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## **FIFTH GRADE TRANSITION**

### **Monica Leary Elementary School**

#### **Rush, New York**

A particularly successful activity for a second year in a row was Fifth Grade Transition. The purpose of the program was to inform upcoming middle school students and their parents about the transition from elementary to middle school.

Six former Monica Leary Elementary students, currently sixth grade middle schoolers, came back to the elementary school to discuss life in middle school with fifth-graders and their parents. Each sixth-grader spoke on a different topic such as lunch, keeping an agenda, backpacks, teachers, and homework assignments. Following the student-parent group activity, the fifth grade students went into a supervised room with the middle schoolers for further questions and answers. Parents remained to discuss topics with other parents.

The immediate feedback that families wrote on the evaluation forms and the observations of our Parents As Partners representatives illustrated the great success of the Fifth Grade Transition program.

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