

Mabelle B. Avery Middle School

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Dear 7th and 8th Grade Parents and/or Guardians,

*After a tremendous start to school this year, we begin the next important phase in your child's education. As a school, we look forward to working closely with you as we prepare students for success in the future. It is my sincere hope that you will be able to attend this year's **7th and 8th Grade Open House**. **This will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** The Open House will provide a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about the many exciting things happening at MBA. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.*

Clay Krevolin, Principal



Welcome to the Mabelle B. Avery Open House

Schedule for Thursday, September 13, 2018

Time

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

7:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Grade Seven

Grade 7 Team Presentation - **Cafeteria**

Visit 7th Grade Classrooms & Unified Arts Teachers
(1st floor - Technology Ed **Rm. 134**, Phys. Ed. **gym**
Band and Chorus Rooms -- 2nd floor- Art **Rm. 500**,
Life Skills **Rm. 305**, Reading Specialist **Rm. 301**,
World Language **Rm. 203**)

Time

Grade Eight

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

7:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Grade 8 Team Presentation - **Chorus Room**
Visit 8th Grade Classrooms & Unified Arts Teachers
(1st floor - Technology Ed **Rm. 134**, Phys. Ed. **gym**
Band and Chorus Rooms -- 2nd floor- Art **Rm. 500**,
Life Skills **Rm. 305**, Reading Specialist **Rm. 301**,
World Language **Rm. 404**)

MAP TESTING 2018

Next week, all MBA students will engage in the district's annual NWEA MAP Testing. Students will be assessed in math and reading using computer adaptive tests. These growth assessment tools are designed to find the students' proficiency level by adapting questions to the students' performance as they go. The overall performance level is indicated by a "RIT" score, which can be compared to national norms and to our own grade level averages. The MAP tests are given twice per year so we can benchmark scores in the fall and measure student growth in the spring. The assessments help identify individual student needs, as well as overall trends to inform curricular decisions. This is also one of the measures we use to determine eligibility for the intervention program (extra individualized math and reading skills instruction) as part of the established entry and exit criteria.

Please encourage your child to put his/her best foot forward when taking these assessments. The data from these tests are only as valuable as the degree to which they reflect students' true skill level.

SPORTS

We mentioned today on the morning announcements that we are in the final stages of securing a field hockey coach. Students interested in playing field hockey were told to put their names on the sign-up list that can be found on Mr. Brown's website. They were also told to take a packet from the community bulletin board located outside the main office. This has all of the paperwork parents need to complete. The completed forms should be turned into the main office as soon as possible so our nurse can check medical clearances, etcetera. We are hoping to have our first team meeting next Wednesday 9/12. More announcements will follow once the coaching situation is officially resolved.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Gr. 6 & 7 Open House
Picture Day

Thursday, 9/13
Thursday, 9/27

6:30-8:00 PM
9:00 AM – 1 PM MBA Gym