

Forest Glen Middle School

6th grade Transition Program and Picnic



Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017
Place: Forest Glen Middle School
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Purpose of the transition program:

- to encourage parents to be active participants in their child's middle school career
- to introduce rising 6th graders to middle school life
- to establish a relationship between the parents, students, teachers, and staff

Activities for parents and students:

- Students and parents will meet their core teachers. They will hear descriptions of the classes, understand the rules and requirements of middle school.
- Parents will have the opportunity to pay the required 6th grade fees (lock, agenda, PE uniform).
- Students can ask questions about daily middle school life.
- Students will understand how to read a student schedule.
- Students will understand how to access important information from the school blog.
- Parents and students will understand the mastery and promotion policy.
- Parents and students will understand the format of semester courses.
- Parents and students will understand AR requirements.

Reminders for the 6th grade transition event:

- Virginia law requires all rising sixth grade students to have a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster shot prior to entry into the sixth grade. **The Department of Education has advised there will be NO grace period allowing school attendance for students who have not obtained the Tdap immunization.** It is vital that the immunization be obtained prior to the beginning of school on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.
- **Students will not be allowed to pick up their 6th grade class schedule during the 6th grade transition program and picnic without the proper immunization record/information.** Avoid the line to see the nurse by submitting your child's shot record prior to Wednesday, August 23.
- Forest Glen Middle School will sponsor a picnic at the end of the transition program for all 6th grade students and their parents.
- Parents will be able to purchase the following student items for the 2017-2018 school year:
 - *A FGMS Agenda (a customized calendar/homework assignment notebook)*
 - *A lock rental for the hall locker*
 - *A Suffolk Public Schools PE Uniform (t-shirt & shorts) may be purchased for the following cost: \$15 for the combination gray cotton t-shirt and navy shorts or \$8 each for a gray t-shirt or navy shorts sold separately.*
 - ***Agenda and Locker Rental Fee (combined - \$10.00)***
- Parents can sign up online as a volunteer for the 2017-2018 school year. All volunteer registration will be online during the school year through a program called **Volunteer Connect**.
- **This event will have scheduled parent and student sessions that will begin at 4:30 pm; therefore, it is important that all participants plan to be present from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**