

Pleasantdale School District 107

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Dear Pleasantdale Middle School Families,

As we begin a new school year, we want to update you on our continuing work in the Middle School Math Department to pilot resources that will best support student learning. Last year, our teachers in grades 6-8 completed a pilot of Big Ideas Math. This year, we are extending our math pilot to examine additional resources in accelerated 5th grade classes and all 6th-8th grade classes. Each of these programs are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and the department is confident that these programs will engage the students in rigorous lessons that provide them opportunities to apply mathematical thinking and practices. The programs are listed below for the on-level and accelerated classes, and we have included links to each program for more information.

Grade Level	On-Level	Accelerated
5th Grade	Bridges *	Big Ideas and CMP3 (Pearson)
6th Grade	Big Ideas and CMP3 (Pearson)	Glencoe (McGraw Hill)
7th Grade	Glencoe (McGraw Hill)	CPM
8th Grade	CPM	<i>LTHS Algebra Curriculum</i>

* Program adopted in grades K-5 for 2017-2018

During the summer, the 5th-8th grade math teachers met to work on best practices in teaching mathematics and evaluating math resources. To further support these pilots, each teacher is also participating in additional professional development specific to the programs they will be using in their classrooms. During the school year, the Middle School Math Department will be meeting twice a month to review progress of the pilots, collect feedback, and track student progress.

Throughout this process, the Middle School Math Department will be seeking feedback from parents and students. This feedback will be an important piece of our endeavor and will assist us in making a final adoption recommendation to our Board of Education in the spring of the 2017-2018 school year.

We are excited to continue our pilot program and for the opportunity to provide our students with a high quality mathematics education that prepares them for their future. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Mrs. Meg Knapik, Director of Math and Middle School Assistant Principal at (708) 246-7373 or Dr. Jennifer Ban, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning at (708) 784-2177.

Your partners in education,

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