

August 2, 2011

Dear 6th Grade Parent/Guardian,

In about two weeks, your child will be receiving a letter welcoming them to Van Antwerp and providing their team and homeroom assignments for the upcoming school year. I wanted to give you a sense of our 6th grade orientation in advance of that communication.

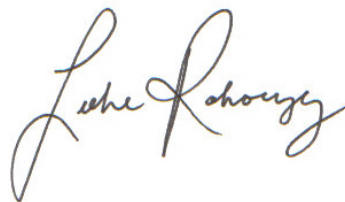
Orientation for all incoming 6th graders will take place on **Monday, August 29 from 9-11:30 a.m.** Your child will be working with our 8th grade W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) leaders and our school counselors. Mr. McFerran and Ms. Hughes will facilitate a number of team building activities. They will also help students to understand what to expect on day one. The overall goal is to help get students some familiarity with their classmates, teachers, counselors and the building before September.

Students can be dropped off and picked up at the Story Avenue entrance to the building. Students will not be provided, nor will they need to bring a lunch.

The VA PTO School Store will also be open during orientation. You will receive a flyer with additional hours with your summer mailing. The school store is run on a not-for-profit basis, offering supplies matching your child's list at nearly cost. It is a great place to catch up with other VA families and purchase school supplies.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and your child this fall. Feel free to call (370-1243) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke Rakoczy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Luke Rakoczy

Principal
Van Antwerp MS