

# Tomlinson Middle School

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Dear Tomlinson Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to Tomlinson for the 2019-2020 school year. The Tomlinson Community continues to grow even stronger with the support and dedication of our wonderful teachers, staff, and PTA. This summer, we upgraded our facility with a massive flooring project installing new tile floors and sub-flooring in a majority of the building. Last school year, we crowned the Tomlinson Cup winners from Community T. Again, our Walk-a-Thon was very successful, enabling us to purchase additional equipment and support additional programs to enhance the curriculum. We continued to add enrichment experiences and create leadership opportunities for all grade levels, such as sending a representative group of students to the Connecticut Association of Schools middle level student leadership conference in January. We were thrilled to be able to bring in author, Jordan Sonnenblick, to speak to the students. We also subsidized several field trips to make learning more engaging for all three-grade levels. As we embark on a new school year, we are all excited to continue to make meaningful connections and inspire our students.

This summer was filled with many inspirational moments. As we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States moon landing, astronaut Buzz Aldrin reminded us that there is so much more work to be done. One interview with Buzz Aldrin stuck with me most. He reminded me that landing on the moon was a collaborative effort, and that demonstrated to me when we work together anything is possible. The Tomlinson Middle School teachers and staff are a wonderful group of outstanding and caring teaching professionals who take the time to get to know all students individually. This year, we will continue to use instructional strategies and technology tools to inspire our students to achieve their best, continue to grow, and connect their learning to the world around them.

So as we look forward to a new school year, we are excited to discover and learn together. I will be greeting our families that are new to Fairfield for our New Family Orientation on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30-1:00; incoming sixth grade students for sixth grade orientation on August 28<sup>th</sup> 9-11 (no buses provided- drop off on school street, no parking in the front loop); all students on August 29<sup>th</sup> (Full Day); and all families at Open House on September 12<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families at 6:30). Community and Homeroom Assignments will be available on IC on August 21st. Additional details about TMS events are posted on Infinite Campus, and there will be a link on the [TMS web site](http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/tms/) (<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/tms/>) and on Twitter @Tomlinsonmiddle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Formato', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anthony Formato  
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