

# MIDWAY

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR RISING 6TH GRADERS

### 2012-2013

#### **COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

*March 7, Midway, 3:30-4:00*

Todd McClelland, PGMS Assistant Principal, meets with 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to discuss Piney Grove curriculum. Teachers are informed on procedures for PGMS advanced and Horizons classes. Parents are encouraged to attend one of the advanced content nights **after CRCT** and get input from classroom teachers when making the decision to take advanced classes.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE CHORUS AND BAND VISIT**

*April 24, Midway, 9:30-10:00*

Piney Grove chorus director, Amanda Writtenhouse, and band director, Fred Chang, bring a “mini” chorus and band to Midway. Chorus and band are year long connections classes, and sixth grade is a great year to join!

#### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PINEY GROVE AMBASSADORS VISIT MIDWAY**

*May 2, Midway, 9:45-10:15*

Piney Grove 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ambassadors travel to Midway in the morning to answer questions and get them excited about the upcoming middle school tour! Students play a fun game of “Are You Smarter than a Sixth Grader?”

#### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE TOUR OF PINEY GROVE**

*May 16, Piney Grove Middle, 9:30-11:15*

5<sup>th</sup> graders travel to Piney Grove in the morning for a band and chorus concert and an exciting tour from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ambassadors.

#### **BEAR NECESSITIES ‘BOUT BECOMING A GRIZZLY**

*May 16, Piney Grove Middle, 6:30-7:30*

A parent informational night to discuss the “nuts & bolts” about curriculum, instruction, grading, communication, workload and more! We will also have this meeting in Spanish the same night.

#### **ADVANCED CLASSES & HORIZONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

*4/24, 4/30, 5/2, 5/7, 5/8, 5/14, 5/15, 5/21, 5/24, 5/29, 5/30, Piney Grove Middle, 7:00-8:00*

A parent informational night about how advanced classes and the Horizons program work at Piney Grove and what to expect for the next 3 years. This meeting is for parents who think their son/daughter is capable of more rigorous classes or who have a student currently in the Horizons program. Parents only need to come to **one** of the advanced nights.

## **BAND, CHORUS & DRAMA RECOMMENDATIONS DUE**

*May 18, Midway*

Students turn in their band or chorus preference forms to their 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Students have the option (but are not required) to take band, chorus, or drama in middle school. Sixth grade is the perfect year to join the music department at Piney Grove – no prior music experience is necessary. Band, chorus, and drama are the only connections classes that middle school students can “pick,” the other connections classes are selected for them.

## **GRIZZLY CAMP**

*Saturday, August 4, Piney Grove Middle, 8:45-12:00*

An exciting and interactive camp just for 6<sup>th</sup> graders the Saturday before school starts. Students participate in fun games with other 6<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers. They learn who their homeroom teacher is, get to know some of the students in their class, and can even decorate their lockers early. Students will be outside for most of the events, so please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. Parents spend the morning inside in several different “classes”.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

*Monday, August 6, Piney Grove Middle, 4:00-6:30*

Parents and students tour PGMS, meet teachers, purchase school paraphernalia, etc. Students receive a copy of their schedule. Parents will be given a “to do” list to make sure they don’t forget anything!