

***The School District of Philadelphia***  
**ELIZA B. KIRKBRIDE SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The Middle Years Team would like to welcome your scholar(s) back to Kirkbride. We are so excited to begin the 2025-2026 school year!

Becoming a middle years scholar at Kirkbride comes with the distinction of having four different teachers, each specializing in one subject. Teachers will primarily use Google Classroom to share classwork and projects, and students may use Google Classroom to communicate questions or concerns about assignments with their teachers. Please talk with your scholar(s) about the importance of checking Google Classroom daily during the school year to access classwork, projects, and assignments, and to communicate with teachers about missed assignments and assessments.

Independent research projects are also given throughout the school year. Information about projects will be shared on ClassDojo and Google Classroom so that families can work in partnership with teachers. Please reach out to the middle years team for support as needed, and we will do everything possible to make projects and assignments both meaningful and relevant for all students. Please note that our school uniform policy forbids hooded sweatshirts, and choose a cardigan or crewneck sweater this Fall!

In alignment with our school mission statement that 100% of students will gain admission to the high school of their choice, our top priority for middle years scholars is high school preparedness. 8th grade students will begin the high school selection process with the guidance of our counseling team during the first quarter. Additional information about high school selection will be provided in the 8th grade letter.

We are confident that with your support and encouragement, students will be prepared with skills and knowledge for success in their academic futures. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the team by email or through ClassDojo. Thank you for all that you do!

Respectfully,

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General Supplies Lists and Course Specific Information to Follow:

<b>Homeroom Information (All Grades):</b> <b>Wish List:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Pack Dry Erase Markers</li> <li>• 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer</li> <li>• 1 Box Tissues</li> <li>• 1 Pack Paper Towels</li> <li>• 1 Container Disinfecting Wipes</li> </ul>	<b>Supplies Needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Pair Headphones, Wired (No wireless earbuds)</li> <li>• 1 Pencil case (large enough to hold supplies)</li> <li>• 1 Pack of #2 Pencils (Needed for all classes)</li> </ul>
<b>6-8th Grade Social Studies Information (Tram):</b> 1.Students can practice their geography skills using: *Seterra.com 2.Student can keep up to date on current events during the summer by checking out: * <a href="https://www.pbs.org/newshour/tag/teenagers">https://www.pbs.org/newshour/tag/teenagers</a> * <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/tag/teenagers/">https://www.cbsnews.com/tag/teenagers/</a> * <a href="https://www.usnews.com/topics/subjects/teens">https://www.usnews.com/topics/subjects/teens</a>	<b>Supplies Needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Composition Notebook</li> <li>• 1 Folder</li> <li>• 1 Pack of Color Pencils</li> </ul>
<b>6-8th Grade Science Information (Hunt):</b> The School District of Philadelphia recently purchased a new science curriculum, Amplify Science, which emphasizes literacy and physical science. Strengthening reading skills during the summer will help prepare them for success.	<b>Supplies Needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Pack Dry Erase Markers</li> <li>• 1 Highlighter (Green, Yellow, or Pink)</li> </ul>
<b>English Language Arts Information (DeVose):</b> <b>Summer Reading Assignments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 6: Riordan, R. (2009). <i>The Lightning Thief</i>. Hyperion Books.</li> <li>• Grade 7: Muñoz Ryan, P. (2000). <i>Esperanza Rising</i>. Scholastic Press.</li> <li>• Grade 8: Gratz, A. (2017). <i>Refugee</i>. Scholastic Press.</li> </ul>	<b>Supplies Needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Spiral Bound Notebook</li> <li>• 2 Plastic Folders</li> </ul>
<b>6-7th Grade Math Information (Duch):</b> <b>Supplies Needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Folder</li> <li>• 1 Notebook</li> <li>• 1 Ream Copy Paper</li> <li>• 1 Box Tissues</li> <li>• 1 Pack Loose Leaf Paper</li> <li>• 1 Pair Scissors</li> </ul>	<b>Additional Supplies Needed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Pack Dry Erase Markers (fine tip)</li> <li>• 1 Whiteboard Eraser</li> <li>• 1 Pair Scissors</li> <li>• 2 Glue Sticks</li> <li>• 1 Pack of #2 pencils</li> <li>• TI-34 calculator (recommended but not required)</li> </ul>

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**7-8th Grade Math Information (Cohen):**

**For Incoming 8th Graders:**

If you plan to take ALGEBRA, you should sign up for Khan Academy and begin lessons this summer.

- 1) To sign up, go to [khanacademy.org/join](https://khanacademy.org/join)
- 2) Enter the class code **RD85S3XD** and click **ADD**
- 3) Click “Create New Account.”  
Use your birthdate and school email address.

**Supplies Needed:**

- 1 Pack of Pencils
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 4 Highlighters
- 4 Glue sticks
- 2 Marble Composition Notebooks
- 1 Binder (any color) that is 2 inches wide
- 2 Plastic Pocket Folders
- 1 Calculator  
(Scientific TI 34 if possible)
- 1 Centimeter ruler
- 1 Mini stapler

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<b>6-8th Grade Social Studies (Tram) Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Composition Notebook</li><li>• 1 Folder</li><li>• 1 Pack of Color Pencils</li></ul>	<b>6-8th Grade Science (Hunt) Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Pack Dry Erase Markers</li><li>• 1 Highlighter (Green, Yellow, or Pink)</li></ul>
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