Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Tawasentha 6 Team and Farnsworth Middle School! We look forward to working with your child and meeting them during the Tawasentha Orientation Day on **Wednesday**, **September 6th**.

We understand the transition to middle school comes with a set of unique challenges, both academically and socially. Our team's values focus on the importance of life lessons and the social emotional health of our students. We feel strongly about the power of positive collaboration and teamwork. As teachers we strive to model that for our students. We are committed to creating a classroom environment that is positive, safe and engaging for all.

During the summer, we are expecting our incoming 6th graders to read, read! We are requiring that students read at least **one book** and be prepared to discuss the book with teachers and peers during the first week of school, the week of September 6th.. Please refer to the recommended reading list, <u>HERE</u>, for suggestions on amazing books. We look forward to working with you and your family throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact.

- Felicia Milam (ELA & Social Studies): milamf@guilderlandschools.net.
- Korey Rogotzke (Math & Science): rogotzkek@guilderlandschools.net

Please take a moment to fill out our parent contact and information sheet <u>HERE</u> by using the Google form. We ask that you have this done by September 4th. This will help us get to know you and your child better. In a separate document, we have created a supply list for your Core classes. Please label all binders and folders in **BLACK Sharpie** with your student's name and homeroom number.

The district is using a new online parent/teacher communication program called ParentSquare. More information for how to use ParentSquare will follow during the first week of school. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with your child. We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 at the 6th Grade Parent Open House.

Sincerely,

Korey Rogotzke & Felicia Milam