Dear Parents and Sixth Grade Students,

Welcome to your first year at Ellen Fletcher Middle School! As an introduction to middle school, sixth-grade students will be at Tiger Camp for the first four days of school. We want to take the opportunity to explain the purpose of Tiger Camp and what your students should expect.

Please note that students will not be able to attend Tiger Camp, or any classes until parents have submitted the online registration for sixth grade. If you have not completed the online registration, please visit (http://icportal.pausd.org). If you need assistance with this online service, contact PAUSD’s Infinite Campus Support at 650-329-3796.

Middle School is an adventurous period in a child’s development, one of much growth academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. The transition from elementary school is a milestone in a child’s life. To support our students in making a smooth transition, all sixth graders participate in Tiger Camp, a specially designed program to orient students to Fletcher and acclimate them to middle school. On the first day of school, Tuesday, August 13, at 8:10 a.m., sixth-grade students will meet together in the Cafétorium (Café) to begin their first day of Tiger Camp. Students will be divided into color groups for Tiger Camp. These color group lists will be posted outside of the Library and in the windows of the Café that morning. Students should find their name, and sit with their color group inside the Café.

Tiger Camp includes specific activities designed to build community, promote social wellness, acquaint students with the ten core teachers, and provide teachers the opportunity to assess sixth graders in academics, as well as social and student-learning skills.

During Tiger Camp, the students’ schedules will include their year-long music, wheel, and P.E. classes, as well as a rotation through all sixth grade core classes. The first few days of Tiger Camp we have arranged for sixth graders to go to brunch and lunch earlier than on typical days. As part of the program, students will be oriented to campus resources and procedures and will be completing reading, writing, and math inventories. They will also learn about Fletcher’s emergency procedures, bike safety, and Fletcher expectations. In addition, Tiger Camp includes activities that focus on team building and on our Social Kindness Program, which supports our safe and welcoming anti-bullying climate at Fletcher.

The staff will have time to get to know each student and discover their interests and strengths as each participates in these orientation activities. After Tiger Camp, the sixth-grade teachers and the counselor will form balanced, cohesive core classes using the collected data and observations from Tiger Camp, coupled with the information from the fifth-grade teachers, and your parent input cards. At the end of Tiger Camp, students will be assigned to their sixth-grade core class. On the morning of Monday, August 19, these class lists will be posted on the windows of the Café. Students go to their normal first and second-period classes on Monday, then go to their core class after Brunch.

We look forward to seeing all registered sixth-grade students at 8:10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13th in the Café.

Melissa Howell
Principal

Pieter Dolmans
Dean - 6th Grade Administrator

Suganthani Subramanian, Kirsten Axberg, Keith Casey, Ingrid Diether, Shari McDaniel
Deb Giden, Pauline Rodriguez, Becky Rea, Joann Maher, Kelly Spicer, Annie Yount

Fletcher 6th Grade Core Teaching Teams

Mark Dungan, Tiffany Ou, Jesse Denny, Eileen Chang, Linda Papanicolaou, Jennifer Ellington,
David Rosenblatt, Vyjayanthi Raman, Cindi Ahern, Travis Wood

Fletcher 6th Grade Wheel/Music/PE Teams

* On the back please find a sixth-grade supplies list.
Supplies are not needed for the week of Tiger Camp. Below is a basic, suggested supply list of common items used in 6th grade CORE classes. Please contact your child’s core teacher after Tiger Camp if support is needed. (Once your child is placed in a core class, there may be one or two additional supplies needed.)

- Backpack or book bag
- 2” Binder (no zippers) with section tabs
- Pencil pouch or box
- Binder paper - 8.5” x 11”, college-ruled, 3-hole punched (to have at home for homework)
- 2- spiral notebooks (100 pages each) for math
- #2 pencils (Ticonderoga pencils sharpen best and last longest)
  
  Note: Many teachers don’t allow mechanical pencils.

- One pack of colored pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener with the catch for shavings (silent-not battery-powered)
- Two red ballpoint pens for self-correcting

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

- boxes of tissues
- highlighters
- colored pencils eraser caps

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