



Parkside Intermediate

2016-2017



Hello Parents and Guardians of incoming 6th Graders!

We are very excited that your young person will be attending Parkside Intermediate School and we look forward to meeting your student on Orientation Day. We are VERY excited to let you know about a new program we are implementing for the 2016-2017 school year at Parkside. It is a nationwide program called WEB (Where Everyone Belongs), an organization whose sole purpose is to help sixth graders feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of middle school.

The WEB sixth grade orientation and transition program is designed to both welcome and support sixth graders by assigning them an 8th grade WEB Leader as a mentor during this first year. This WEB Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus.

Following is some information to let you know what you and your student can expect in advance of their first day of school.

1) Your child can expect to receive an invitation to Sixth Grade Orientation Day in the mail. If he or she has not received the invitation by Tuesday, August 16, please call the main Parkside Office at 650 624-3180 to request one! **PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!! 6th GRADE ORIENTATION IS AUGUST 19, from 8-noon! WE CAN'T WAIT!**

2) Within a week before orientation your child will also receive a phone call from her or his 8th grade WEB Leader personally inviting your child to orientation day and giving the details of where to be and what time; **(IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM HIS/HER WEB LEADER BEFORE ORIENTATION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. OLSON AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 650 624-3109)**

3) Your child is encouraged **not** to bring backpacks, purses or other like items to orientation as the day is quite active;

4) Because the day is active, please make sure that your child wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement.

This is a student only function so we encourage you to let your child attend on her or his own. Please feel free, however, to attend the PARENT MEETING in the library that same morning, the 19th, with new principal Ms. Kerry Dees. The start time of the parent meeting will be 8:00 AM. The meeting will last about an hour.

We look forward to meeting your student on orientation day!

Most Sincerely,

WEB Coordinators – Linda Ballentine (teacher), Katie Barnes (teacher), Julie Calleja (teacher, Jenna Leary (counselor), Cheryl Olson (superintendent)