August 2015

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Team Rock! We truly hope you are enjoying the summer, experiencing many sights, sounds, and even tastes! As the new school year heads our way, it is important that each 8th grader is prepared for their last year in middle school and transition into high school. Because our team mission is to identify and meet the needs of the whole child by providing a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment, our goals and standards have been designed to develop students’ academic and personal potential to the fullest. We want to help encourage students to become confident, responsible, and independent learners.

Team Rocks’ teachers believe that the connection between school and home is an essential piece in a student’s education. We cannot fully educate without the help of parents. Parents, talk with your child on a daily basis; ask your child if they have homework or any special events coming up at school.

Additionally, one of the most important ways to help a student be successful is to encourage him/her to be prepared and organized. Summer work has been posted on the Monroe Website, and you should have received information regarding this student summer work at the end of the school year. All work posted on the Monroe Public Schools Website (www.monroeps.org) is found under the link on the left, labeled “Summer Work 2015”. Also, on the first day of school, each student should have all the supplies listed below. These supplies can be easily purchased in a bundle provided by the school store or can be bought separately. Preparation and organization is the key to a successful school year!
General Requirements

★ Flash drive
★ #2 pencils
★ Pens (blue or black ink)
★ Colored pencils
★ S.S.R. book
★ Highlighter
★ Laptop/Tablet (not smart phone)

Requirements for Each Subject Area

Math-Red
½ inch 3-ring binder
Loose leaf paper
Calculator: TI 83 or 84 Graphing Calculator, or a scientific calculator

Science-Green
1 ½ inch 3 ring binder
Dividers and loose leaf paper
Goggles

Social Studies-White
1 ½ inch 3 ring binder
Dividers and loose leaf paper

Language Arts-Blue
1 ½ inch 3 ring binder
Dividers and loose leaf paper
Folder

A “Locker Ladder”, or another organizational device, is highly recommended, but optional.

We also look forward to working with parents during the course of the year. We will need parents to assist with celebrations and chaperone trips.

Enjoy the remaining days of your vacation. We look forward to seeing you at Jockey Hollow on August 27th. Students, remember to bring your S.S.R. book for the first day of school! 😊

Team Rock!

Mr. Giff: Math  Mrs. Carey: Language Arts
Mrs. Foley: Science  Mrs. Green: Special Education
Mr. DelVecchio: U.S. History/Team Leader
Main Campus Grade 8 Supply List
2015-2016

General Requirements

- Customary/Metric ruler
- #2 pencils
- Pens – blue or black ink only
- Colored pencils
- Red correcting pen/pencil

- Highlighters
- SSR Book
- 2 erasers
- headphones
- loose leaf paper

Math
1 inch 3-ring Red binder
Loose leaf paper
dividens
White Board markers

Calculators:
Students taking Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra or College Prep Algebra
- TI Graphing Calculator (83 or 84 Series)
Students taking Fundamentals of Algebra
- A scientific calculator any style

Science
1 inch 3-ring Green binder
Dividers
Goggles (optional)

Social Studies
1 inch 3-ring White binder

Language Arts
1 inch 3-ring Blue binder
Dividers
Folder

Health: Pocket folder, 1 subject notebook
Technology Education: #2 pencils, pocket folders
Chorus (if taking): Black 1 inch 3-ring binder
Music Appreciation: Black 1 inch binder
World Language (if taking): 1 inch 3-ring binder
Read 180 (if taking):
- binder
- 3 dividers
- pocket folder
- pens/pencils
- highlighter

Locker ladders/stacking shelves help with organization
**Please-No Trapper Keepers!
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,

John R. Ceccolini
Principal

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.
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<td><strong>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</strong></td>
<td>After school clubs and activities will meet at Jockey Hollow Main Campus and will be offered to all students. The activity booklet will be sent home during the month of September. Look it over and join one of the many clubs. We are also hopeful that your child will be able to sign up for a sport as well. We have a “pay as you play” program for boys’ and girls’ basketball, track, cross country, girls’ softball, boys’ baseball, marching band and intramurals.</td>
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<td><strong>BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT</strong></td>
<td>This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teachers, follow their schedule and learn more about his/her school day. This year’s Back To School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th. STEM Academy parents are asked to report to their child’s homeroom on the STEM Campus at Masuk High School at 6:15 p.m. Main Campus parents are asked to report to their child’s homeroom at Jockey Hollow at 7:00 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>BUS SCHEDULES</strong></td>
<td>Information regarding bus numbers, times, pick-up and drop-off points is printed in the Monroe Courier and is available on the School District website @ <a href="http://www.monroeps.org">www.monroeps.org</a>. Students are not permitted to change buses unless there is an emergency or extenuating circumstance.</td>
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<td><strong>CALENDAR</strong></td>
<td>A copy of the 2015-2016 district and school calendar is included in this packet. Please note that the calendars are also available on the district’s main webpage.</td>
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<td><strong>CELLULAR TELEPHONES</strong></td>
<td>Cell phones are permitted in school solely for educational purposes in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy. They may be used as a technology device solely at the discretion of the teacher.</td>
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<td><strong>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</strong></td>
<td>The first day of school is Thursday, August 27th. It is a full day of school. Please remember to bring in your school supplies and a book for “Sustained Silent Reading.”</td>
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<td><strong>GUIDANCE SERVICES</strong></td>
<td>There are numerous people in the building to 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 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.</td>
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<td><strong>HEALTH FORMS</strong></td>
<td>All sixth graders must submit the required blue health form that was sent home at the end of the school year.</td>
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<td><strong>HOMEROOMS</strong></td>
<td>Each student is assigned a homeroom. This is the first “class” of the day. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited and students view morning announcements. Your homeroom assignment is on your schedule. Homeroom begins at 8:00 a.m. and will be extended for the first two days of school to acclimate students to their schedules and provide other information.</td>
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<td><strong>LATE BUS</strong></td>
<td>A late bus will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on both campuses for students remaining after school for a club, activity, extra help or detention. The last bus will depart Jockey Hollow Middle School at 4:00 p.m.</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 and at our open house on August 19th. Please do not share the combination with your 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 “best” friend changes. When this happens you want your locker to be a private space. Safeguard it from the start.</td>
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<td><strong>LUNCH</strong></td>
<td>Full lunch service begins on August 27th. Hot lunch costs $2.85. In addition, Boars Head Deli for middle school students is being offered for $3.35. Lunch is served in four waves. Students will learn more about their lunch wave from their fifth or sixth period classroom teacher. 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 using their student ID badge. Students should wear their ID badges daily. Students without an ID badge can use the same PIN # as last year. Badges will be distributed to 6th graders during the first week of school.</td>
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<td><strong>MEDICATIONS</strong></td>
<td>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 container to the Health Office.</td>
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<td><strong>PHONE NUMBERS</strong></td>
<td>Jockey Hollow Middle School number is <strong>203-452-2905</strong>. The school nurse, Mrs. Lisa DeRosa can be reached at extension 6119. School Psychologists, Ms. Melissa Costanzo, can be reached at extension 6118 and Mr. Matthew Curry can be reached at extension 6113. Also, Mrs. Romina Bourdouclus, School Counselor can be reached at 6114 and School Counselor, Mrs. Cathryn Johnson can be reached at 6117.</td>
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<td><strong>PTO</strong></td>
<td>The 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.</td>
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| **SCHOOL HOURS** | Regular School Day: Homeroom 8:00 a.m.  
Academic Day 8:15 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.  
Early Dismissal: 12:50 p.m.  
Delayed Openings:  
90 Minute Delay: Homeroom 9:30 a.m.  
Academic Day 9:45 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.  
2 Hour Delay: Homeroom 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
Academic Day – 10:15 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.  
2.5 Hour Delay: Homeroom 10:30 a.m.  
Academic Day 10:45 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.  
Buses begin unloading at 8:00 a.m. Should you drive your child to school each day, please plan to arrive prior to 8:00 a.m. to avoid the buses and not later than 8:15 a.m. Period 1 begins at 8:15 a.m. In the afternoon the students board buses and are dismissed at 2:50 p.m. |
| **SCHOOL MESSENGER** | School Messenger is the district form for electronic information from school to home. Please be sure your contact information is up to date in PowerSchool as this impacts your receipt of email information through School Messenger. |
| **SCHOOL NURSE** | Our School Nurse is Mrs. Lisa DeRosa. Should a student become ill during the school day they must see the nurse. If the child needs to go home, a family member will be contacted based on “emergency card” information provided from home. |
| **SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST** | A supply list has been included with this packet. |
| **STUDENT HANDBOOK AND AGENDA** | On the first day of school your child will receive their student agenda and information on how to access the Jockey Hollow Student Handbook online. Please read the handbook online together and sign the letter provided by the 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 administration will meet with each team to review the important aspects of our policies and to answer any questions. |
| **STUDENT SCHEDULES** | All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are assigned to three, four or five teacher teams, of which there are two per grade. Students will receive core academic instruction in math, science, social studies and language arts throughout five periods of the day. **Unified Arts:** All students in grades 6, 7 & 8 will receive a period of Unified Arts instructions which consists of four classes over the year. The classes are Technology Education, Art, Health, and Music Appreciation in grades 6 & 8 with Developmental Guidance scheduled in place of Music Appreciation in 7th grade. **Physical Education** will be scheduled during one period on an every other day basis for the entirety of the school year. Strings/band/chorus lessons, resource room and study hall are scheduled on days opposite of physical education. **Knowledge in Diverse Settings (KIDS):** During KIDS students will benefit from Sustained Silent Reading and large group band/chorus/string experiences. This time will also be utilized for peer mediation, peer tutoring, and group counseling. Please remember to bring a book for SSR on the first day of school. |
| **SUMMER OPEN HOUSE** | **Visitation Day** for 6th graders and any students new to Jockey Hollow has been scheduled for August 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will also have an “Ice Cream Social” for our new students from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm on August 19th sponsored by the Monroe Youth Commission, our PTO and the Girl Scouts. The open house will assist in acclimating new students to Jockey Hollow Middle School. Students can receive their locker number and combination and practice opening their locker during their visit. Visiting the school benefits incoming 6th grade students as well as any new student. Our PTO will be selling “Locker Ladders” for the students for $25.00. |
| **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. All students will be able to participate in all Main Campus after school activities. |
| **TRANSPORTATION CAR** | When driving your child into school, please adhere to the one-way traffic pattern. Signs are posted throughout the parking lot. Do not drop off or pick up curbside before or after school unless all buses have left. There will be no access to the Jockey Hollow parking lot between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. due to bus loading and unloading. Please plan to arrive before 8:00 a.m. if you are bringing your child to school, and arrive after 3:05 p.m. if you will be picking up your child at the end of the day. Any parent arriving in the morning to drop off their child while buses are in the Jockey Hollow driveway is to follow the traffic pattern through the first row of parked cars. Any parent arriving to pick up a child during dismissal while buses are in the driveway will park at Sandy Hook Elementary School until buses depart. Once dismissal has concluded parents can drive into the parking area of Jockey Hollow to pick up their child. |
| **TRANSPORTATION PICK UP** | Picking up your child after dismissal (approximately 3:05 p.m.) will be most convenient and allow you to meet your child in the parking lot in front of Jockey Hollow. If your child needs to be picked up before dismissal please send a note to school and 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. When picking up your child during regular school hours you must enter the building and sign out your child in the main office. Students who do not ride the bus and are permanent pick-ups will be in the Jockey Hollow foyer after buses have departed or can walk on the sidewalk to Sandy Hook to meet their ride. |
Dear Parents of Eighth Graders,

We have created a new opportunity for our eighth grade students to learn and experience the important skills of research, validating sources and public presentation. The course will provide students with the skills and opportunity to research a topic of their choosing, gather information from a wide variety of sources, and conclude the course by making a presentation of this research.

A similar modeled class has been in place at STEM. This course will now be offered to all eighth graders with the title “Independent Research”. The premise of the course is to provide students the opportunity to be in control of their own learning and provide a demonstration of that learning to an audience. The course is designed as preparation for the Capstone project that all students are responsible for in high school.

Eighth graders will be scheduled with a teacher-mentor. They will meet one period per six day cycle. Most students will take “Independent Research” in lieu of one study hall period out of six. For students involved in performance music, the class will only impact one period out of their six day cycle. During class students will review and reinforce research skills, select a topic of interest and, with teacher’s guidance, focus their topic to begin their research. Following the research, students will work with the teacher to create a multimedia presentation.

The skills learned and refined in researching, public speaking and utilizing technology to create a professional document/presentation will be essential and valuable for students to succeed as they proceed on their educational path.

Should you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

John R. Ceccolini
Principal
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

## Delayed Opening Schedule

### 90 Minute Delay

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*No Lunch Served all schools
**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/whenever 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 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, ShawnaDomenichelli@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, Barbarall6@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
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