



Malden Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual Back-to-School night! We hope you were able to learn about our curriculum and the expectations for your child. Thank you for making the effort to be here to learn about your child's school experience.

Last week students began their **first session of enrichment**. Please ask your child what they have selected for the first enrichment session!

The "Gold Book"-This year we are highlighting the Core Value of *responsibility*. When a teacher or staff member feels that a student has been "caught" demonstrating *responsibility* or any of the core values, the student may be sent to the office to sign the "Gold Book". Each student that signs the "Gold Book" will receive a certificate and their name will be announced over the loud speaker during Monday morning announcements.

You can help us by...

To foster our Core Value of *Responsibility*, the secretaries will not be permitted to call into classrooms during the day unless there is an extreme emergency. Please help us by doing the following: **Any changes in students' dismissal routines need to be sent in writing to your child's teacher in the morning. If you drop off homework, snack, etc, the item will be kept in the office and an email will be sent to the teacher.**

Please review the **Attendance and Retention Policies** in the Student/Parent Handbook for specific information. **Students in grades 7 and 8** will fail their courses for the quarter if they have more than 3 unexcused absences. We are monitoring excused and unexcused absences carefully. **School attendance is essential** for a successful year.

Just a Reminder:

Please join us at the next **PTO meeting** which is **October 6** at 6:30 in the Ferryway library. We are looking for parent volunteers...we appreciate any and all help. Remember you put the P in PTO!!

School starts at 7:45 and students are marked **late at 8:00**. It is very important for your child to be on time!

If your child is going to be absent, please call the main office at 781-388-0655 (grades K-4) or 781-388-0659 (grades 5-8). Following his/her return to school, we need a note from a parent/guardian, doctor, court officer, or any other official who can explain the absence.

Please join me at the next **Parent Coffee** on Friday, October 23 at 8:15 where it will be an open forum to talk with me about the topic of your choice. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gordon

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