



Robert J Coelho Middle School

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Dear Coelho Parents and Families:

The Coelho Middle School faculty is excited for the start of another wonderful school year. We hope that everyone has had the chance to relax and enjoy the summer with family and friends. As the proud principal of the Coelho Middle School, I also want to thank all the parents, students, teachers and community members for making the 2015-2016 school year one of the most memorable ones. We are eternally grateful for how the parents and community, as a whole, have supported the students and staff in making each child's education a positive and enriching experience.

The new school year has brought some changes to the Coelho Middle School, including some team changes and additions to the staff changes. One of the changes to the Coelho Middle School is the addition of our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Kevin Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson comes to us from the Abington Public Schools, where he served in the role of Assistant Principal at the middle school level for 8 years. In his prior role as Assistant Principal, he was and is still regarded as a tremendous asset and resource to the staff, parents and students and is highly respected. Mr. Atkinson was critical in establishing a positive learning environment and culture for the staff and families. Upon meeting him in our initial interviews, the committee immediately knew the positive impact and role he would play in making Coelho Middle School an even better school than it already had been. With the mission of the Attleboro Public Schools in mind, which is **to develop and deliver relevant learning experiences that engage, challenge and inspire all students to maximize their unique potential and improve our world**, Mr. Atkinson and I have worked very closely with the staff to ensure that this school year will be an enjoyable and enriching experience for all the students, staff, parents and the community as a whole. I know all of you will take the time to connect with him and welcome him to the Coelho Middle School family.

As I have stated so many times before, I truly believe that we all have a shared responsibility in establishing a nurturing environment for our students, while providing each and every one of them with the very best, well-rounded and rigorous education possible. This can only be done with the establishment of a wonderful partnership between school, community and the home. As part of this on-going communication, we will be asking that you connect with us in a variety of different forums and formats to enhance the communication between the school and home. Please visit our new website, <http://cms.attleboroschools.com/> and access links to the Aspen Portal, Coelho Facebook Page, Twitter and school calendar to get information. Enclosed in this letter is a brief outline for the opening day of school that will be helpful to you and your child.

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Finally, in the top right hand corner is the homeroom number that your child will directly report to on the first day of school if they are in grades 6-8. We will have staff in the hallways to help direct the students to the correct rooms. If your child is entering into grade 5, they will report directly to the auditorium at the start of school.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Boles
Principal
Coelho Middle School

Enclosure

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THE ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AND THE TITLE IX EDUCATIONAL AMENDMENTS OF 1972 PART 8 SECTION 5-A OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR RELIGION

Listed below are some of the details that you should be aware of before your child enters school on September 1, 2016.

- Drop off for students that are considered “walkers” is **7:30 A.M.** For students being dropped off, parents/guardians can enter the school at the second entrance, drive around the back of the building and drop the students off near the cafeteria at **Door “I”**. **Note: If a parent is wishing to come into the school and speak with a faculty member, you must park and enter at Door “A”, which is the main entrance of the building.**
- Students eating breakfast may enter the building at **7:20 A.M.**
- Students may enter the building at **7:40 A.M.**
- All students should be seated in their homeroom by **7:50 A.M.**
 - Any student who is not in homeroom at **7:50 A.M** will be marked tardy. Students that are tardy must enter at door “A” and receive a tardy pass from the main office.
 - If a student is tardy and arrives after **8:15 A.M.**, the student must be accompanied by the parent/guardian. If the child is coming from a doctor’s appointment, in order for the tardy to be excused, a note from the doctor must be presented when the student checks-in.
- The school day ends at **2:20 P.M.** Students that are staying after school need to make arrangements with the parent/guardian for pick up.
- Parents/guardians need to call in their child’s absence from school and follow up with a note.
- Students will need \$3.50 to purchase a student planner on the first day of school.
- Students should also bring in their own combination lock and need to give the combination to their homeroom teacher.
- The cost of lunch:
 - Regular Lunch: \$2.75
 - Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30, Lunch: \$0.40
 - Milk: \$.50
 - Breakfast: \$1.65
- All students will receive a packet of forms to be filled out. Please make sure that you take the time to review and complete the necessary paperwork and return these forms to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible.
- ALL parents/guardians and guests of the Coelho Middle School, must enter at the main entrance at Door “A” and check in with the main office.

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