



Dear Parents/Guardians of current 5th graders,

Welcome to Brown Middle School! While this is not the way I had envisioned introducing myself, I would like to welcome you to our community. This will be my first year as principal at Brown, and I am excited to start this new journey together with your child. While new to the role of principal, I am very familiar with this amazing place. For the past 9 years I was an Assistant Principal at Brown and prior to that I taught math here for 18 years - so my roots run deep. I look forward to sharing information with you regarding your child's transition to middle school and answering your questions. While we don't know exactly what school will look like in the fall, the faculty and staff here plan to make sure your child feels a part of this terrific place.

There is much information we want to share with you, and I don't want to overwhelm, so in an attempt to be concise, here are the important things for you to know for right now:

- 1.) We will be sharing a video to all 5th grade families that includes all of the information we would have shared at the 5th grade parent night. Expect this next Monday through school messenger.
- 2.) We plan to hold parent virtual "coffees" (BYOC) in the mornings during the first full week of May. (Dates and times to follow.)
- 3.) We need to begin the process of collecting your requests for your child's world language choice. **Please click on [this link](#) and complete the form** for your child's first, second and third choice. We will do our best to honor first choices depending on class sizes.
- 4.) A new plan to give our rising 6th graders a "step-up day" virtual experience is in the works. More details and information to follow.

If your child is not planning on attending Brown Middle School this fall, please email Dianne O'Sullivan, secretary for student services, directly at osullivangardd@newton.k12.ma.us.

I will be in touch later in the week with information regarding parent coffees. We hope your family is healthy and that you are finding success navigating this new virtual world!

Sincerely,
Kim Lysaght
Principal, September 2020
Charles E. Brown Middle School