

James Madison Morton Middle School
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Dear Parents/guardians of our great students:

As the newly appointed principal of your child's school, I would like to invite you to our Open House on September 2, and to share with you some information that will make the school year start smoothly and continue successfully.

* On September 2, there will be an Open House for staff, friends and family to begin our school year together. Beginning at 5 pm, we will have vendors of our school Spirit Wear available for you to purchase or order, information about our Parent Teacher Organization and the plans for the coming year as well as staff and neighbors who can begin our friendship bonds. At 5:15 pm, there will be an unveiling of our school sign, a ceremonial raising of our flag for the first time, an introduction of faces that will become very familiar and a history of our school. Student led tours through the refurbished building will begin shortly after this opening ceremony. Hot dogs and beverages will be available and donations of chips or desserts would be most welcome. Parents must accompany students. Our evening will end at 7 pm and our school year will begin the following Thursday, September 9, at 7:25 am for all students.

* School times have been changed – breakfast will be available for all beginning at 7 am. Students who are not eating breakfast with us may enter the building at 7:15 am. Students must be in their seats at 7:25 am. Students arriving after that time are considered to be tardy. The formal school day ends at 2:10 pm.

* At both the beginning and end of the day, - from 7:00 am through 7:15 am and then again 2:00 pm through 2:20 pm, the section of Rock Street directly in front of the school will be closed to through traffic. We urge you to plan your child's journey to and from school with a minimum of traffic crossings and a strong emphasis on safety and traffic awareness.

* Summer reading assignments are due to your child's teacher on the first day of school. Please make sure that your child arrives with them completed.

* School Spirit Wear is the only accepted clothing for our students. Please see the attached form for specific descriptions. School logos that you can iron on are available every day in our school office from 7:30 am through 1:30 pm.

* If your child needs medication at school, you may bring the medication to the school nurse Wednesday afternoon, September 8th, between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm or during the first days of school. Just a reminder that medication should never be carried by the student.

* Homeroom lists will be posted in the windows of the front door of our school at 2 pm. Friday, September 3rd.

* If parents would like to donate/recycle outgrown or no longer needed spirit wear clothing, we would be very pleased to accept and pass along any items. These would be included in our school based resource closet for those in need.

* If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either through email or phone. I am so looking forward to working with you and your child and this community that values its past and its future.

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