

Montgomery Middle School

Montgomery News – A Trimester Parent Newsletter

A Message from Jonathan Ton, Principal

On January 23, 2007, the Board acted to: “retain eighth grade students with two or more Fs in core subjects (i.e., English, Mathematics, History, Science) beginning this school year, 2006-2007. Parents will have the right to decline that their child be retained, but the student will then be assigned to the ninth grade Intervention Program at the high school.” Below is a description of how the new policy will look in practice.

Retention Guidelines – Grade 8

Eighth grade students with two or more Fs in core subjects as listed above at the end of the school year, 2006-2007, will be retained. Parents can indicate agreement to the retention decision on the “Grade 8 Retention/Promotion” form. The “Grade 8 Retention/Promotion” form will also show the recommendation that all retained students attend summer school.

Retention Appeal Process

Parents who decline the retention decision may submit an appeal. The appeal would be made on the “Grade 8 Retention/Promotion” form and submitted to the school principal or designee for approval. All students NOT retained under the parent appeal process will be required to attend summer school. At the conclusion of summer school, students with no Fs will be promoted to the Grade 9 regular program. Students with one or more Fs will be placed in the High School Intervention Program.

Our teachers, counselors and administrators are committed to the success of every student in our school. We also believe that working closely and collaboratively with our families is the best way to meet the district’s #1 goal of accelerating gains in student achievement. To this end, we welcome your support in looking at the best possible options for your child. Please feel free to contact your child’s counselor or one of the administrators with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A. Ton
Principal