

WELCOME TO THE RICHMOND TEAM

Hello Richmond Team Students and Parents/Caregivers,

We're excited to welcome you to the **Richmond Team** for the upcoming school year. We're looking forward to an exciting and successful year filled with learning, growth, and fun experiences. Get ready for new adventures in ELA, History, Math, and Science—we'll explore big ideas, build new skills, and grow together as learners and individuals.

To help you transition smoothly into sixth grade, you'll receive a supply list for your academic classes (ELA, History, Math, and Science). Please try to have these items ready for the first week of school. Don't worry—your teachers will guide you through setting up and organizing your materials to help you get off to a great start!

For summer reading this year, all students are required to read two books, one from the Massachusetts Children's Book Awards list and the second can be a book of your choosing. There is a short Google Form that goes along with the summer reading requirement. The link with important information regarding summer reading can be found on the [Library Website](#).

All students are also expected to have completed the assigned summer math work. Students have been given a math packet from their elementary teachers that should be done by the first week of school. This packet is intended to keep our skills sharp. There is also a Summer Math Contest that we are encouraging everyone to participate in! More information about the contest will be sent to families via email.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. We're so excited to see you in September!

Sincerely,

Mr. Belyea (Science), Mrs. DeMaino (Math), Mr. Dunleavy (History), and Ms. Tettoni (ELA)

Meet Your Teachers!



Ms. Tettoni (English Language Arts): Hello! My name is Erin Tettoni and I will be your ELA teacher this year. This is my fifth year teaching at Holten Richmond Middle School. I graduated from Salem State University in 2020 with an English Degree in the concentration of Secondary Education. After earning my undergraduate degree, I completed the Master's in Education program at Salem State University. I was placed at HRMS for my student teaching, and fell in love with teaching in a middle school setting. I have known that I wanted to be a teacher since I was in high school, and have loved these years of teaching ELA here at HRMS!

I became a spin instructor last summer! I live in Gloucester, and during the summer I am almost always at the beach! My favorite color is green and I have two beautiful dogs. I am super excited about our year ahead and I look forward to getting to know each of you better.



Mrs. DeMaino (Math): Hi Richmond Team! I studied Education and played soccer at Salem State College. I started teaching in Chelsea and got my Master's Degree from Simmons College. I have been teaching for 21 years! I taught in Chelsea for 10 years and now I have been teaching in Danvers for another 11 years. When I am not teaching, I enjoy family time, watching my child's sports games and reading. I live in Danvers so you may even see me around town because I enjoy going for walks, runs, gardening, and anything I can do outside!



Mr. Dunleavy (Ancient History)

Hello! My name is Mr. Dunleavy, and I'm so excited to welcome you to 6th grade and the Richmond Team!

I grew up in Salem, Massachusetts, where my love of history first began. I went to Bishop Fenwick High School, where I ran cross-country and track. I continued both running and learning at the University of Maine, where I studied Political Science and History.

Fun Fact: I even got to be the school mascot—Bananas the Bear—a few times!

After college, I earned my Master's Degree in Middle School Education and started teaching 6th grade Ancient History right here in Danvers at the "*ancient*" Dunn Middle School.

Another Fun Fact: One of my former students, Ms. Lamoly, is now the Ancient History teacher on the Primus Team!

This will be my 29th year teaching in Danvers, and I still love it just as much as when I started. When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, walking my dogs Finn and Ally, reading, and of course, running.

I can't wait for a year full of learning, discovery, and fun in Ancient History!



Mr. Belyea (Science): Welcome to the Richmond Team! We'll be doing lots of exciting things in science this year while studying ecology and earth science. I've enjoyed teaching middle school science in Danvers for the past 18 years and I'm looking forward to another great year. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, reading, outdoor activities, and playing strategy games like chess. I live in Georgetown with my wife Kim, my 12 year old son Lucas, and an energetic dog named Zuma. I can't wait to meet everyone in the fall!



Mrs. Desmond (Special Education): Hello Richmond Team! I am so excited to be able to be in some of your classes with you all this year! This will be my 5th year here at HRMS but many years ago I was also a student here just like you all! I look forward to seeing you all grow this year as a 6th grader and explore HRMS. See you soon!