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Dear MVMS Families,

Tuesday, September 5th will be the first day of school for our fifth graders only; our students in grades six through eight will attend on Wednesday, September 6th. Initially, we were going to have all of our students begin the 23-24 school year on the same day. However, by holding a Step Up Day, we can connect more intimately with our incoming fifth graders and make them feel more at ease with their transition to middle school.

To our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and families, we are so excited to see you on Wednesday, September 6th. Please remember that the 6th is a late arrival Wednesday, district wide.

Other important dates include:

***Fall Sports Night***

On Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M. in the MVMS Auditorium, we will hold a fall sports meeting. All students and parents from Grades 5-8 who are interested in participating in fall sports are welcome to attend.

***Open House Night(s)***

Tuesday, August 29 5:30-6:30 PM, MVMS Gym for 5th & 6th Grade

Wednesday, August 30 5:30-6:30 PM, MVMS Gym for 7th & 8th Grade

My staff and I will share general information with you and your child about life at MVMS, and you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers. Students will leave the gym with their teachers and visit the homeroom to which they have been assigned. I will ask for you to remain with me in the gym, so I can share some school updates with you; some of which are directly related to the roundtable discussion held at the end of the year.

Supply lists have already been shared, but here is a recap just in case . . .

***5th Grade***

No specific supplies are needed! To ease the transition to middle school, materials are provided. Of course you are welcome to bring your favorite school supplies, and sneakers for P.E. are a must!

***6th & 7th Grade***

We recommend the basics: pens, pencils, colored pencils, erases, glue sticks, a couple of notebooks and 3-ring binders, and sneakers for P.E.

***8th Grade***

Your teachers would like you to have (4) 1-inch binders, pencils & pens, earbuds or headphones, and a composition notebook. Colored pencils and highlighters are optional; sneakers for P.E. are necessary!

Water Bottles and hand sanitizer are encouraged.

We look forward to seeing you!



Carrie Luce