

September 2011

Dear Middle School Parents,

With summer coming to a close, we all wish you a wonderful start to the school year. Upper school clubs are beginning to flourish once more, and that means Grow, too (a club whose focus is the way gender functions in society). We invite your child to join us for Connections, a program Grow sponsors in the middle school. Now in its seventh year, Connections is a place where upper and middle school girls get together to relax, snack, and hold discussion in a comfortable environment, often accompanied by an amusing craft.

It is a safe haven from the sometimes discombobulating school day, where young girls make lasting bonds with one another. Meetings are held once a month in the Garden Room from 3:30 to 4:30 PM, and we would absolutely love to see your daughter there. Anyone is welcome, whether it's their first time, or whether they are a returning participant.

Our first meeting is planned to take place on September 22. Your middle school girl is invited to join us for spray tie dye—all she needs is a white t-shirt. It'll be loads of fun. Snacks and all other materials will be provided.

We look forward to meeting her should she choose to participate :)

Sincerely,

Brooke Peterson  
MS Sponsor

Susan Swinford  
US Sponsor

Lauren Rials & Danika Stahl  
Grow Officers



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You're invited to join us September  
22 at 3:30 in the Garden Room for  
fun, games, and snacks! Make sure  
to bring a white shirt to tie dye :)**