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Dear Families of Worthington 6th graders:

Phoenix Middle School is excited to **begin our recruitment process for our 2019-2020 7th grade class!** Below, you will find a list of dates and information that will help you should you choose to find out more about our program for your 6th grader:

Informational Sessions for 6th Grade Students:

As in years past, we are scheduling informational sessions during the school day with all 6th graders at their neighborhood elementary buildings to share information about Phoenix Middle School. These sessions will occur during the month of February. Our current Phoenix students and staff members will be visiting all 6th grade classrooms to introduce our program and answer questions.

Learning about Phoenix Middle School:

Phoenix Middle School is an option for families in Worthington City Schools, and we invite all parents of current 6th graders to learn about our school and see if it might be a good fit for their child. Below are HIGHLY recommended opportunities to learn about Phoenix Middle School:

- **Parent Information Meetings**
 - Dates/Times: Thursday, February 28 (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM) and Monday, **March 4 (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)** Location: Phoenix Middle School music room
 - *Attendance is highly encouraged for those parents whose children want to enter the lottery.*
- **Open House for Prospective Families**
 - **Saturday, March 23** (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
 - Location: Phoenix Middle School
 - Staff, current students, and parents will be available for tours and discussion.
 - *This is a great opportunity to tour the building and learn more about Phoenix Middle School.*
- **Additional Information**
 - **Phoenix Middle School Website:** <https://www.phoenixms.org/>
 - [Frequently Asked Questions About Phoenix Middle School](#)
 - **Please note that only current students and families may register for the site. The information you will need as prospective families is available without registering.**

The student application will be accessible on the Phoenix website's homepage.

The application will be available online on or after Feb. 1, 2019.

Application, Lottery, and Sibling Information:

- **To apply to be a Phoenix 7th grader for the 2019-2020 school year**, students must complete the current Phoenix Middle School application (this will be available to complete online after Feb. 1, 2018 at www.phoenixms.org) and **submit it to the website no later than Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 4:00 pm.**

- Students that have submitted completed applications on time will be entered into a lottery that will be held at the WEC on **Monday, April 8, 2019**.
- The Phoenix Middle School lottery is conducted at the district level; not the school. All questions about the lottery process should be referred to Jeanne Prest, Administrative Assistant to Neil Gupta, Director of Secondary Education, at 614-450-6015.
- Students will be drawn from the lottery on **Monday, April 8, 2019** by neighborhood schools.
- The McCord MS attendance area students (44 students) will be pulled from the lottery from 10:00 AM-10:30 AM; Kilbourne MS students (20 students) from 10:40 AM-11:00 AM; Worthingway MS students (20 students) from 11:10 AM - 11:30 AM.
- To be eligible, students must be residents in the Worthington Schools when school begins Fall 2019.

The lottery will be live-streamed. Students are NOT required to be present at the lottery on drawing day to be eligible for a spot.

- Due to our lengthy, unique daily schedule, we allow current Phoenix families with a student who is now in the 7th grade (moving to 8th grade in Fall 2019) to have automatic admittance for an incoming 7th grade sibling through the application and lottery process. **IMPORTANT: Even if the 6th grader has a sibling who is currently a Phoenix 7th grader, they MUST complete and submit an application. Students without applications WILL NOT be entered in the lottery, regardless of whether their sibling is in the current Phoenix 7th grade class.**
- FYI: The children of Phoenix staff can be a part of the new class after an application is submitted. The Phoenix staff's students do NOT take any seats in the lottery pool.

Final Notes

- After the lottery has been completed and we have our new 7th grade class for 2019-2020, we will host the new students at Phoenix MS for an **Orientation/Open House on the morning of Friday, May 17. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from Phoenix that morning.** More information will be provided to students who are selected.
- We will also hold a New Parent Orientation on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm. More information will be provided in the future.
- If you have any other questions about the Phoenix Middle School program, please email Adham Schirg (aschirg@wscloud.org), Beth Cullinan (bcullinan@wscloud.org), or Robert Estice (restice@wscloud.org).
- If you have any questions about the Phoenix Middle School lottery, please email Jeanne Prest (jprest@wscloud.org).

We look forward to meeting you and your 6th grade students during our recruitment process this spring!

The Phoenix Middle School Staff