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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we look forward to summer, I would like to take a moment to touch base with you all; today at Ford, your child visited their next grade. The teachers passed out several items, including summer reading assignments, summer math assignments (5th & 6th graders), and supply lists for the upcoming school year (these are also available online at <http://www.acushnetschools.us/ford/index.html> - on the right side of the page, simply click on either "Summer Reading Lists" or "Supply Lists").

Any assignments should be completed by the first day of school, September 1st. On that day, 5th and 6th grade students should report to the cafeteria and 7th & 8th graders will report to the gym where homerooms will be announced. For use in planning family vacations next year, our school calendar is already online for your convenience at the district website (<http://www.acushnetschools.us/aps/Documents/Calendar/CurrentDistrictCalendar.pdf>).

There is one change I want to make you all aware of: this year, the school council voted to ban flip-flops at Ford Middle School for the upcoming school year. This does not affect sandals, only the foam type with a single strap that passes between the toes. There have been several incidents this year due to the slipperiness of this type of footwear. Any student wearing these will be asked to call home for a parent to bring a change of shoes.

For all of our entering 5th graders, our 5th Grade Orientation, otherwise known as our "Lock Party" is scheduled for August 18th. Two times are scheduled (2 PM or 6 PM), and you may choose to attend either session. This orientation will be a time to see who your child's teachers are and what his/her homeroom is. We will also give a brief overview of the rules and expectations we have at Ford. In addition, at this orientation we provide a chance for your child to practice with his/her combination lock prior to the start of school. I look forward to speaking with all 5th grade parents and students on this day.

It has been a great year at Ford, and your children have earned their summer vacation. See you all in September!

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