

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are delighted that your child is in the Beta community and look forward to the many exciting and rewarding experiences that we will share during the school year. We believe that it is in the best interest of your child that there is close home-school communication, beginning with this letter.

As a parent/guardian, you should be aware of how your child is doing in school. Sitting down with your child to look over his/her notes, take-home folder, Google Classroom, and checking the parent portal are good ways to communicate your interest and satisfaction with your child's efforts and progress. **The online portal is your way to check your child's grades on a daily basis.** For this reason, you will not receive progress reports or paper report cards throughout the school year. Since you have full access to the parent portal, we would appreciate you contacting us with any questions or concerns regarding grades. Please do not wait for a call from us.

Homework will be posted on Google Classroom or the classroom white board. Students should record their homework in a routine location (ie: assignment pad or Google doc labeled "homework"), and review this at home each evening. This is your child's responsibility. Homework is due when assigned and will be counted as part of the marking period grade.

To guarantee your child and all students in the community the most positive educational environment, we have developed a set of community responsibilities. A copy of these responsibilities is enclosed. We ask that you review them with your child, then sign and return the attached sheet to the homeroom teacher on the first day of school. We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in helping your child embark on this new and rewarding educational experience. We look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night.

Please be sure to sign and return the attached paperwork.

Sincerely,

The Beta Community Teachers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE

★ What time does school actually start and where do I go?

First period begins at 7:30 a.m. For Beta students, homeroom is in a different room from their first period class. Therefore, they should report to their homeroom each day before their first period class.

★ Who is my child's homeroom teacher?

Homeroom teachers will be indicated separately on the schedule.

Attendance and the pledge will be conducted in homeroom at 7:25 am.

School paperwork and notices will be handed out and collected here.

★ What do the letters (A-F) mean on the schedule?

MEMS operates on a modified block schedule. The days A-F each stand for a day in our six day rotation of classes. Every day your child will attend each of the core subjects (math, language arts, and science/social studies) for a block of time. All seventh graders will attend physical education on days A, C, and E. If you are confused, don't worry. Staff members will be on hand to answer any questions. In addition, each school day begins with an announcement regarding what letter day it is.

★ What is a cycle (elective) course?

There are five cycle courses. Students will be scheduled into various courses, including World Language, over the course of the year.

★ When do I have Science or Social Studies?

Seventh and eighth grade students take science and social studies as a half-year/semester course.

★ When do I have WIN or Physical Education?

These are alternating full year courses. WIN takes place on BDF days, while Physical Education takes place on ACE days.

GENERAL SUPPLIES FOR ALL CLASSES:

- ★ Pencil Case
- ★ Pens (red, blue, and black)
- ★ Pencils/Erasers
- ★ Colored pencils/Markers
- ★ Homework Planner
- ★ Highlighters (*Blue, Purple, Pink, Green, and Orange*)
- ★ A few packs of extra loose-leaf paper
- ★ Post-Its
- ★ **Wired earbuds**
(not "Beats" or "AirPods"!!
Should be stored in the Chromebook case.)
- ★ [Locker Combination Tutorial](#)

In addition, the list below is specific to each Beta teacher:

Language Arts

Mrs. Cooney

- ★ 1 inch binder with labels:
 - Do Now/Grammar
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Vocabulary
 - Independent Reading
- ★ A 3-hole folder labeled "L.A. Folder"

Mrs. Nicoletti

- ★ Composition notebook or Journal
- ★ 1 inch binder with labels:
 - Achieve
 - Literature
 - Vocabulary
 - Writing
 - Independent Reading
 - IXL

Mrs. Buxbaum

- ★ Binder with at least 6 sections
- ★ Wired headphones
- ★ Folder
- ★ Marble Composition Notebook

Mathematics

Mrs. Wilmot/Mrs. Lill

- ★ 1 inch Binder
- ★ A 2-pocket Folder
- ★ 6 Dividers, labeled:
 - Do Now
 - CW
 - HW
 - Alt. Assessments
 - T/Q
 - IXL
- ★ TI-34 Multiview Calculator

Mrs. LaGregor

- ★ 1 inch Binder
- ★ A 2-pocket folder
- ★ 6 Dividers, labeled:
 - Do Now
 - CW
 - HW
 - Alt. Assessments
 - T/Q
 - IXL
- ★ TI-34 Multiview Calculator

Mrs. Lill

- ★ 1 inch Binder
- ★ A 2-pocket folder
- ★ 6 Dividers
- ★ TI-34 Multiview Calculator

Science & Social Studies

Ms. Dilts/ Mrs. Lill (SS)

- ★ Folder
- ★ 1 inch Binder with loose leaf (5 labeled tabs)
 - Chapter 4
 - Chapter 5
 - Chapter 6
 - Chapter 7
 - Chapter 8
- ★ Wired headphones

Mrs. Linder/ Mrs. Lill (Science)

- ★ 1 inch binder with 5 labeled tabs
 - Biology
 - Microbiome
 - Genetics
 - Chemistry
 - Metabolism
- ★ Wired headphones
- ★ NO paper needed in binder

Community Responsibilities:

1. ALWAYS BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS.

- No teasing, put-downs, or other inappropriate language.
- No touching others' personal property.

2. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LEARNING.

- Come to class on time and be prepared with a fully charged Chromebook, books, binder, pens/pencils, and homework.
- If you are late to school, you MUST check with your teachers of the missed classes for your work.
- Be sure to write ALL assignments, test dates, and project due dates in designated homework location.
- See teachers the day you return from an absence to submit work due and obtain make up work.
- Follow guidelines established by each classroom teacher.
- Use locker only at established times.
- We don't give you grades, you EARN them.

3. DO NOT BRING GUM, CANDY, FOOD, OR DRINKS TO CLASS.

- Unless otherwise directed by your teacher for a specific purpose.
- The ONLY water bottles permitted in class must have a flip straw. All other water bottles will be stored in lockers and not permitted in the classroom.

4. DO NOT CHEAT/PLAGIARIZE

- Cheating/Plagiarism will be defined as taking credit for others' academic property or work. In other words, one cannot copy and paste or share work from another and get credit for that work. Only original student work will be graded and scored. All assignments are to be completed by individual students and not as a group unless directed otherwise by a teacher.

5. FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL RULES. (SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK)

**The Price of Greatness is Responsibility" – Winston Churchill*

**Your first responsibility is to have this signed and returned
to your homeroom teacher on the first day of school.**



Student Name: _____ I understand my responsibilities as listed above.

Student Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____

I understand my child's responsibilities as listed above.

Signatures of BOTH parents/guardians/responsible adults as you will be signing school forms, etc. We require that all signatures on tests, quizzes, etc. be written in ink. **No initials please!**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____

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