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Welcome to Beverly Cleary's Parent Information Night

January 20, 2010

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Why we are here tonight...

- We want this to be the best school it can possibly be, and we want families to stay with us through grade 8
- Suggestion from PTA to share more about our mid-level program
- We want you to know our priorities and thinking
- We would like to share what students told us
- We would like to hear your input
- If you are going to look, we would like to give you some suggestions so that you can make an informed decision

Beverly Cleary Model (grades 7-8) 2009-2010

- Literature, Language Arts, Social Studies block for 2 hours 10 minutes
- Math, Science, Health block for 2 hours 10 minutes
- Enrichment Daily for 35 minutes in AM taught by classroom teachers (four 9-week courses)
- 7th period rotation of Media, Counseling/PE and Music for 40 minutes (two 9-week courses and two 18-week courses that alternate days)
- PE every other day for 18 weeks

6th Grade Model

- Like most Middle Schools, our 6th grade looks different than 7th and 8th grade
- Literature, Language Arts, Social Studies block for 2 hours 10 minutes
- Math, Science, Health block for 2 hours 10 minutes
- PE daily
- Enrichment provided by 6th grade teachers

Changes we have made this year:

- 5th grade report card will be standards-based which will be the same as K-4
- Access to higher level math for students in grades 4-8
- 6-8 grade play funded by Run 4 the Arts
- Washington DC trip for 8th grade students
- 8th grade Art Legacy Project to begin this year
- Student Leadership
- Girls Night Out
- Dances

Principal Priorities

- Ensuring we meet the needs of all students
- Music
- PE
- World Languages
- Art
- Technology

What our students say...

- Enjoy class trips and would like more experiences of that nature
- Would like to see drama, homeroom, art, band/choir and world languages as part of the curriculum
- Increase time for PE
- Want to move to classes with other students- more variety in their day
- More choice in the courses they take

Questions you may want to ask at other schools you are considering.

- How long are Content classes? (our kids have at least 60 minutes of Math and Science daily)
- What are the enrichment classes and who can take them? Be sure to check!
- Are block classes mixed-age or arranged by grade?
- Am I looking at a K-8, a focus option, or a traditional Middle School?

Thoughts to consider...

- Small class size offers more individualized attention
- Teachers really get to know the kids
- Students really know each other
- More time in content classes
- Well prepared for a successful High School experience



Your questions???

