



MONTOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP • KENNEDY TOWNSHIP • INGRAM BOROUGH • THORNBURG BOROUGH • PENNSBURY BOROUGH

Administration • 223 Clever Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 • (412) 490-6500 • Fax (412) 788-1196 • www.montourschools.com

February 15, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian of Future Fifth Grade Students:

I want to take this opportunity to formally welcome you to David E. Williams Middle School. Our staff is pleased to be given the opportunity to partner with you for the educational benefit of your child. You and your child will be joining an excellent school community!

The staff at David E. Williams **eagerly** awaits the arrival of the incoming fifth grade class. It is our intent to provide a challenging and appropriate learning experience for every child in a safe and caring environment. We are pleased to have the opportunity to educate your student and to provide the necessary programs/ services to ensure his/ her success.

To assist in the transition for both the students and parents to the middle school, we have scheduled several orientation activities. The initial phase of this transition will begin with the following scheduling activities. Students will have the opportunity to select electives for the 2019- 2020 school year. On February 19th, Mrs. Verdream, our 5th grade counselor, will travel to M.E.S. to further explain scheduling activities to the students as well as hand out course selection sheets. On March 5th and 6th, students will formally enter their requested classes into Skyward with the direction of Mrs. Verdream and support staff. Next, the 4th grade students will travel to David E. Williams on May 21st. During this visit, students will take part in a number of activities where they will learn more about life as a middle school student. The fourth phase of the transition will include the fifth grade parent/student orientation meetings and tours. Tentatively, we have scheduled these meetings for August 12th. To accommodate family schedules, we hold these events at two different times. One meeting/ tour will occur at 10 a.m., and another will occur at 7 p.m. Of course, each family only needs to attend one session. Attendance is critical to understanding the middle school structure, expectations, policies, and guidelines. The meeting(s) will be held in the DEW auditorium with a tour to follow.

Our staff looks forward to your participation in the parent orientation and the transition to an exciting school experience here at David E. Williams. The educational environment, academic, and co-curricular programs will provide your child with expanded opportunities for growth and development.

In the meantime, important updates will be sent to you via email and be made available through Skyward. If you have any questions or concerns during this exciting time of transition, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Verdream at any time.

Sincerely,
Mr. Dominic Salpeck, Principal