



Greetings parents and students,

Fifth grade is getting closer to completion and it is time to start thinking about the transition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to an information night about the Academy at Black Mountain Middle School.

The Academy is focused on high student expectations, goals and results, personal choice and commitment, and empowering students to become responsible leaders.

The Academy offers depth and complexity to the standard curriculum and a learning community that is strong. Given a rigorous and challenging curriculum, the ideal Academy student is one who is focused on academic performance, understands the need to invest extra time and effort, makes no excuses and takes no shortcuts – all in all, a student who is determined and committed to being successful.

The Academy is a family, meaning that students, staff, and parents work together. Participation in the Academy program requires parents to be highly involved and responsible for ensuring their student's success. Through a high level of parent-teacher-student collaboration, it is the belief of the Academy, that the student will flourish and become a more responsible, resilient, and independent learner.

The Academy will be accepting a limited number of students for the 2016-17 school year. **Applications will only be available to students/parents after attending the informational night – students are required to attend.**

Where: Black Mountain Middle School  
9353 Oviedo Street, San Diego, CA 92129

When: Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Please allow ample time for parking and walking

Who: All current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents considering the Academy program at Black Mountain Middle School

**Please note that applications will only be made available to those who are in attendance on this night.**

For more information, please visit our website at <https://volsites.org/bmms-academy> or contact Mr. Kirpalani at 858-484-1300 ext. 3923 or [ckirpalani@powayusd.com](mailto:ckirpalani@powayusd.com).

Sincerely,

Charan Kirpalani  
Principal, Black Mountain Middle School

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