**7th GRADE NEWSLETTER-September**

Hello 7th grade parents,

My name is Cari Hemmert and I will be your 7th grade Middle School chair this year. My job will be to update you on important school information and events, messages from teachers, and anything 7th grade parents may need to know! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me at: caribrodsky@yahoo.com.

Two important ways you can help ensure your children and their teachers have the best year possible is by contributing to the **Education Support Fund** and the **Middle School Classroom fund.** These are two different funds used for very different things.

1. The **ESF** is a PTO fundraiser. The money raised is used to pay for MS Honors curriculum, MS technology elective, NJHS, laptops, student council and the AR program, just to name a few things. To contribute please send a check for $125/student made out to Copper Ridge PTO. This is the suggested amount but any donation is appreciated. More info is available on the CRPTO website CRPTO.com.

2. The **MS Class Fund** is very similar to the classroom funds you contributed in elementary school. This money helps with teacher appreciation and holiday gifts, Fall carnival basket, classroom lockdown supplies, teacher birthday gifts, etc. We are requesting $60/student, however, any amount you can contribute is appreciated. Checks can be sent into school made out to Lauren Mackin or you can Venmo her at @lauren-Mackin-4. Please include your students’ name and homeroom teacher in the Venmo message.

Thank you to everyone who contributed already. We (and your teachers) really appreciate the support!

**The SUSD Maintenance and Operations Budget Override**

I wanted to include some information about the upcoming SUSD maintenance and operations override election. This is a BIG deal for our schools. Next month, ballots will be mailed out to vote on whether or not to renew the SUSD budget override. It is very important this pass so we can continue to have current class sizes, music, arts, language, sports… the list goes on. Please be informed and spread the word.

A ***YES*** vote will **NOT** increase our taxes.

<https://www.yestochildren.org/>

**Updates from around the grade**

**Mrs. Boepple-NJHS & EPICS**

***CATALINA ISLAND 7th Grade field trip October 1-4, 2019***

***Total cost of the 2019 Catalina trip is $555. Final payments due by 9/13.***

All forms and medications due by 9/13, as well. Students may turn in forms to Mr. Kozimor.

***PARENTS must turn in meds* *to the Copper Ridge front office***. Please place meds in a Ziploc bag clearly labeled with child’s name in Sharpie.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Lynda Boepple: lboepple@susd.org

**Mrs. Fortney-Art**

All Middle School students got a brand new Copper Ridge Agenda on Wednesday (8/28). Please make it a routine at home to check agendas daily and parent signature on Fridays. All homework & behavior is recorded in the agenda.

**Mrs. Ambri- Social Studies**

Please remind everyone of our phone policy - "**Phones Away All Day**"; which includes between classes & lunch.

**Mrs. Wilfert-ELA**

Reminder: your student's Accelerated Reader goal is due Friday, Sept. 27. It's 15 points for Gen Ed and 20 Points for Honors. Student should be reading 20-30 minutes each weeknight. Congratulations to the 7th grade students on memorizing their prepositions. It's not very easy to do and they're doing a great job.

**Mr. Chin-PE**

All Middle School Athletics - Registration online through Register My Athlete must be completed and signed, upload a current physical dated March 1st, 2019 or after to Register My Athlete, AND payment for tier 1 $60 paid in full before the first day of practice. All sports registrations are open for the entire 2019-2020 school year. Boys basketball, Boys and Girls soccer, Softball, and Spirit Line begin after fall break.

**Upcoming Dates of Importance**

**September**

11-Early release, 1:15pm

20-MS Scholastic Book Fair

26-The Vig Family Night 6-8pm

30-No School

**October**

1-4 Catalina Trip

7-11 FALL BREAK

16-18 Early Release 1:15pm (Conferences)

23-Early Release 1:15pm and Picture retake Day

24-Heidi Boutique Shopping Event 10-5pm

30-Parent University Night, Katey McPherson, 6pm Auditorium

**NEXT PTO MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOV 13th 9am, ROOM 608**

**Sincerely,**

**Cari Hemmert**

**7th Grade Representative**