



# Mendham Township Middle School

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Dear Mendham Township Middle School Fifth Graders,

I am extremely excited to welcome you to the Mendham Township Middle School -- *You are now officially a Bulldog!* As I have had several opportunities to meet with you in order to discuss our programs and procedures, I hope that you are feeling comfortable about your upcoming transition into the middle school. If you are feeling a bit nervous... that's OK ... once you get into the swing of things... you will love it here!

Please remember that I am always available to help you and walk you through any problems that you may have. If you have any issues that you wish to discuss with me, the best time to ask for permission to see me is during your enrichment period – period 6. I will also see you several times per day while visiting your classrooms. Mrs. Ciottariello, our school guidance counselor, is always available to you as well. You can also stop in to ask the office staff for help – Mrs. Nisivoccia, Mrs. Ensminger, and Mrs. Arena are more than happy to assist you at all times! If you are feeling overwhelmed or are confused about something, please take the time to stop in and see us. We are here for you and expect that you will need help from time to time! If you have questions during the summer – call school or e-mail me. I promise to call you back and answer your questions.

In fifth grade you will participate in the following programs:

Homeroom

Science

Academic Lab (2 days per week)

Related Arts: Physical Education & Health / Trimesters of Arts/Music/Computers

Enrichment: Art / Problem Solving / Academic Support / Computer Literacy / Where in the World Is? / Literary Investigators / Strategic Games / Homework Club / Advisory Group. (Band-Chorus-Orchestra are optional activities).

Mathematics

Social Studies

Lunch - 20 minutes

Language Arts

Spanish (3 days per week)

Recess - 20 minutes

You can expect your first **Bulldog** class schedule to arrive approximately 1-2 weeks before school starts. If you have any questions about it, feel free to call us. School supply lists are available online at [www.mendhamtp.org](http://www.mendhamtp.org) – then click on “Middle School”.

Finally, I would like to invite you to school on either August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11 AM and or August 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM - 3 PM to set up your locker. Only fifth grade students are permitted to set up their lockers in advance of the first day of school. In addition, the HSA is hosting an Ice Cream Social for you on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 4:30 PM in our multi-purpose room. If it is more convenient, you can choose to set up your locker after eating your ice cream.

If you are new to Mendham Township or did not go to our elementary school, Mrs. Ciottariello is holding a new student orientation on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM as well.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you soon!

Very truly yours,

cc: Dr. Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Schools

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