



Lakewood Middle School

RICHARD GOLDSTEIN
Principal

KAREN ADAMS
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Assistant Principals

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Lakewood Middle School. I possess over eleven years of educational experience. I have taught Business Education classes, coached three varsity sports, and have advised various after school programs and clubs. My most recent administrative experience has been shaped by two years of successful leadership as an Assistant and Interim Principal at Lakewood High School. I am excited to bring my skills as an educational leader to your son/daughter's school and to work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

Along with staff, I will work hard to help build strong relationships with parents, students, staff, and community partners. We will focus on character education initiatives, 21st Century skills, fostering a nurturing safe environment for all children, use of data to inform instruction, and providing exciting and challenging enrichment opportunities for all students.

I anticipate a very successful year as my team and I support the academic, social, and emotional growth of your child here at Lakewood Middle School.

During the course of the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students of Lakewood the best possible opportunities in preparing them to be world class citizens ready to master the challenges of the 21st Century with a solid foundation created here at our school. As Principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this the best year yet!

As a reminder, the first day of school is Friday, September 4, 2015. I look forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Mr. Goldstein
Principal

It has been a pleasure to work in the Lakewood School District for the past eleven (11) years. I migrated from the New York City Board of Education where I was a teacher and an Administrator for Fifteen Years.

My goal is to continue to be an advocate for the students at Lakewood Middle School, while interfacing at a management and administrative level with school leaders, district personnel and other education service providers. This working relationship is intended to develop and implement policies (programs) and procedures that improve instruction and increase student learning while adhering to standards and assessment requirements as prescribed by the of state of New Jersey , and federal entities.

I am 'bullish' about our outcomes for the 2015-2016 school year.

Wesley Bailey
Assistant Principal
Lakewood Middle School

Ms. Rolston has nineteen years of experience in the field of education. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in English at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, and a Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She lived and taught in Ecuador for four years, and over the years has taught nearly all subject areas at the elementary, middle school, and university levels. At Lakewood Middle School, Ms. Rolston is responsible primarily for the academic and social growth and well being of our sixth grade students, but works with all of our students, families, and staff as we relentlessly pursue our mission of supporting the home-school connection, and of excellence in education.

Ms. Rolston is responsible for the following at Lakewood Middle School: Grade 6 discipline, After School Academy, Technology Integration, and Professional Development.

Ms. Adams is thrilled to be a member of the Lakewood Middle School community. She has worked in both the elementary and middle school environments as a sixth-grade teacher in Brooklyn and Hempstead NY, and also as a program trainer with Pearson Education for the Northeast Region. She is passionate about developing students academically, emotionally and socially and believes that helping our students achieve a balance in these areas will equip them with the skills they need to be successful in any situation. Ms. Adams looks forward to another exciting year of learning and service. To those students, families, and staff members who are new to LMS, welcome aboard and to those returning, "welcome back and great to see you". Let us enjoy our journey.