**JOHN F. RYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Principal:**  Ms Judi McInnes

**Assistant Principal:**  Mr. William Hart

The John F. Ryan Elementary School is a facility serving all fifth and sixth grade students in Tewksbury. Our structure and schedule combines the best features of an elementary school and a middle school. It is a “technology rich” school with over 300 computers connected to the Internet and current educational technologies such as interactive white boards and student responders.

The mission of the John F. Ryan School includes promoting an active learning environment that enables student participation and team building.  This learning environment encourages students to think critically, reason, and problem solve. Our goal is to work collaboratively with parents and guardians to ensure a high quality educational experience.  Students are expected to put forth their best effort and contribute to a safe and productive learning environment.

Each student is assigned to a team with teachers who instruct students in Science, Math, Social Studies, and English Language Arts.  Grade Five students work with teams of two teachers, while Grade Six students work with teams of four teachers. Exploratory teachers instruct all students in the areas of Art, Music, Computer, Reading, Physical Education and Health.

School hours are from 8:15am to 2:27pm. A fleet of buses transport all students attending the Ryan School. Students begin the school day at 8:15am and have a 25-minute lunch/recess period with time to go outside in good weather. All students should come to school with clothing and outerwear appropriate for outdoor recess, especially during the winter months.

If your child will be absent, please utilize our automated telephone system and call the school office (978-640-7880) with the necessary information (please spell your child’s name and give the date and reason for absence) or email ryanattendance@tewksbury.k12.ma.us. A signed, dated note is required for an individual student dismissal**.**