



Summer 2015

Dear Parent,

As the parent of an incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grader at the Halsted Middle School, we wanted to make sure you are aware that your child is eligible to participate in a FREE afterschool enrichment program: **Project Launch Newton**.

The Project Launch Newton Afterschool Program is open to all Halsted Middle School students. Activities take place separately for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade on school grounds, and students have the option to be bused home. The program runs Monday through Friday from school closing until 5:45 p.m., with additional field trips and other activities on weekends as scheduled. Daily snacks are provided along with physical and educational enrichment activities centered around the theme of STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

**Project Launch Newton will begin on September 14, 2015.** Many of your fellow 5<sup>th</sup> grade families have already enrolled in the program. It's not too late to join them! Simply complete the attached enrollment packet and return it to the school office by June 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure that your child can participate. Not ready or sure you want to join Project Launch Newton? No problem – your child can still enroll at any point during the school year, but of course we encourage you to start the program as soon as possible to get the most benefit from it.

As your child transitions to Halsted Middle School, we hope their ongoing participation in Project Launch Newton gives them a safe, fun space to explore their interests and build confidence. We plan to continue offering at Halsted for the 2015-2016 school year exciting opportunities such as the MicroSociety curriculum, Girls on the Run, Rachel's Challenge, lots of great field trips, and special attendance incentives. Project Launch is purposefully integrated with our school's extracurricular activities, so it is expected that student-athletes and club members will join Project Launch as well.

Be on the lookout for more information on all of these and more as the new school year gets underway!

If you have additional questions about Project Launch Newton, please contact Project Self-Sufficiency at (973) 940-3500. We hope you'll agree that Project Launch Newton is a terrific opportunity for your family and hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Deborah Berry-Toon, Executive Director

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