



# *Rupert A. Nock Middle School*

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Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds you enjoying these glorious summer days! I am writing to let you know that student schedules will go live in Aspen on August 14th. Schedules are complete for grades 6 & 7 and adjustments will be made for math placements in grade 8 during the first week of school.

Our scheduling process began in April and many factors going into this complicated process. We work with teachers across all areas of the school to address the many factors that go into scheduling 560 students. 504 plans, IEP's, friends, difficult relationships, learning styles, balanced numbers and supports are just a few of the details we pay attention to. Please know that we will not be making team changes after putting so many hours into this process. Your child may not have a friend in every single class so it is important to remind them that they are with other students in their explore classes and also at lunch and recess.

Additionally, we want students to be open to meeting new friends and developing new relationships. This is all part of the middle school developmental continuum.

We will send further news as the start of school gets closer. Enjoy the sunshine!

Sincerely,  
Beth Raucci

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