

Dear Dater Montessori Family,

## Welcome to our 9-12 Community! Our team is called the Gators United!

Ms. Neal, Ms. Ray, and Ms. Vagedes are all very excited to work with you and your children. We think of our classrooms as communities that include students, families, and school staff. In our community, we learn to care about each other and work together. Our community celebrates every member of the group. This year is particularly exciting because we will have 4th, 5th, and 6th level students working together. Our whole team is thrilled to have you and your child joining us!

We are committed to keeping in contact with you throughout the year because you are the most important people in your child's life.

## Here is the contact information for our team:

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Brenda Kortekamp	Gifted Intervention	513-363-0927	kortekb@cps-k12.org

(If your child receives gifted intervention services or services through an IEP, the specialist will be sending an additional welcome letter to you.)

A supply list is attached. Thank you for sending supplies to school on the first day of school! Some supplies will be collected for use in the classroom community.

**Sixth graders will continue to participate in special leadership activities** such as Camp Joy, the ski trip, and King's Island. Costs and dates will be shared as soon as they are available.

There will be a 9-12 Family Info Night at the start of the next school year; we'll go over all of our procedures and answer all of your questions. If you have any concerns in the meantime, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for trusting us with your child. We are dedicated to giving them the best learning experience possible!

Sincerely,



## **6th Grade Field Experiences**

We like families to be aware of the big 6th grade trips (dates and cost) as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. We really want all 6th graders to attend all field experiences. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Trip	Approximate Date	Approximate Cost
Camp Joy	September 20-22	\$150.00 per child
Ski Trip	Late January/Early February	\$40-\$45 per child
Kings Island	Mid to Late May	\$35-\$40 + food/souvenirs





