

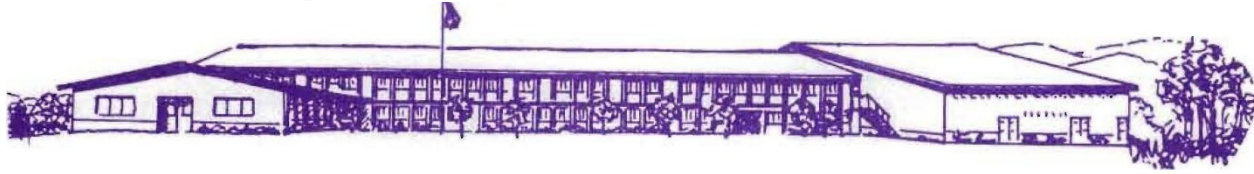
# Milford Central School

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## MCS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK ENDING 02/07/2020

Each week I write an email to the faculty, staff and Board of Education to update them on the events of the last week and to keep them “in the loop” on important issues that impact MCS. In order to foster even greater communication and transparency for the great work that is done at MCS, I will be sending a weekly update out to the larger Milford community to keep you “in the loop” as well. Here is my update for the week ending 02/07/2020:

### **CORONAVIRUS**

On Wednesday, the NY State Education Department and the Department of Health released a joint letter regarding the novel coronavirus. The letter is attached.

### **SHREK THE MUSICAL**

Mark your calendars---Friday, March 27 through Sunday, March 29, 2020. The MCS Music Association will present *Shrek the Musical*. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Attached is the flyer for the musical.

### **3RD GRADE TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM PROJECT**

This year's third grade has been working on their Trout in the Classroom Project. Attached is an update on their progress along with some pictures.

### **2020 SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY - STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS**

This spring MCS will be administering the US Department of Education's School Climate Survey which is meant to give us insight as to how students, staff, and parents experience MCS. This survey will be completed electronically through a secure website and will replace the staff survey that we have been completing for several years. And for the first time we will be administering the survey to students (Grades 5-12) and parents. A sub-committee of CDEP is working on the details, and we will share more information as it becomes available.

### **BUILDING PROJECT - TEMPORARY OFFICES**

Before we know it, the end of the school year will be upon us, and this year will bring some new challenges as we undertake the Capital Project. After meeting with our construction management team, Schoolhouse Construction, we were asked if there was any way to provide access to the main office area before the end of the school year.

With the exception of Mrs. Lang's office, we have agreed to move all other offices to temporary locations starting Memorial Day weekend. This will allow construction teams to access the main office area from 3PM - 11PM. As soon as the final decisions have been made as to the location of new offices, we will communicate that information.

### **MEF TO HOLD 11TH ANNUAL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

The Milford Education will hold its 11th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 14th start at 9:00. Attached you will find the flyer along with registration materials for the tournament.

Have a great weekend!

Mark

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A new coronavirus called 2019 Novel (new) Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was first found in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. This virus had not been found in humans before. This coronavirus can lead to fever, cough and trouble breathing or shortness of breath. There are thousands of diagnosed cases in China and new cases being diagnosed in a number of countries including the United States.

### **What do we know?**

Since this virus is very new, health authorities continue to carefully watch how this virus spreads. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working hard to learn as much as possible about this new virus, so that we can better understand how it spreads and causes illness. The CDC considers this virus to be a serious public health concern. Based on current information the CDC recommends avoiding travel to China. Updated travel information related to 2019-nCoV can be found at

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-china>

### **How Does 2019 Novel (New) Coronavirus Spread?**

Health experts believe the virus probably spreads from animals to humans and from person to person. It's not clear yet how easily the virus spreads from person-to-person.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is not currently a concern for the general public and is not actively circulating among New Yorkers at this time. Therefore, there is no need to cancel school or social events, and there is no need for students or school staff to wear surgical masks at school.

### **Prevention**

There are currently no vaccines available to protect against this virus. The New York State Department of Health (DOH) recommends the following ways to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses, including 2019-nCoV:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- CDC recommends that travelers avoid all travel to China.

### **Symptoms**

Information to date suggests that 2019-nCoV causes mild-to-moderate illness and symptoms like the flu, including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

### **Are visitors from China being screened?**

Yes, as of February 2<sup>nd</sup> new screening protocols are conducted for individuals entering the US from China at designated airports.

PreK-12 schools may have students who attend school and have traveled to various areas in Asia, including China. Students should not be excluded from school or any school activities based on race, country of origin, or recent travel (or a family member's recent travel), including to any part of China. Schools may only exclude a student if a local health department informs the school that a student must comply with a quarantine order or the student is symptomatic of a communicable or infectious disease pursuant to Education Law §906.

### **Important Health Information for Those Who Have Recently Traveled to Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and Experience Symptoms**

If you recently traveled to Wuhan, China and feel sick with fever, cough or trouble breathing; OR you develop symptoms within 14 days of traveling there, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Call ahead and tell them about your travel and symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Stay home, except for seeking medical care.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Contact your local health department.

This is an emerging, rapidly changing situation. For questions please contact your local department of health or the NYS DOH Novel Coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065**.

We encourage you to keep up to date about 2019-nCoV, its treatment and prevention by visiting the following websites:

### **Additional Resources**

CDC's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>.

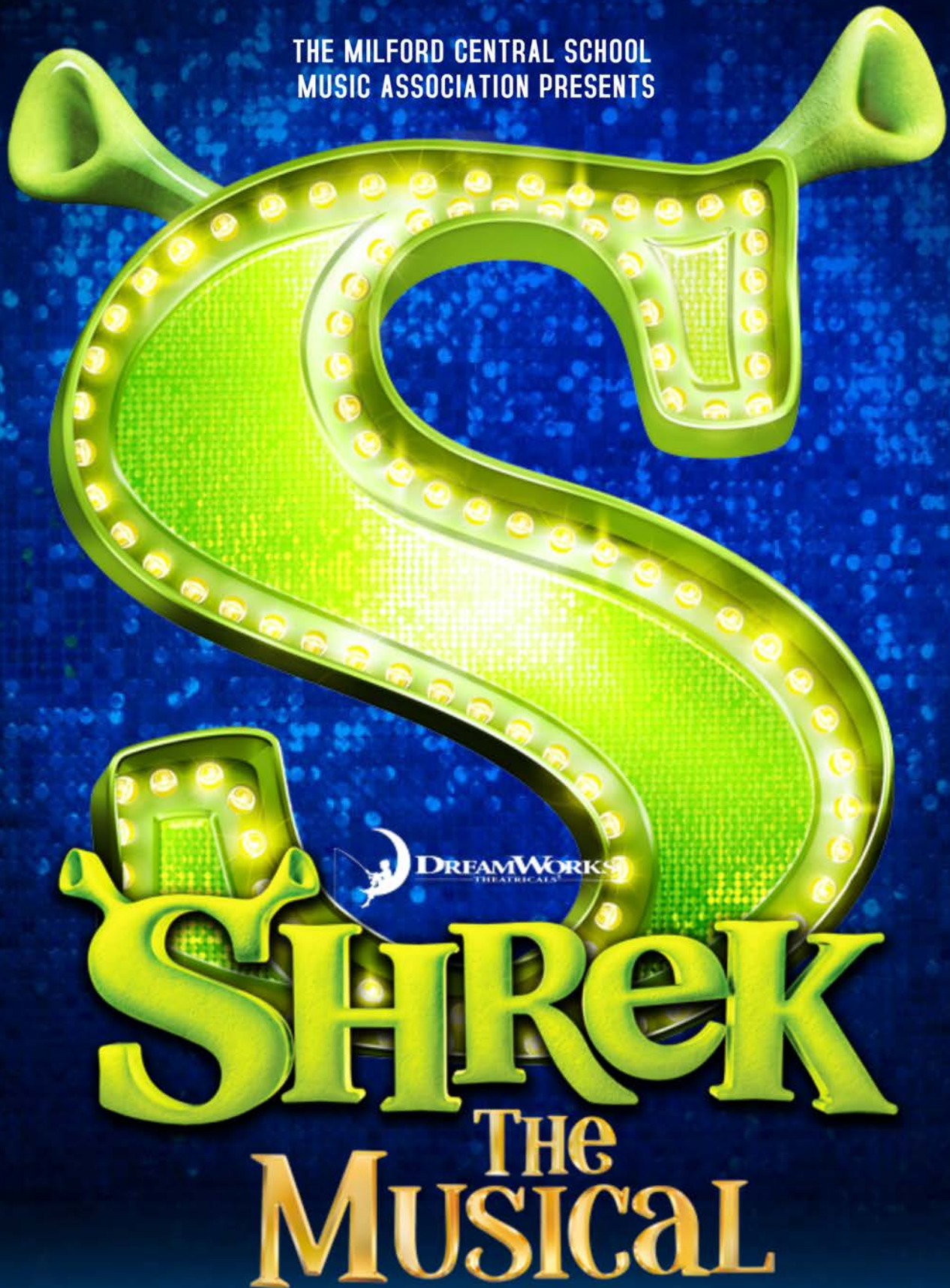
NYSDOH's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

NYSDOH directory of local health departments  
[https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact\\_information/](https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/)

[New York State Center for School Health website at www.schoolhealthny.com](http://www.schoolhealthny.com)



THE MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL  
MUSIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**MARCH 27-29**

FRIDAY 7:00 PM

SATURDAY 7:00 PM

SUNDAY 2:00 PM

**MCS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

42 W. MAIN STREET, MILFORD

**TICKETS**

ADULTS \$9

STUDENTS & SENIORS \$7

GROUPS 15 OR MORE 10% OFF

FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION: CALL OR TEXT KRISTEN STANFORD AT 607-435-3889



# TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM—3RD GRADE

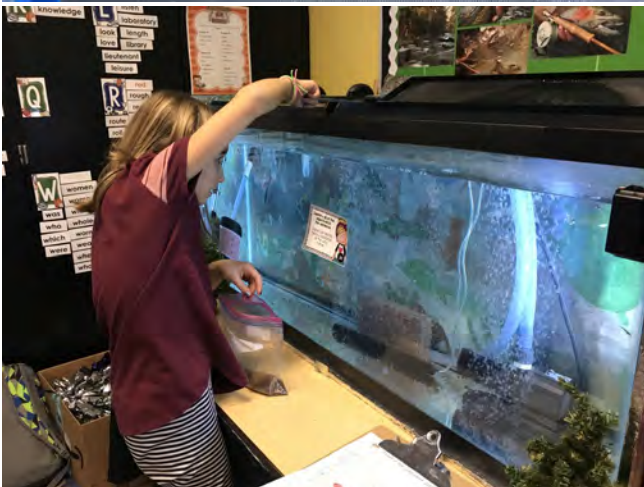
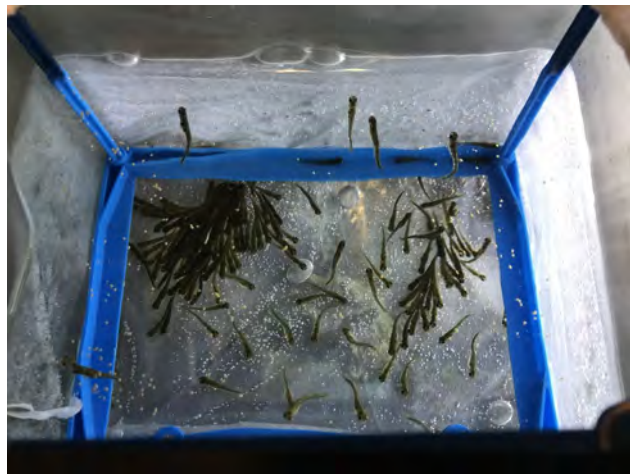
Here's an update from January 30, 2020 from the 3rd Grade Trout in the Classroom Project:

On December 22nd our brook trout eggs began hatching in third grade. It took them approximately one week to completely hatch. Our fish were then in the "alevin" stage for about two weeks. During this time, they stayed in the brooding basket as they were not able to swim. They had a yolk sac attached to their bodies that fed them, which became smaller and smaller as they grew. Very quickly, our alevin were starting to swim to the surface looking for food. This is when the students began to feed them. Once most of our fish were surfacing to feed, we submerged the basket. The fish were now strong swimmers and could handle the tank's depth and current. Fish who weren't yet ready stayed at the bottom of the tank. Our brook trout are now in the "fry" stage. All that's left of their yolk sac is a bulge on their bellies. The students are enjoying watching their quickly changing features and behavior. We feed them twice a day and keep a close eye on the tank. The helpers of the day from both classrooms are responsible for feeding, temperature checks, fish checks, and noting any observations of changes from the day prior. The third grade welcomes all to come and visit our brook trout. They change quickly so stop in often!

And here are some quotes from the 3rd grade students' writing:

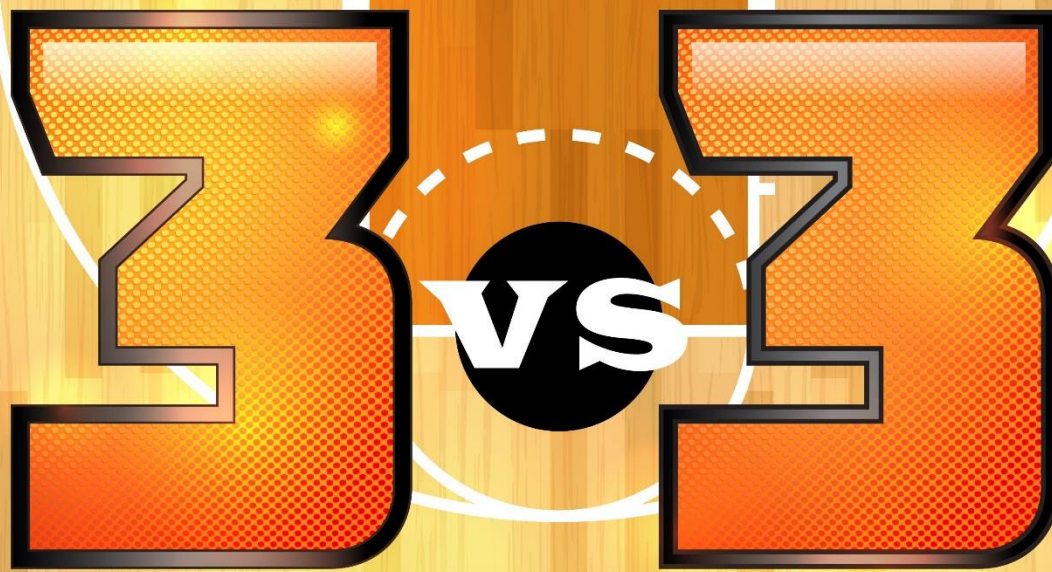
"Hatching felt like having a new class pet. When they hatched, they had yellow yolk sacs and they could not swim. They also had black spots and brownish, whitish skin. I felt responsible when the fish hatched. I also felt kind of nervous." - Danielle Garlick

"When the trout hatched, I was very excited because I have not seen fish hatch before. They looked like tiny black sticks. They were the size of an ant and they had yolk sacs that fed them for a little bit."  
- Deeghan Griffiths





Register today for Milford Central School's  
11<sup>TH</sup> Annual March Madness



TOURNAMENT

**MAR**  
**14<sup>TH</sup>**  
9:00 AM

If registered by March 7, 2020, the fee is \$40 per team.  
Late registration is \$50. Register 3 teams, get the 4<sup>th</sup> free!  
Open to 4<sup>TH</sup>- 12<sup>TH</sup> grades.



For more details and registration forms go to  
[www.milfordeducationfoundation.org](http://www.milfordeducationfoundation.org)  
Email: [info@milfordeducationfoundation.org](mailto:info@milfordeducationfoundation.org)  
Sponsored by the Milford Education Foundation

# 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

## 11th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

9:00 AM Saturday, March 14, 2020 – Doors open @ 8:00 AM

Anton Remy Jr. Gymnasium

Milford Central School

Sponsored by: Milford Education Foundation

Double Elimination



*Pre -Registration Fee: \$40.00 per team cash or check payable to Milford Education Foundation before March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive by 9:00 AM.*

*Late Registration: \$50.00 after March 7<sup>th</sup>. If registering at the event, you must arrive by 8:00 AM.*

**Teams MUST register with 3 players per team, maximum of 4 players per team.**

Each team must submit an entry form prior to March 7<sup>th</sup> for early registration. Player waiver forms must be completed by each player under the age of 18 years old, signed by a parent or guardian and submitted the day of the tournament. No exceptions. Do not send any money through the mail. **Payment cash or check made payable to Milford Education Foundation will be accepted the day of the tournament.**

**Boys and Girls divisions (no coed teams):**

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Skilled players may play up to the next level, but higher grade levels may not play down.

**Facebook – MEF Milford Education Foundation – go to events**

Entry forms and player waiver forms are available at the Milford Central School main office, the MCS

Website <http://www.milfordcentral.org>, Milford Education Foundation Website

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[blang@milfordcentral.org](mailto:blang@milfordcentral.org) or (607) 286-3349 for more information.

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Choose One: \_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_ Boys

Choose grade level : \_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Players Names and Grade in School:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* All participants under eighteen years old MUST HAVE a waiver form signed by their PARENT/GUARDIAN\*\*** Waivers are available at the Milford Central School office, or online at [www.milfordcentral.org](http://www.milfordcentral.org) or [www.milfordeducationfoundation.org](http://www.milfordeducationfoundation.org) .

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Revised 1/9/20



**Milford Central School**  
**2020 Waiver of Liability & hold harmless agreement**

I certify that my child \_\_\_\_\_ is of normal health and capable of participating in the Milford Education Foundation's 3 on 3 basketball tournament on March 14, 2020

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby covenant and agree to release and hold harmless the Milford Education Foundation from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, claims or actions from bodily injury and/or property damage arising out of participation in this event. I hereby authorize the Milford Education Foundation to obtain medical treatment for my child, in the event that the child's emergency contacts cannot be reached. My child's photograph may be taken during the tournament and may appear in the newspaper or in a Facebook album related to the tournament.

**Emergency Contacts:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (phone)  
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Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Milford Education Foundation

## 3 on 3 Tournament Rules

1. Teams must register with 3 players, maximum of 4. 3 players on the court at one time, substitutions permitted.
2. ALL players under eighteen years of age must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian regardless of age!
3. Poor sportsmanship, fighting, and foul language will not be tolerated. You and your team will forfeit and leave school property. Education Foundation decisions are final.
4. NO food or drink in the Gym. One exception – drinks while playing.
5. NO jewelry while playing.
6. Players must wear proper attire. No Jeans or street shoes.
7. Coin flip to determine starting possession
8. Double elimination.
9. All games play to 11, win by 2. Time limit may be set if there are a lot of teams.
10. 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade games will have a time limit of 15 minutes.
11. Time Limit Rules – After 15 minutes, whichever team is in the lead will be the winner. In the event of a tie after 15 minutes, 5 addition minutes will be given and the first team to go ahead by 2 wins. If after the addition 5 minutes and score is still tied the first team to score wins.
12. One point per basket, no 3 point shots.
13. Change of possession after every basket - the ball must be brought back out to the top of the key after a possession change.
14. The offensive team must make one pass before a shot is taken.
15. Every dead ball, start at the top of the key.