



## Mokena Junior High School

Mokena, Illinois

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August 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Salutations and welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

Eighth grade is a fun time filled with exciting opportunities, a good deal of work, and plenty of tradition. From the opening day in August to the graduation ceremony in June, there will be lessons learned and memories made by our young scholars.

This year will be the culmination of your child's Mokena educational experience. According to legend, the name "Mokena" means "land of the mud turtle" and so we—as an academic team—have adopted the local reptile as our grade-level mascot. You can take pride knowing that your child will soar as a Meteor while remaining well-grounded as a Mud Turtle.

As your child's teachers, we are working on a number of ways to help strengthen the home-and-school partnership: through the use of Skyward, through our up-coming webpage on the MJH website, and through letters like this. We recognize that clear communication is a key to success, so—please—don't hesitate to contact us with your questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with your son or daughter, and we look forward to partnering with you in making this the best year possible.

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Team  
"The Fightin' Mud Turtles"

Balis – Baltzer - Gibson – Isdonas – Klappauf – Martinus – Murphy – Novak – Pufahl – Shaughnessy– Tyrrell