

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the **Tawasentha 6E Team** and **Farnsworth Middle School**! We are excited to begin this journey with your child and look forward to meeting them at **6th Grade Orientation on Thursday, September 3rd**.

We understand that the transition to middle school brings new academic and social challenges. On our team, we prioritize not only academic success but also the social-emotional well-being of our students. Our goal is to foster strong relationships with each student while creating a positive, safe, and engaging learning environment. We also look forward to working closely with you and your family throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns as they arise.

This year, our Tawasentha 6E team includes the following teachers:

Christine Huestis (Special Education): huestisc@guilderlandschools.net

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Meg Polino (ELA & Social Studies): polinom@guilderlandschools.net

Michael Laster (Team Administrator): lasterm@guilderlandschools.net

Summer Reading Assignment

We ask all incoming 6th graders to **read at least one book** over the summer. During the first full week of school (**beginning September 8th**), students will complete a graded follow-up assignment based on their summer reading. To help with preparation, we recommend jotting down some notes while reading.

- Use [this template](#) to track your thinking as you read.
 - Browse [The FMS recommended reading list](#) for book suggestions.
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Parent Letter Request

To help us get to know your child better, we would love for you to [fill out this form](#). This information helps us build connections early and meet the unique needs of each student. We kindly ask that responses be submitted by **Wednesday, August 31st** so we can review them before Orientation.

Stay Connected

- Be sure to sign up for [ParentSquare](#) and log in to [eSchoolData](#) to ensure that all of your contact information is up to date.

We are excited for a wonderful school year ahead and can't wait to welcome your child to our team. We also look forward to meeting you at our **6th Grade Parent Open House on Tuesday, September 22nd**. More details will follow soon.

Warm regards,

Christine Huestis, Marissa Matteo & Meg Polino
Tawasentha 6E Team