Alder Creek Middle School

An Awesome Place to Learn!



Where we believe.....

"An Awesome Place to Learn"



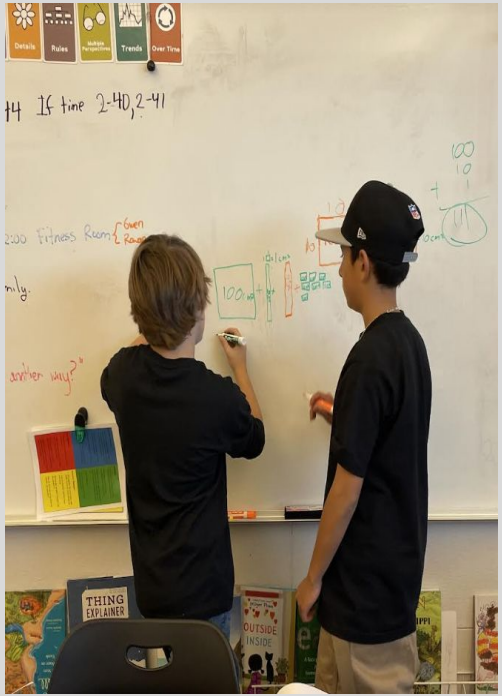
Childhood is a journey...

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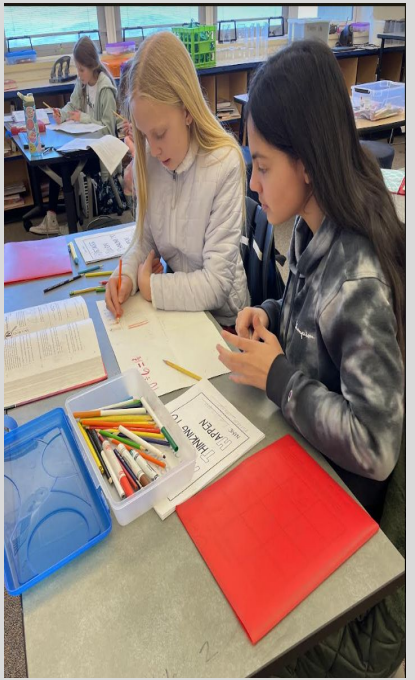


not a race!

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Where students are engaged...

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focused...

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...and friendly!

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Our mission statement:

ACMS is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of early adolescents. Academic and personal excellence is expected within a structured, caring, and safe school environment.

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What do you want most for your child during the middle years?

Presentation Goals:

1. Build excitement and ease concerns about coming to middle school. You will leave feeling comfortable about the transition to middle school.
2. Provide information about the adolescent child.
3. Introduce academic components.
4. Provide information about programs, sports, and clubs.
5. Share 5th Grade Registration Form via Google.

Your Administrators and Counseling Team



Hien Larson

Principal



Andy Losk and Amy King

Assistant Principals





Rachel Koles

School Counselor



Megan Hurley

School Counselor

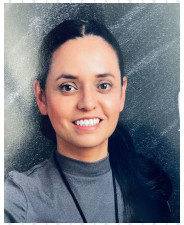


Kristen Hurley

School Counselor

The Awesome ACMS 6th Grade Team!

Lucia Jeffery



Brian Kehoe



Pam Hamilton



Megan Hurley



Language Arts and Social Studies

Math and Science



Tina Cook



Suzie Dale



Maggie Bockius



Becky Wright

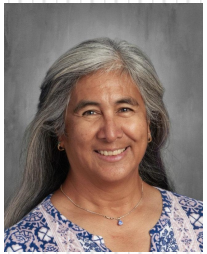
Resource and Specialty Teachers



Megan Sevier
Resource Teacher



Mike Franey



Ivazina Blaylock



James McMaster

LIFELONG FITNESS TEACHERS



Michael Case-



Thomas Todd

SDC Teacher



Meg Lally

Reading Intervention



Mary Berelson

Technology and Yearbook Teacher



Natalia Tomasello

Band

Goal #1: Build excitement and ease fears about middle school.





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#Better Together







We asked our current 6th graders to finish this statement:

"I shouldn't have been so worried about..."

"...getting lost and not knowing where my classes were."

"...the teachers!"

"...switching classes because it is easy to get there."

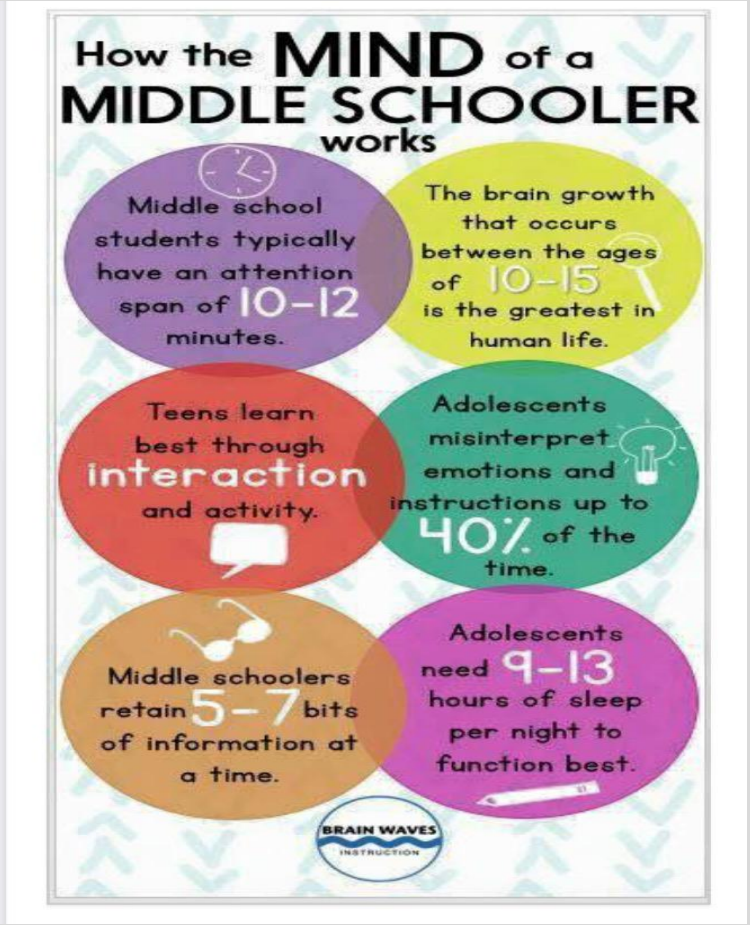
Goal #2: Provide information about the adolescent child

Mind of a Middle Schooler

- Attention
- Brain Growth
- Learning Through Interactions
- Emotions

Some Parent Concerns

- Making New Friends
- Connecting with Peers
- Success in Academics
- Puberty - Changes
- Having Boyfriends/Girlfriends
- Bullying



What parents can do...

- Increase your knowledge: read books, be present, talk to other parents for support
- Offer support to your child
- Be positive about what lies ahead
- Monitor your child's technology use
- Maintain a good working relationship with school/staff
- Visit the school
- Know school rules and the Student Handbook
- Make sure your child attends school daily
- Volunteer if you can
- Share with other parents
- Encourage and provide opportunities for self care

Back to the Books… They Help!

"Why Do They Act That Way?: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen", David Walsh and Nat Bennett, 2005

"Positive Discipline for Teenagers", Jane Nelsen Ed.D. and Lynn Lott, 2000

"Get out of my life, but first could you drive me and Cheryl to the mall? A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager." Anthony E. Wolf Ph.D., 2002

"Parenting Teens with Love and Logic: Preparing Adolescents for Responsible Adulthood", by Foster W. Cline, M.D., and Jim Fay, 2011

"Middle School Makeover", Michelle Icard, 2014

"Masterminds and Wingmen", Rosalind Wiseman, 2014

"The Whole-Brain Child", Daniel Siegel, M.D., 2011

"Parenting With Presence: Practices for Raising Conscious, Confident, Caring Kids", Susan Stiffelman, 2015

6th Grade Program Overview



Students have 2 core team teachers
(Language Arts & Social Studies; Math & Science)

7 Period day

6 Periods: 50 minutes

4 periods with core teachers, with same students in core classes

1 period: Lifelong Fitness

1 period: ACES (Alder Creek Enhancement and Support)

1 Period: 30 minutes - Literacy Focus:
Foundations, Yearbook, Leadership, GATE or ELD

Team Based Teaching



Students have Core Team Teachers (Language Arts/Social Studies; Math/Science), and Specialty Teachers (PE, Band)

Gradual Transition to Middle School

Same peers in each Core Class, like Elementary School

Team Teachers have time and opportunity to work together to:

- **Build relationships and monitor student progress**
- **Integrate content areas**

A Typical Day



7:43 – 8:37	Math
8:40 – 9:30	Lifelong Fitness
9:30 – 9:40	Break
9:43 – 10:13	ELD/Literacy/GATE/Advisory/Yearbook/Leadership
10:16 – 11:06	Language Arts
11:09 – 11:59	Social Studies
11:59 – 12:29	Lunch
12:32 – 1:22	Science
1:25 – 2:15	ACES, Band, Accelerated Workshop

Resource (Special Education)

- **Provide both pull-out and push-in services in order for students to achieve their IEP goals and objectives**
- **Inclusion of resource students**
- **Develop social/emotional strengths, and problem-solving skills**
- **Transition resource students successfully into the sixth grade, and middle school environment**

G.A.T.E.

- Differentiation
- Literacy - Socratic Seminars
- Computer Club
- Enrichment

ACES-Alder Creek Enhancement and Support

- Art
- Digital Storytelling
- Rubik's Cube
- Spanish
- Mindset, challenges Illusions, games, and drawings
- Career and college Readiness

- Reading Intervention
- Accelerated Workshop
- Learning Center

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Lifelong Fitness

- Dress for success!
- Participation!
- Sportsmanship!
- Health!





Career and College Readiness

- Both And
- Time to Explore
- Identify Passions
- Develop Skills
- Career and Life Goals
- Career & Technical Ed (CTE)





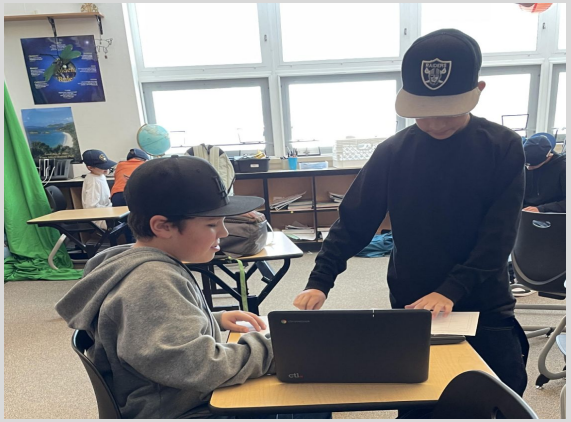


BAND

- Learn to play a musical instrument! All beginners welcome!
- Band Class is during the regular school day
- Year long band during 7th period ACES
- Learn to read, play, and write music
- Instruments offered:
  - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and percussion instruments.
- Work as a team to perform awesome evening trimester concerts for friends and family!

Jazz Band: by invitation/ audition!

Chromebooks



- Each student receives a personal Chromebook to use during the school day.
- Tech Agreement is handed out to parents and students at the beginning of the year and provides rules and expectations.
- In school instruction regarding Chromebook Use and Care is provided.

Library



- The library has over 11,000 books.
- Circulation this year has been
- over 10,000.
- Wide range of books – fiction, non-fiction (aligned with curriculum) picture books, poetry, history, sports and Spanish language books, graphic novels and audiobooks - Organized by Genre
- Library is open before school, at break, Lunch Recess and after school to host Homework Club

Tech Lab



- Students attending ACES will learn coding using Scratch and Ozobot
- Yearbook - 3rd Period - Application/Assignment Required
- Open at lunchtime to all students wanting a place to spend time with friends and access Tech

Wellness Center



Run by Ms. Andrea it is a safe and comfortable space, open for ALL students, where they Regulate, Relate, Reason & Return with guidance and support.



It is also place to get resources, relax and connect with staff and other students. There is tea, snacks, hygiene products, arts & crafts supplies, books and other resources. Some of our support groups, like Positively Rolling, are hosted there as well.

It is open all day and students are encouraged to be there during Break and Lunch.

Centro de Bienestar



A cargo de Andrea es un espacio seguro y cómodo, abierto a TODOS los estudiantes, donde pueden regularse, relacionarse, razonar y regresar a clases con orientación y apoyo.



También es un lugar para obtener recursos, relajarse y relacionarse con el personal y otros estudiantes. Hay té, bocadillos, productos de higiene, material de arte y manualidades, libros y otros recursos. Algunos de nuestros grupos de apoyo, como Positively Rolling, también se reúnen allí.

Está abierto todo el día y se anima a los estudiantes a que vayan durante el descanso y el almuerzo.

ACMS Sports

Girls Basketball	September – October
X Country Running	September – October
Boys Basketball	November – December
X Country Skiing	December – March
Girls Volleyball	January – February
Wrestling	February – April
Track & Field	March – May

Soccer for 7th and 8th grade: (boys - fall; girls - winter)





Plan Ahead: Sports Physical, Set up your *Register My Athlete* Account to complete all required paperwork and check *Cougar News*

ACMS Clubs

- Peer Helpers
- Safe School Ambassadors (SSA)
- Leadership
- Yearbook
- Student Council
- Pride Club



- Chess Club
- Tech Club
- Writing Club

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ACMS Special Events

- Spirit Week
- Red Ribbon Week
- School Olympics
- Kindness Week
- Wellness Fair

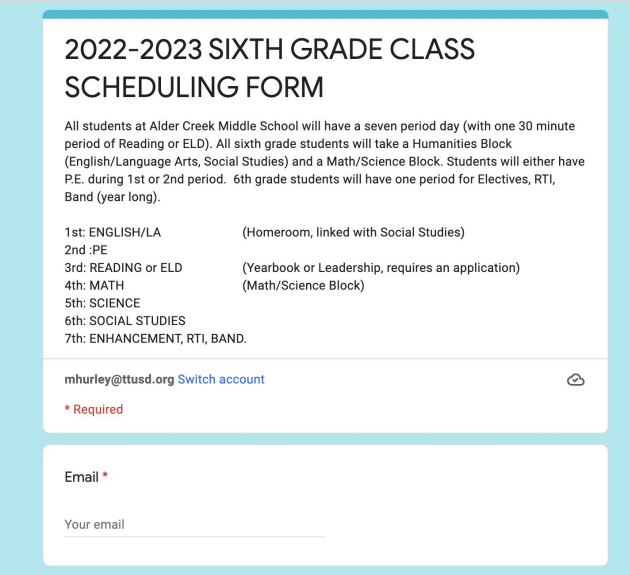
DANCES

- 5:00 to 7:00
- Parent Chaperones
- 3-4 themed dances per year



6th Grade Registration Form

Google Form example:



2022-2023 SIXTH GRADE CLASS SCHEDULING FORM

All students at Alder Creek Middle School will have a seven period day (with one 30 minute period of Reading or ELD). All sixth grade students will take a Humanities Block (English/Language Arts, Social Studies) and a Math/Science Block. Students will either have P.E. during 1st or 2nd period. 6th grade students will have one period for Electives, RTI, Band (year long).

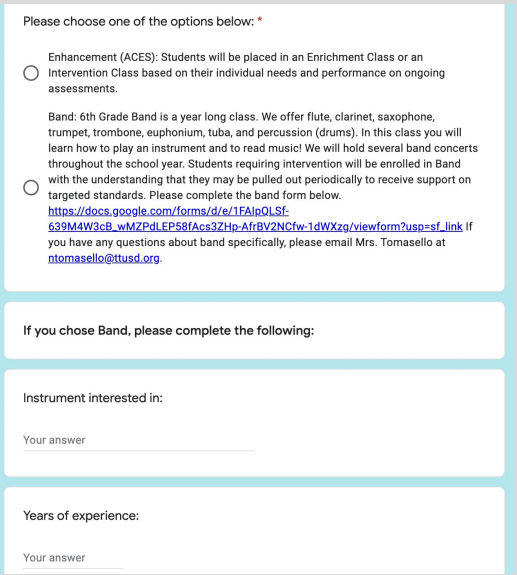
1st: ENGLISH/LA (Homeroom, linked with Social Studies)
2nd :PE
3rd: READING or ELD (Yearbook or Leadership, requires an application)
4th: MATH (Math/Science Block)
5th: SCIENCE
6th: SOCIAL STUDIES
7th: ENHANCEMENT, RTI, BAND.

mhurley@ttusd.org Switch account

* Required

Email *

Your email



Please choose one of the options below: *

Enhancement (ACES): Students will be placed in an Enrichment Class or an Intervention Class based on their individual needs and performance on ongoing assessments.

Band: 6th Grade Band is a year long class. We offer flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and percussion (drums). In this class you will learn how to play an instrument and to read music! We will hold several band concerts throughout the school year. Students requiring intervention will be enrolled in Band with the understanding that they may be pulled out periodically to receive support on targeted standards. Please complete the band form below. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-639M4W3cB_wMZPdLEP58fAcs3ZHp-AfrBV2NCfw-1dWXzg/viewform?usp=sf_link If you have any questions about band specifically, please email Mrs. Tomasello at ntomasello@ttusd.org.

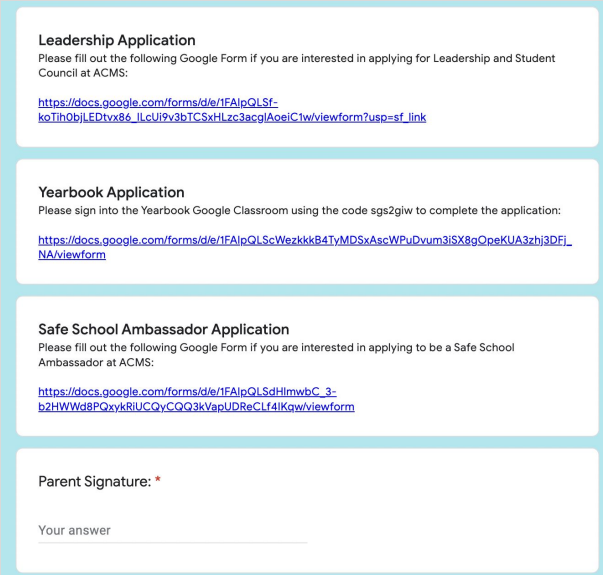
If you chose Band, please complete the following:

Instrument interested in:

Your answer

Years of experience:

Your answer



Leadership Application
Please fill out the following Google Form if you are interested in applying for Leadership and Student Council at ACMS:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-koTih0bjLEDtvx86_ILcUi9v3bTCSxHLzc3acgIAoeiC1w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Yearbook Application
Please sign into the Yearbook Google Classroom using the code sgs2giw to complete the application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWezkkkB4TyMDSxAscWPuDvum3iSX8gOpeKUA3zhj3DFj_NA/viewform

Safe School Ambassador Application
Please fill out the following Google Form if you are interested in applying to be a Safe School Ambassador at ACMS:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHlmwbC_3-b2HWWd8PQxykRiUCQyCQQ3kVapUDReCLf4IKqw/viewform

Parent Signature: *

Your answer

Students will be emailed the link to fill out. Copies of the link will be posted in Cougar News.

5th Grade Orientation

Truckee Elementary - Wednesday, June 7th

Glenshire Elementary - Thursday, June 8th

Cougar Day

Monday, August 21st, 11:00 - 12:30 pm for 6th Grade

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ACMS PTO

- Please join us! Board member openings for next year.
- When shopping at Grocery Outlet, please say “Alder Creek PTO” when you check out. No cost to you, we receive 5%
- Funds are used for: Field trips, teacher support, academic enrichment and more!
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Contact us for more information
  AlderCreekPTO@gmail.com



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