

COMMUNITY BUILDING



New Student Orientation 2019



Restorative Circle Ground Rules



A Restorative Circle is used to build our School Community and help students feel connected to each other and their teachers. The time must be used respectfully and with kindness. Anytime you are participating either verbally or in writing, your words should be respectful, kind, and thoughtful.

- Only the person holding the ‘talking object’ is allowed to speak
- Say “Thank You” to the person as you take the ‘talking object’

Crowdsourcing Activity



Crowdsourcing is when someone asks a lot of people the same question and sorts through all the responses to figure out the best answer. Today you'll use the power of crowdsourcing to address concerns you have about transitioning to middle school or a new school for 8th grade.

How to Play



1. Think of a concern you have about transitioning to middle school or a new school for 8th grade. Write down your concern on the piece of paper. **DON'T START YET!!!**
2. When your teacher says, "Go!", pass your paper to the person on your right. (can pass twice to save time)
3. Read the concern on the new paper you recieved. Without talking, write down a solution to the concern.
4. After 1 minute, you will then pass the papers to your right again. (can continue to pass twice to save time).
5. Continue until the paper has been returned to its original owner.

Examples of possible concerns:



I don't know anyone here.

What if I can't find my classes on the first day?

Changing in to PE clothes

Eating lunch alone


How do I buy food?

What are people going to be wearing on the first day of school?

What supplies do I need?

What if I don't know a solution?



Make a  to note that you agree with someone else's solution.

Write a note of encouragement, “you got this!”

When in doubt....you can also write “ask a teacher”

Reflection



What's the best advice you received?