



# **DIXON MIDDLE SCHOOL** *HOME OF THE PANTHERS SINCE 1931*

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Dear Sixth Grade Students and Parents,

I want to extend a warm welcome to you as you complete your Elementary School experience and make plans for Middle School. All of us at Dixon Middle School are excited for the upcoming year. Our staff is committed to providing you with all of the information that you will need as you prepare to enroll as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student. We recognize that there are multiple schooling options available to families in our community. Our desire is to provide you with information to assist you for your Middle/Junior High School experience.

The transition from the Elementary School to the Middle School can be frightening for both students and parents. This change includes a lot of new faces, a new school, stories and rumors, physical changes, and all of the emotions that come with this age group. We love this challenge at Dixon! Our staff is committed to helping every student have a positive and productive experience in Middle School.

As you make this transition, we are here to help. Several activities have been planned to inform you about courses, technology, and the every day life at Dixon Middle School. We invite you to learn about the great things that are happening at Dixon every day.

### 1) **Parent/Student Information Meetings to be held at each Elementary School**

A brief presentation from the DMS Administration and Guidance Counselors. Registration materials will also be distributed with course descriptions, a list of required courses, and information about placement decisions.

* Tuesday	March 14 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm	Westridge Elementary (Gym)
* Wednesday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm	Lake View Elementary (Gym)
* Thursday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm	Timpanogos Elementary (Gym)
* Tuesday	March 21 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm	Franklin Elementary (Gym)
* Wednesday	March 22 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm	Sunset View Elementary (Gym)
* Thursday	March 23 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00pm	Amelia Earhart Elementary (Gym)

### 2) **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Day at Dixon for Students – Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> 12:45pm –2:45pm**

Students from each school will have the chance to visit Dixon and meet with teachers, counselors, and some student leaders to tour the facility, learn about elective course offerings, and participate in other general orientation activities in small groups.

### 3) **Parent/Student Open House at Dixon – Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Parents and students are invited to come together (or alone) to tour the facility, meet our teachers, participate in short presentations about course offerings, Life at Dixon, iPad Technology Initiative, Advanced Course Opportunities, Leadership, and other activities that we provide for our students. Come see for yourself!

In addition to these events, we are proud to offer a **Summer Jump Start Program and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Day** in early August for our new students to help them transition to Dixon.

Many great things happen at our school every day. We are proud of our efforts to teach our students and offer them a positive experience in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades as they prepare for life. Over the past year we have celebrated many wonderful events, an ongoing 1:1 iPad project for students, new/unique course offerings, student successes in Local and National activities, and an overall improvement in the feel and attitude about Dixon.

If we can be of any assistance, please contact any member of our team. Feel free to visit our website at [www.dixon.provo.edu](http://www.dixon.provo.edu) or visit us on Facebook or Twitter for additional information.

Come see for yourself the great things that Dixon has to offer!

Sincerely,

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