

# CRESSKILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The current fifth graders of Merritt and Bryan School are embarking on an exciting adventure as they prepare to transition to Cresskill Middle School. This event for the current fifth grade students will be held on **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:15am- 1:15pm** (rain date of June 8<sup>th</sup>) at Cresskill Middle School. This program will introduce the students to the school through a comprehensive orientation program held at the middle school with both indoor and outdoor activities. There will be an opportunity for the students to experience a day in the middle school including an introduction to some teachers. In addition, the students from each elementary school will be able to meet new classmates through the participation in team building activities led by trained high school peer leaders. It is our hope that this program helps ease all students' transition into middle school.

In order to prepare for this orientation, there are certain recommendations we ask your child to follow. All students need to be prepared with a brown-bag lunch (all items should be disposable), sunscreen and comfortable attire. Lunch must be clearly labeled with your child's name on the outside of the bag. All students need to wear comfortable attire. The team-building activities will require the students to move around quickly as well as sit on the ground; therefore, we recommend wearing comfortable clothing and sneakers and to avoid wearing skirts and flip-flops. We will be outside for most of the activities so sunscreen is recommended. We will be providing each student with a bottle of water.

Please keep in mind that the students will report to their respective elementary schools at their regular time on the day of this event, and will travel to CMS as a group.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this orientation program, please do not hesitate to contact Lana Shtofmakher at [lshtofmakher@cboek12.org](mailto:lshtofmakher@cboek12.org) or (201) 227-6771.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lana Shtofmakher  
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