meeting)
- June 2 6:30-7:00pm (Exec. Board) 7:00 – 8:00pm (Gen. Meeting)

All meetings will be held in the Teachers Conference Room at Jockey Hollow Main Campus (subject to change; notice will be given).
GET ORGANIZED WITH A LOCKER LADDER

AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MMS PTO AT LOCKER ORIENTATION
Wednesday, August 19th, 9am-12noon
(6TH Grade Ice Cream Social at Main Campus to Immediately Follow)

The Locker Ladder, originally patented by Del Designs, makes the most of space in lockers and even closets in your home or office.

- an excellent way to stay organized, save time, and promote success
- long lasting ...from middle school through college and beyond
- made from sturdy natural and recycled materials
- sewn and assembled in the USA

The Locker Ladder is a durable hanging set of shelves perfect for storing various items such as textbooks, folders, binders, and loose items.

- available in blue, black, red, pink, and purple
- made of durable cotton duck fabric that lasts for years of use
- measures 36 in. long by 5.5 in. wide by 9 in. deep for full length lockers
- adjustable for half-height lockers to 27 x 5.5 x 9
- sturdy shelves at least 12 in. from one another hold items such as textbooks and binders
- hangs from a shelf, rod, or 2 hooks (brackets can be placed in alternate sleeves to account for differing hook heights of up to 4 in.)
- side pockets hold smaller loose items

$25
Cash or checks made payable to MMS PTO
Tuesday, September 15th
STEM 6:15 pm
Jockey Hollow 7:00 pm

Come visit us at the PTO table at both Jockey Hollow Main Campus and STEM to learn about the activities and fundraisers planned for the year, and enter our raffle for a chance to win a basket filled with scented Yankee Candle items!

- Forms will be on-hand to complete (PTO Membership, Buyout, Volunteer)
- Learn about our first annual Parent’s Night Out event: Saturday, November 14th
- Enter our Yankee Candle Raffle
  - There will be one winner from each campus who will be contacted via phone or email following the night’s events.

We look forward to seeing you on September 15th!
Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?
Connecticut offers low-cost or free coverage!

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Is your child protected by health insurance? If not, your school and the State of Connecticut want to help. Connecticut’s HUSKY Health program, for example, pays for doctor visits (including physical exams), prescriptions, emergency care, vision and dental care, mental health care, special healthcare needs and more. It’s for children under age 19 in families of all incomes. Approximately 300,000 Connecticut children now have their health care covered by the HUSKY Health program.

There are two parts to the HUSKY Health program for children:

I. **HUSKY A** (or Medicaid) - For children in families with limited income. Parents, relative caregivers and pregnant women may also be eligible.

II. **HUSKY B** (or Children’s Health Insurance Program) - For children in families with higher incomes.

To apply online, please visit AccessHealthCT.com. To apply by phone, please call 855-805-4325 (TTY: 855-789-2428). For general information about HUSKY Health, please visit HuskyHealth.com. You can apply for HUSKY A or HUSKY B any time of the year.

**Open Enrollment 2016 begins November 1, 2015 through January 30, 2016.**

Most Connecticut residents will have to wait until the next open enrollment period to get health care coverage through Access Health CT. You may be able to get coverage earlier if you qualify for Medicaid (HUSKY A or D) or CHIP (HUSKY B) or if you have a Qualifying Life Event.

**What is a Qualifying Life Event?**

Qualifying Events include:

- Getting Married
- Having or adopting a child
- Permanently moving to Connecticut from another state
- Losing other affordable, minimum Essential Health Benefits
- Having a change in income or household status

*For more information visit Learn.AccessHealthCT.com