

Sandstone Middle School

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Dear 5th Grade Parent:

Welcome to Sandstone Middle School, we are excited for you and your student to become the next incredible class of Desert Hawks! SMS is a very high achieving school, and we are very proud of all that our students and staff have achieved over the years. Traditionally our students are very accomplished academically and in athletics and activities. As a parent of a child who will be transitioning into 6th grade next year, I know you have many questions. It is our goal to assist you and your family through this process.

We run a teaming model that focuses on every aspect of a child's life including academics and social relationships. Most sixth grade students will have a two period block of language arts/social studies and math/science each day with two teachers, and then go out to other teachers for their elective or intervention classes. Please feel free to write a letter or email if you would like to share some of your student's individual academic and classroom needs. We will take this information into consideration as we place your child into their teacher teams.

Middle school is a big transition for most of our students, not only does our staff recognize this, we embrace the challenges that come with it and work to move your child through these formative years with as much ease as possible. We invite you to stay involved in the life of your middle school student. It is not a time to back away; it is a time to remain a key player. The more you invest in these three years, the better preparation for the years of high school and beyond.

I look forward to meeting you at our 5th grade parent meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:00PM in the Sandstone Commons. At this time, we will be covering several important transition items for your student, and getting an opportunity for parents to meet each of our 6th grade teachers.

All of us at Sandstone look forward to having your child join us as for the 2019-2020 school year! If you have any question or concerns, please contact me at 541-667-6300 or e-mail lori.mills@hermiston.org

Sincerely,
Lori Monaco-Mills
Sandstone Middle School Principal