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Dear 7th and 8th Grade Students

I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer months! It is such an important time to slow the pace of life down and enjoy time with your family, friends and doing things you love. I have spent my summer learning about the middle school, meeting teachers, students and parents. I feel so privileged to be your new principal. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you. I hope I can count on your help and support when I need ideas, guidance and sometimes just a friendly smile. Being the "new kid on the block" isn't always easy, but I can tell I am in good hands here at Elwood Middle School.

We will spend a lot of time together during the school year. Here, at EMS, we see ourselves as a family; we will learn, grow, make mistakes, try again, and meet with success together. We do this by showing up every day and demonstrating **Respect, Responsibility and Relationships**. We expect all members of our community to treat each other with respect, take personal responsibility for themselves and seek opportunities to build and nurture our relationships. Those are the pillars of what makes a family. Please always remember you are not alone, we are here to teach, nurture and support each other every step of the way.

I am looking forward to meeting you when we return to school on September 5, 2017. On this day you will not need to bring any school supplies, including your Chromebook, with you. We will have a folder with loose leaf paper and a pencil for you in your homebase. As we did last year, the first day of school will be an opportunity to get to know your teachers and engage in team building activities.

Please know that you will be able to access your schedule on the parent portal on the afternoon of August 29, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina Sapienza".

Christina Sapienza, Ed.D.
Principal
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