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| **Truesdell Middle School/ White Elementary School** |  | **Transitioning to Middle School** |
| School |  | Event Name |

**Purpose**

Truesdell Middle School welcomed future incoming students and their families to middle school. The event provided an opportunity for students and their parents to ask questions and get more information on attending Truesdell Middle School. Eight former White Elementary students (of varying grade levels) from Truesdell and their parents attended the session at White to answer current 5th grade students and their parents questions regarding middle school.

**Promotion**

This event was promoted during the school-wide transition activity. Each grade level visited their upcoming grade and did an activity with that teacher (ex. 1st went to 2nd grade classrooms, 2nd went to 3rd, and so on). While this was going on the 5th grade students and their parents could attend a question and answer session regarding transitioning to middle school. A flyer was sent home to Truesdell’s 6th grade parents (former White Elementary parents) asking for volunteers to attend the event to answer current 5th grade parents questions (individual phone calls also were made asking parents to attend). A flyer was also sent home with White Elementary 5th grade students inviting parents to attend this event. A parent link call went out 2 days before the event as a reminder to the parents of White Elementary 5th grade students of this transition opportunity.

**During the Event**

* Staff brought the 5th grade students to the cafeteria to meet their parents.
* Truesdell 6th graders and the parents that attended were introduced to the 5th grade students. A Truesdell staff member then explained to the students what this event was about.
* The 5th grade students were then asked to share any questions they may have for the Truesdell students.
* Each student from Truesdell then took turns answering the various questions.
* Questions asked by 5th graders were among the many that any 5th grader wonders about when going to middle school. For example, some questions asked:
* Are the teachers mean?
* Do you get beat up a lot?
* Do you get stuffed into lockers?
* Do you have enough time in between classes to get to your next class?
* What happens if you are late to class?
* Do you have to always wear your ID badge?
* Are the lockers hard to open?
* Is the homework hard? Do you have a lot of homework in middle school?
* Parents of the 5th grade students were also encouraged to ask questions as were the Truesdell parents in sharing their answers.
* At the end of the session, the Truesdell students handed out Truesdell pencils and lanyards to each 5th grader who attended.