

# Transition

2012-2013

# Change

- Motto has always been ... "What's Best for Kids"
- Observations
  - 5th & 6th graders similar developmentally
  - 7th & 8th graders similar developmentally
  - Each year 6th grade has trouble with transition, lockers, responsibility, FREEDOM!
  - Conversations with moms each year who are concerned about the transition to being with 7th & 8th grade students.

# QUESTIONS

- Question: What can we do to help 6th graders be more successful and assist them in their transition?
- Answer: Provide a structured, nurturing, developmentally appropriate environment as we assist them in transitioning to become a mature young person.
- How would we do that at RCS?
- Answer: Reorganize our grade level structure to meet the developmental needs of the students

# Organization for RCS 2012-2013

- K - 4 ... Elementary School
  - 5th & 6th ... Intermediate
  - 7th & 8th ... Junior High
  - 9-12 ... High School
- Middle School

# Academics & Daily Schedule

- Students in 5th and 6th grade will be together academically.
- Teachers in 5th and 6th will rotate teaching both 5th and 6th grade curriculum.
- Students in 5th will transition from class to class like elementary students.
- Students in 6th will be allowed more structured freedom during transitions.

# Academics & Daily Schedule (Con't)

- Chapel: There will be a separate middle school chapel. (Now middle school and high school are together.)
- Electives: Choir, Drama, Art, Computers, Study Skills
- Dress: Middle School Uniform for 5th & 6th grade
- Location: Based on needs and numbers for 12-13 ... in building D.

# Academics & Daily Schedule (Con't)

- 6th grade lockers ... 5th grade no lockers
- 5th and 6th will not dress out in PE
  - Will have a PE shirt to change into for boys

# Other Activities

- Eagles Wings (Safety Patrol): Remains in 5th grade
- Pine Cove: Remains in 5th grade
- 5th & 6th Music program
- Looking for ways for 6th grade to become leaders

# PE & Sports

- MS athletic practice ... before school
- 7th & 8th ... 1st period PE
- 5th & 6th ... PE during the day
  - Students may have a PE shirt ... TBD

# PE & Sports

- 5-6 Sports Program
  - 5-6 Basketball
  - 5-6 Volleyball
  - 5-6 Track
  - Cheer ... 5-6 pep squad / cheer
  - Baseball / Softball ... 7th & 8th Grade Sport

# FOCUS

- Our focus is to be developmentally appropriate in our expectations of 5th & 6th grade students.
- Questions: We have a list of questions that we are asking ourselves so that this will be a smooth transition for our students.
- Open Questions -----> Don't have all the answers yet

# New for RCS 12-13

- Ag - 4H Program ... MS & HS
- Drama
- 5th / 6th Intermediate
- High School: Dress Uniform for chapel & trips
- Leadership Focus: High School
- Archeology with field trip ... HS Elective