



Abbott Middle School

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Dear Abbott parents:

As we prepare to begin our October break, I'd like to thank our entire Abbott community for a positive first portion of our school year. Our students have been doing a good job upholding our school wide behavioral expectations (be safe, be responsible, be respectful). The Abbott parent community has been very supportive, and it was great to see so many families attend our Back to School Night. Our teachers have been working hard in collaborative teams to share best practices for engaging and supporting all students. Our school year spans almost 11 months, and we never know exactly what situations will arise over the course of the year, but this school year is off to a positive start.

Oct. 23rd Mtg. on new Abbott Gym & Classroom Construction

Our PTA is hosting a special morning meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd at 8:15 am for parents to learn about construction of a new gym, classrooms, and locker rooms on Abbott's campus. One of our district's project managers, Mark Sherrill, will be presenting updates on the project, reviewing the timeline for the project, and showing architectural plans for the project.

Parent Conferences on Nov. 7th

We have parent conferences coming up on Wed., Nov. 7th from 2-8 pm. Your student will receive a hard copy of the instructions for the online conference sign up on October 4th, and we will also send an email on Oct. 4th with the instructions attached. The online scheduler will open at 8 am on Oct. 24th, and will close on Nov. 4th at 11 pm. If you feel that your student needs additional support in one or more of his or her classes, it is especially important that you take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your student's teacher(s). Our office staff is available to assist parents who need help with the online scheduler.

Thanks for Supporting the Abbott Community

Although we are still early in the school year, there are many people to thank for helping us with a successful launch. Thank you to parent Laura Duncan for stepping up to volunteer for the job of PTA President, and to the many members of our PTA's executive board, 14 members in all, and for all of the good work they do to support all Abbott students.

Photos courtesy of Abbott Yearbook Class



Mrs. Rose helps students explore electrical circuits in 7th Grade Science



Students work on papier-mâché models in Mrs. Torke's 3-D Design art elective



6th Grade Students are settling in and making new friends in the lunch court



New 8th Grade Math teacher Mr. Keating leads a life-size graphing activity outside

Thank you to parents Molly Glover Gallatin and Kristi Puls for taking the lead in getting the word out to our community about the upcoming Measure V. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered their time in some way to support Abbott, and to the parents who contributed to the PTA's direct donation campaign at the start of the year. Finally, thank you to the many students and families who showed up in their Abbott green to support the SMFC Education Foundation's recent fun run at Hillsdale HS. Though we are still early in the year, many members of our community have already stepped up in big ways to support our students and the Abbott community.

I hope that your student has a safe and restful October break, and we look forward to seeing you all at parent conferences on Nov. 7th.

Sincerely,

Joe Hadley, Principal