

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thorne Middle School

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Dear Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents,

We hope this summer has been an enjoyable, safe and healthy time and you are looking forward to the opening of the school year. Mr. Faaland, our eighth grade counselor, and Ms. Kelpsh, our seventh grade counselor, will be working with your children. Feel free to ask for their help at any time. Obviously, we are also available to help you resolve any problems you may be having.

When school opens on Thursday, September 3, 2009, students can arrive beginning at 7:45 a.m. **Please note the first two days of school our students will be dismissed early.** Homeroom will meet from 8:10 to 8:40 a.m. Students will be dismissed at **12:30 p.m.** On Tuesday, September 8, 2009, we will resume our regular schedule.

If any parent wishes to meet with his or her child's teacher or teachers, please use the automated telephone system or District email (teacher's last name, first initial @middletownk12.org). We encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity to get to know our teachers. We are convinced the more you know about Thorne, the more you will understand why our school has such a great reputation for providing a quality education for our students.

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, October 1st, at 7:30 p.m. All parents are cordially invited to see our school and meet your child's teachers. Our very active PTA is looking for volunteers to work on their numerous committees. You will be receiving more information about our PTA at Back to School Night. The first PTA meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers' lounge. All parents are invited.

Students will find, enclosed in this packet, their homeroom number. They are to report to this room on Thursday, September 3rd, at which time they will be given their schedules. They will receive their locker combination when they return the following forms: school insurance, permission for photographs/website. All forms must have a parent signature to be accepted by the homeroom teacher.

We are looking forward to a great, exciting and productive new school year working with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Alvaro J. Cores
Principal

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