



Welcome to 5th Grade Parent Orientation

<http://www.newtown.reed.schooldesk.net/>

A Perfect Place for Young Adolescents to Grow

- desire for independence
- growth in importance of the peer group
- emotional and social maturation
- search for values and norms
- resentment of authority figures
- emancipation from the home
- fluctuation of emotions
- concern about physical growth and appearance
- development of self concept





Support vs. Teaching Independence/Responsibility

- More of an elementary school than a middle school
- Emphasis on teaching students to be responsible for their own learning
- Gradual release for most/different kids have different needs
- Caring teachers with tremendous experience working with this age group

The Role of the School Counselor at Reed

- School counselors have been a part of Reed since its opening 15 years ago
- Besides your child's classroom teachers, their school counselor will connect with them to provide support
- School counselors provide individual support, offer a variety of groups (organizational, friendship, etc.)
- They can be a key person in your child's success

The School Counselor Wears Many Hats

- Academic support, including organizational, study and test-taking skills
- Goal setting and decision-making
- Career awareness, exploration and planning
- Education on understanding self and others
- Peer relationships, coping strategies and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution
- Education on understanding of self, including strengths and weaknesses
- Support through transitions
- Individual and small-group counseling



Fifth Grade School Counselors Mrs. McGoldrick and Mrs. Grustas



What does Blue House/ Green House mean?

- There are two floors at Reed – fifth graders are on the second floor and sixth graders are on the first
- Each floor has a separate wing with blue or green-accented carpeting.
- Those wings are referred to as the Blue House and the Green House





Why are there different Houses?

- Reed Intermediate School was built specifically to the needs of young adolescents
- Like many of the designs unique to the building (for example the connected classrooms), this design helps keeps students in a smaller setting within a large school.

What is a Cluster?

- A two-person teaching team that shares the responsibility of teaching two classes of students.
- Content is typically divided with one teacher handling reading & writing, one math & science and a shared responsibility for social studies.
- There will be 7 clusters per grade level.

Cluster Arrangement

- Cluster classrooms are two classrooms that are connected by a glass office space in the back of the room and a movable wall in the rest of the room that allows two rooms to operate as one.
- Teachers will often “open the door” to team teach or hold cluster meetings.
- Glass offices are used for small group instruction or for any situation requiring a quiet space.



EXCELLENCE

ATTITUDE

BULLYING IS OK

Scientific Method
Hypothesis
Light / Sound
Earth, Moon, and Sun



DE OUR CLASS

temperature

Books on shelves



BAPEH MATH

ISLANDERS

Under Armour

Under Armour

Under Armour

B&F
TURN EM LOOSE!

Lunch and Recess

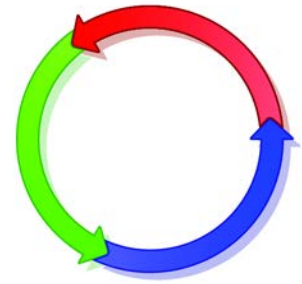
- 20 minute lunch and 20 minute recess by house
- Choice of either playground at recess
- More options than the elementary schools can make it difficult to choose!
- Support for slow eaters
- Students may pay with cash or use the pre-paid debit system (Pin Number)



The Parent Portal

- Be sure you know how to log into the Portal
- Call for Mrs. Donnelly, School Counseling Secretary for assistance, if needed
- Music course must be selected through the Portal by May 1st
- Teacher assignments through the Portal
- Grades posted for individual assignments

Cycle Days 1 through 6



- Reed operates on a six day schedule that rotates
- The schedule day is updated daily on the Reed Intermediate website
- Mostly impacts which specials your child will have that day (specials are on a numbered day instead of a certain day of the week)

Clubs & Activities

- There are many extra-curricular activities offered at Reed. Examples of clubs/activities that were offered this year include:

Intramurals (Floor Hockey, Basketball, Kickball), Painting, Skiing, Interact, Chess, Yearbook, Yoga, Knitting Club, Drama Club, Newspaper, Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, Scrapbooking, Math Olympiad, Math Team, Technology, Geography, Crafts, Student Council and Homework Club.

- Education Connection offers afterschool childcare from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.



Medications

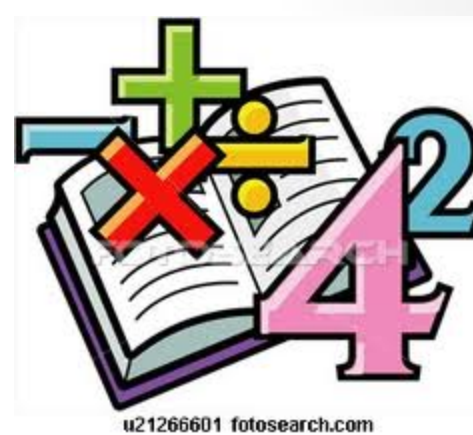
Our School Nurses

Mrs. Malo and Mrs. Winner



- Written parent permission and physician order necessary for school nurse to administer medications, including over the counter
- Obtain medication forms from the school nurse
- Parents must bring any medication to school in its original container, properly labeled by a pharmacist
- A student who carries an asthma inhaler must have an appropriate medication authorization form on file in the nurse's office

Summer Learning



- Incoming fifth graders are encouraged to read as much as possible over the summer
- Encourage children to practice their multiplication facts if they are not yet fluent
- Reading and math activities will be emailed home in early June and posted on our website

Next Steps for Parents

- Must register for your child's music course through the Parent Portal by May 1st
- Needs to be done on a computer – not on the app
- Trust in the placement process
- Understand that coming to Reed is a tremendous opportunity for your child to broaden his or her circle of friends and learn important coping skills.
- Share specific needs to school counselors by May 5th
- Attend a Locker Open House – Aug 8th, 9-11 or Aug 16th, 9-11 or 5-7
- Attend the PTA Welcome Back Picnic on August 25th, then swing by Reed for a classroom walkthrough
- School supply lists will be posted on our website at the close of school

Thank You!

