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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to the 2015 - 2016 school year at Central Dauphin East Middle School! Our commitment at East Middle School is to provide a safe, positive, and rigorous learning environment that will empower ALL students. Here at EMS, we strive to encourage independent problem solvers, critical thinkers, and inspired learners prepared for high school, college, and life in the twenty-first century.

As I go into my 22nd year as a part of the EMS staff, and my 5th year as head principal, I continue to stay dedicated to creating an administrative team and staff of teachers who treat students as individuals and ensure that all students are reaching their highest potential. With the help of a supportive guidance program and outstanding teachers, our administrative team will continue setting and reaching high expectations for our students with regard to academic achievement as well as responsible citizenship at our school and within our community. I am asking each student and parent to continue to support these EMS expectations by promoting our mantra of Excellence in academics, Modeling positive behavior, and Showing respect to all.

At EMS we have approximately 650 students enrolled in grades six through eight. These students make up six different academic teams, which provide students with the opportunity to succeed in a supportive environment. Each member of our staff is a dedicated educator who is committed to working with middle school students and promoting their emotional and academic success. We are working hard to ensure that students feel connected to the EMS staff, and to one another, as well as help them to demonstrate pride in our school.

One of the most important contributors to our success here at EMS is our continued loyalty and dedication to our School climate Transformation Program, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), and academically through the RRR (Rigor Relevance and Relationships) Framework. It is our loyalty to these programs that has allowed us to raise the bar for our students academically, emotionally, and socially. For more information on either of these programs, please visit our district website or contact a member of our EMS team.

While our caring teachers and staff, challenging experiences, and supportive interventions help to develop a climate in which students can succeed, it will take the combined efforts of both the school and home for the students to maintain this success. Just as we challenge your child daily to work hard and try their best, we challenge you to remain involved with your child's middle school education. We encourage all members of our EMS community to join us for scheduled activities and become part of our family.

Thank you for visiting our website. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. Remember... always have a book to read!

Sincerely,



Christine M. Miller