

Vision
Maplewood Middle School
2016-2017

We believe in and strive for excellence. We hold high expectations for all students. We care for one another and for our students. We educate the whole child while maintaining high achievement standards and **providing rich supports**. Each child is capable of meaningful growth.

Moving forward together
Making gains
Supporting our students

Ms. Gronau's Principal Letter
November 7, 2016

Dear MMS Families,

Be Sure to Follow us on Twitter to receive fun updates about what's happening in our community. Follow us **@MMSCougarPride**.

Notes and Reminders from Ms. Gronau:

- **Spectrum Interest Group:** On Friday, November 4 we shared the following information with students-We consistently strive to have an inclusive community at MMS. We want every student to feel safe, valued, and affirmed. We would like to start a Spectrum Club Interest Group. The Spectrum Club Interest Group will be a safe, nonjudgmental environment for people of all sexual and gender identities: Spectrum is an organization for bisexual, pansexual, gay, lesbian, transgender, asexual, questioning students, and their allies. Allies are people who support an inclusive community. Meetings are open to all. Come support and be supported! If you would like to participate or have ideas you would like to share, please see Ms. Hesse or Ms. Vorona.
- **After School Tutoring:** Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30-4:20pm in the MMS Library there is a tutor available to students who need extended time on assessments or who required additional support. These are 4 highly qualified MMS teachers. Please remind your students about this opportunity for support.
- **Website Updates:** We have a new website manager to keep our MMS website up to date and relevant. If there is information you think should be included on the website, please share it with your HSA co-presidents.
- **Power School Training-**There will be an optional training for interested parents to learn more about Power School at South Orange Middle School on November 16, 2016. There are two choices. Both sessions are the same 4-5pm and 7-8pm. For more info contact cparke@somsd.k12.nj.us
- **Make-Up Picture Day:** November 15, 2016.
- **TGI Fridays Fundraiser:** Come out for food and fellowship and support our Positive Behavior Program at MMS at TGI Fridays located in Essex Green Shopping Center. 495 Prospect Avenue West Orange, NJ 07052. 20% of sales benefit MMS. I'll be there with my family!

Regards,



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.