Welcome All Cope Students!

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 Greetings, returning and new students! Welcome to Cope, 6th graders! Middle school is the beginning of a new chapter in your life that will be filled with spectacular events and beautiful memories lasting a lifetime. Here, you will certainly be meeting new people and transitioning to an entirely different learning environment unlike elementary school. Cope is going to prepare you for your next academic journey in three years . . . high school.

 *The Talon* staff is pleased and excited to have you join Cope Middle School, where dedicated teachers work hard daily to provide the important knowledge about the new core standards in English and math. In addition, the excellent classroom instructions support the students with the tools to be the best that they can be in all disciplines. In the spring, there is even a much anticipated annual math fair, where Mrs. Devi’s honors math students can easily reach for their inner creativity and artistry. Depending on which classes or clubs you are enrolled in, there are field trips to various educational venues. Remember, if you ever have any questions about the school, there are available resources to appropriately ask such as teachers, counselors, security personnel, or even eighth grade students!

 To get everyone familiar with the happenings on campus, the journalism class produces the monthly school newspaper, *The Talon*, for all to stay informed. In addition, there will be many interesting, topical stories about special community events, inspirational students, and talented teachers. Within this issue, you will come across articles that will assist you on how to make this school year amazing such as tidbits on new teachers, changes to the school curriculum, clubs, survival tips for 6th graders, as well as fun reads!

 Now, for the 7th and 8th graders, a hearty welcome back after a hot and lazy summer! Let us make this school year the best ever! Of course, rekindling old friendships, reaching out to new classmates, and participating in new clubs will make this year a blast from the past. Please check “Don’t Have A Life? Join A Club!” on page 2.

 The 2014-2015 academic year has officially begun and in full swing. I would like to wish all of us a great school year with many classroom opportunities for us to learn, to create sweet memories, and to have fun in collaborating with classmates and teachers as we work towards our goals.