Greetings from your team at East Lyme Middle School! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Big Blue and help you get ready a fabulous year. We have high expectations for your success and are eager to build a community based on enthusiasm, respect, and the spirit of cooperation. Our mission on the Big Blue is to help you reach your potential by challenging you to:

- Know your responsibilities
- Develop good problem solving skills
- Build positive relationships
- Set goals
- Have an “I Can!” attitude!

To help you be ready for a really great year, there is a list of recommended supplies on the back of this letter. We hope you had a great summer and we are looking forward to seeing you on August 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anderson, Mathematics
Mrs. Anusewicz, Language Arts
Mr. Dewell, Science
Mrs. Haling, Social Studies
Ms. Niemann, Support Services

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### Summer Reading Challenge

Students are required to read a minimum of two fiction books and two non-fiction books of your choice. A list is located on the school website at [www.eastlymeschools.org](http://www.eastlymeschools.org). Go to ELMS then click on Media Center. Click on the Summer Reading 2017 tab.

A pizza party will be awarded to the team that reads the most books. Hopefully, it will be us! Also, check out the iPad Mini Contest for individual students. Please keep a list of the books you read, and get it signed by a parent or guardian. Your list will be collected during the first week of school.

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### A Few Dates for the Calendar

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Main Office: 860-739-4491 / Absences: 860-691-5413
Big Blue Recommended Supply List

General Supplies for All Classes
Pens & pencils
Pack of colored pencils
Hand-held pencil sharpener
Erasers
Ruler (with both metric and customary units)
Highlighters
Several packets of post-it notes (2x2)
USB flash drive (labeled with name)
Pencil case

Language Arts
One marble composition notebook, 9 x 7” (100 pages, any color)
One plastic pocket folder

Math
One BLACK 1½” inch binder (you may re-use last year’s one)
One set of notebook dividers
Scientific calculator: Texas Instrument TI-30XIIS

Science
Three single-subject, spiral notebooks (8.5” x 11”)

Social Studies
One 1” binder (not black) with a pocket divider

Other
Students may need to purchase Physical Education attire ($13.00/set) during the first week of school.

Please note: A student planner (with required school handbook) is given on the first day of school and a PE lock will be given to new students. Students who have lost their lock may purchase a new one for $5.00.

Helpful items to keep at home:
Markers, glue sticks, tape, construction paper, paper clips, stapler & staples, index cards

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
This material was adapted from the National Education Association
www.nea.org/parents/research-parents.html

Parental involvement in your child's education can mean many things:
➢ Checking the agenda daily
➢ Discussing your child’s reading nightly
➢ Checking homework nightly
➢ Discussing your child’s academic progress
➢ Signing school papers as required
➢ Voting in school board elections
➢ Limiting ‘screen time’ (TV, e-games, social networking, etc.) on school nights
➢ Becoming an advocate for strong education in our community and state

Or, it can be as simple as asking your child, “What did you do in school today?” Asking this every day sends your child the clear message that his/her schoolwork is important to you, and you expect your child to learn.

Parents and families are able to be involved in their child's education in many ways. If your child sees you involved, he/she will realize that there is value in learning.