

William Diamond Middle School

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Dear Families of Fifth Grade Students:

Can you believe that your students will soon be entering middle school? We are looking forward to meeting your child(ren) and have already begun to prepare for their arrival. I am writing today to share our plans for transitioning students to William Diamond Middle School.

Mid-March:

- Diamond administration will visit fifth grade students at the three feeder schools to talk about Diamond and answer students' questions.

Wednesday, March 27

- Diamond administration, together with the school counselor, will host an information session in the Diamond Auditorium at 7:00pm for all parents and guardians of fifth grade students. We invite you to arrive early and enter through the Sedge Rd entrance. At 6:00pm., Diamond students will be on hand to lead informal tours of the school for those interested. At this time, we also encourage you to visit our STEAM Fair in the Diamond Cafeteria.

Thursday, March 28

- Our most updated Program of Studies, containing current course descriptions, will be posted on the Diamond website. Click on this [link](#).
- Course registration directions containing instructions for using our online portal to select a world language and a performing arts course for your child will be sent home with your child.
- Elementary teachers will distribute Student Information Forms. These provide you with the opportunity to share information about your child that we will consider as we form teams. Please do not make requests for specific teams or teachers.
- Elementary teachers will also distribute permission slips for the 5th grade move-up day.

Friday, April 5

- Deadline for completing the online course selection process.

Friday, April 26

- Deadline for returning the Student Information Form and permission slip to your child's fifth grade teacher.

Wednesday, May 1

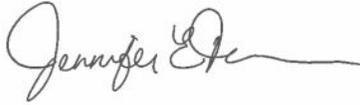
- Fifth grade students will attend 5th grade move-up day, an orientation program at Diamond. This orientation will include a tour, the opportunity to meet our staff, and lunch in our cafeteria. Students may purchase lunch using their current PIN or bring a bagged lunch. At the end of the day, students will return to their home schools for regular dismissal.

Mid-August

- Team placement is emailed home to families.

The middle school experience is both exciting and enriching. Your child(ren)'s three years at Diamond will surely be filled with discovery and yield tremendous academic and social/emotional growth. We are pleased to welcome you to the Diamond community. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer E. Turner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer E. Turner
Principal