

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yellow House

Summer 2009

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend an early welcome to our incoming eighth graders. The Yellow House teachers are Ms. Lieberman (science), Mr. Spotteck (math), Mr. Barbara (social studies), and Mrs. Sims (English).

When your child comes to school in September, it would be helpful if he or she had the supplies that we will be using throughout the school year. (Please note the list of supplies on the back of this page.) Also, please know that eighth graders are responsible for reading at least one book on the summer reading list. This list can be found on the school website and the books should be available at the Port Washington Public Library, Dolphin Book Store, and Barnes and Noble in Manhasset. A written assessment will be given in September.

We hope that we can build on last year's efforts to organize and motivate students to have a successful year. It is important that your son/daughter keeps up with a heavier workload. Eighth grade is also a year that should serve as a smooth transition to the high school. Therefore, we expect that our students take responsibility for their own success. Each teacher on the team has a policy regarding late work. Students should be aware that there are penalties for work handed in late. Of course, if your child is sick, we will make any needed exceptions to this rule.

We are available for team meetings if you feel your child has academic or emotional issues that need to be discussed; however, we encourage open communication between teachers and students in order to address any concerns. If you would like to conference with us, please call Ms. Zelman, our house school counselor at 516-767-5545 to make an appointment with the team. We can also be reached via email on the PWSD website.

We hope that the summer has been a time of relaxation and fun. We look forward to welcoming the new eighth graders in September and meeting you at Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

Sincerely,

Mr. Barbara, Ms. Lieberman, Mrs. Sims, and Mr. Spotteck

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**Supplies for Integrated Studies**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yellow House**

**English**

- 1 marble notebook
- 1 floppy binder
- 6 dividers
- zipper pocket sleeve for carrying paperback in binder
- 3X5 index cards
- Flash drive for copying files (optional)

**Social Studies**

- (1) 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " binder
- Folder with pockets

**Math 8/Integrated Algebra**

- 3-hole ring binder
- 4 dividers
- Ruler
- graph paper

**Earth Science**

- colored pencils
- scissors
- metric ruler
- (2) 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3-hole binder
- Glue stick
- Index cards

**Science 8**

- (1) 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3-hole binder
- Index cards
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Metric ruler
- Glue stick
- 3 dividers

**The following are general supplies for all core subjects:**

- mini stapler
- pens (blue, black, red)
- pencils
- highlighters (at least 3 colors)
- loose leaf paper
- notebook hole punch

**\*Extra supplies for our needier students would be appreciated**