

Welcome to Team Griffin

Summer 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Student,

We hope that you are enjoying summer vacation. We are looking forward to working with each one of you again this year as we near the beginning of your second year of middle school.

Your **Griffin** team teachers this year will include:

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| Mr. Daniel Wilbur | Social Studies |
| Mrs. Pam Hurley | Math |
| Mrs. Lesley Sullivan | English |
| Ms. Kim Perschmann | Reading |
| Mr. Derek Santoro | Science |
| Mrs. Sue Sokolow | Special Education |
| Mr. Robert Fullerton | Educational Assistant |
| Mr. Bruce Miller | School Counselor |

Team News:

In the fall, Mr. Wilbur and Ms. Perschmann will have student teachers joining their classrooms. Mr. Jack Weber will be working in the social studies class, and Ms. Olivia Sheldon will be working in the reading classroom. Both students are studying at The University of Connecticut. To promote literacy, Northwestern Middle School and the Language Arts department is excited to be sponsoring a community read of the novel *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander this school year. All community members are urged to participate. Stay tuned on exciting upcoming events inspired by the book.

Ms. Perschmann, along with Team Thunderbird's reading teacher, Mrs. Wiecking, received a Fund for Teachers Fellowship to attend the Columbia Teachers College Summer Reading and Writing Institutes in New York City this summer. She is excited to share her adventures and learning with all of you this year!

We are looking forward to our field trip to Boston, MA this fall.

If you are new to the team and have questions regarding any of the items mentioned in this letter, please call Mr. Dan Wilbur at 379-7243, ext. 3329 and leave a voicemail. Mr. Wilbur will return your call.

School Supplies for the Core Academic Classes

It is your responsibility to **ALWAYS COME TO CLASS PREPARED!** In order to be prepared for the 2018-2019 school year, you will need the following items:

- one agenda will be provided for you by the school
- 1 2ö 3 ring binders (social studies)
- 1 1 ½ö 3 ring binder (math)
- 2 pocket folders (reading, science)
- lined loose-leaf paper
- A stack of Post-it notes (for class to share in reading)
- 2 packages of notebook dividers (need a minimum of 9)
- 8 one subject composition books in different colors (3 English, 2 reading, 1 science, 2 social studies)
- graphing calculator
- pencils*/blue or black pens/colored pencils/highlighter/erasers/glue sticks
- Earbuds to allow student to listen during multimedia learning opportunities

**Note: Lack of pencils was a persistent problem in seventh grade in all classes. Stock up! We suggest you keep spares in your locker or with you in a pencil case.*

Recommended: accordion folder or other organizational system for homework and agenda

Enclosed please find a field trip emergency form. Please update this form and have your child bring it on the first day of school to his or her homeroom teacher.

We are looking forward to working with each of you in providing for your child a positive and productive 2018-2019 school year. Please feel free to contact us during the school year with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the remaining days of your vacation; we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Team Griffin

Mrs. Sokolow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wilbur, Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Sullivan, Ms. Perschmann, Mr. Santoro, and Mr. Fullerton

GRIFFIN
NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
FIELD TRIP EMERGENCY FORM

Student Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Town:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Student Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian 1: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian 2 : _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS – PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CONTACTED FIRST

– Please provide additional numbers.

1) Name and Relationship: _____ **Phone:** _____

2) Name and Relationship: _____ **Phone:** _____

3) Name and Relationship: _____ **Phone:** _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The opportunity to participate in any field trip is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, the activity, the student body, the community and to the participants themselves.

It is expected that as a student you will follow the Northwestern Expectations, Social and Civic Expectations, and Policies of Northwestern Middle School can be found at www.nwr7.com.

PHOTO PERMISSION

If you will allow your child's picture to be taken please sign below.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE

**If you do will not allow photos of your child to be taken, please tell your child to ask to step out of photos because we will be using the photos in school publications, newspapers, haiku, etc.*

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PERMISSION FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT AND
ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL INJURY RISK

I give permission for the above named student to participate in school field trips realizing that such activities involve the potential for injury, which is inherent in all field trips. I acknowledge that even with the best supervision, use of the most advanced precautions and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death. I authorize a licensed physician to provide emergency treatment for the student named above while participating in school field trips. I understand that this authorization is given prior to any need for medical care, but is given to avoid unnecessary delay in emergency treatment which the physician may deem advisable in the exercise of his/her best judgment. I presume a reasonable attempt will be made to contact me.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand these warnings and authorize a physician to act on my behalf.

I also understand and agree to Northwestern Policies.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

DATE