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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the Whalen/Puljanowski 6th grade team! We are excited to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, tell you about the upcoming year, and inform you about the supplies you will need.

This is Ms. Whalen's third year teaching in the Easton Public Schools. She enjoys reading, baking, hiking, and spending time at the beach. She expects students in her class to treat each other fairly and to come prepared each day. Mrs. Puljanowski has been teaching 6th grade in Easton for twelve years. In her spare time she loves to read, travel, and spend time with her ten year old daughter and three year old son. It is important to her that students try their best and respect each other.

Making sure every student finds success this year is our number one priority. We understand that the students entering our classrooms are individuals, each with their own specific skills, learning needs, and interests. Therefore, we will use many different teaching approaches to meet everyone's needs. Because each student is unique, we may challenge you in different ways. Our classrooms will be built on teamwork and mutual respect.

We have a lot of work to accomplish during the next ten months. We hope you are ready! Ms. Whalen will be teaching you math and science, while Mrs. Puljanowski will be teaching English and social studies. We can't wait to begin all the interesting units and special activities that are part of the sixth grade curriculum. We will learn about many topics, including: the solar system, ancient civilizations, early people, algebra, percent, geometry, fractions, reading and writing strategies, and much, much more. The sixth grade curriculum is enriched with many hands-on activities and projects. It is also a time to continue to improve on our organizational and study skills.

Organization is one of the most important ingredients to being an effective learner. With that in mind, the following are items you will need this year:

- (1) **durable** 7 pocket accordion folder
- (1) 5 subject notebook
***With a damage resistant cover, such as a 5-Star notebook.** This notebook will be used daily throughout the year, and lesser quality notebooks will fall apart before the year is over.*
- (5) folders
- (1) pencil pouch
- (3+) dry erase markers (*for math*)
- (12+) #2 pencils and erasers (*Pre-sharpened is best.*)
- (2+) pens (*blue or black*)
- (2+) red, green, or purple pens (*for correcting*)
- (2+) highlighters
- (1 pack) colored pencils, crayons, and/or markers
- (1 pair) scissors (*Please mark with your initials.*)
- (1) ruler (*Please mark with your initials.*)
- (8+) glue sticks (*We will use glue sticks almost daily.*)
- (1) set of headphones
- (1+) package of index cards
- (2+) boxes of tissues

*** If you are unable to get any of these supplies, please let us know!*

We are extremely excited to start our year together and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at (508) 230-3222. See you at the end of the month!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Puljanowski and Ms. Whalen

