

## Rupert A. Nock Middle School

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Dear Nock Community,

I hope this note finds you enjoying summer! The school building is quiet without the many voices of students and staff, but much is actually happening to prepare us for the school year.

Our new Assistant Principal, Tim Mahan, started in early July. Tim is an experienced middle school educator who most recently was a literacy coach at the Briscoe Middle School in Beverly. He has been hard at work creating student and staff schedules—a process that can be likened to building a very large puzzle!

A huge thanks goes to our building secretarial and custodial staff whose summers are spent preparing every inch of our building for the over 850 students who will attend the Nock and Molin in the fall.

I will have more to come on the details of schedules and the first day of school later in August. For now I want to point you towards our new Nock News Blog. We will use the blog to share stories and keep you updated on what is happening around the school. You can access the blog directly using this link: https://rupertanocknews.blogspot.com/ or by looking for the Nock News Button on the Nock Home Page.

Lastly, I will give one more reminder about our summer reading program. Each year we start the school year with a community read—our goal is to encourage children to read over the summer and provide a school-wide kick off that highlights the joy of reading. This year our book theme is mystery, so stand by for a Nock mystery adventure on September 22nd. There are details about the books and requirements on the web site and on the Nock News Blog.

Happy reading!

Lisa Furlong Principal