

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

Welcome to Piedmont Middle School!

January 22, 2024



PMS Administration

Karyn Shipp: Principal but once a 6th grader



About me away from Piedmont



PMS Administration

Angela Barrett: a little about me...

- I am originally from Southern California
- I used to be a youth cheerleader (a long, long, long time ago)
- I taught High School English
- I have 1 son (almost 7 years old).



PMS Counselors

**Amy
Sharp**



**Sasha
Goldwasser**



- **Introduction to Counselors**
- **Student Transitions**
- **Accessing to Counseling**
- **Wellness Center**

Scots Camp

Welcome to Middle School Orientation for ALL 6th graders

- Campus Care
- Team Building
- Technology
- Diversity
- 6th Grade Responsibilities
- Connection Building with Core Class
- Plus FUN

8th Grader Leaders Support as Counselors

- Encouraging & Kind
- Cultivate positive connections
- Create a welcoming space

SCOT Expectations

**As a SCOT,
you are
expected to be**

S - Safe

C - Courageous

**O - Own Your
Responsibilities**

T - Treat Others With Respect

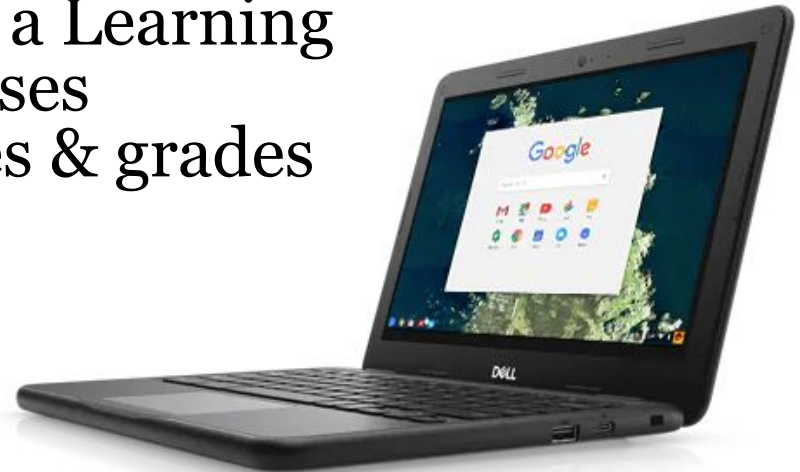


Technology at PMS



1:1 Chromebooks

- ★ Students will learn about Piedmont's technology acceptable use agreement and our expectations regarding digital citizenship during Scots Camp
- ★ Students will have access to Chromebooks during all of their classes, and even at home.
- ★ School wide use of Schoology, a Learning Management System that houses assignments, teacher resources & grades



Filtering and Monitoring



GoGuardian Admin

Reporting

- Dashboard
- Browsing Activity
- All Students
- Flagged Activity
- Exported Reports
- Smart Alerts
- Theft Recovery
- DNS Traffic
- Audit Log

Filtering

- Policies
- Advanced Config
- Filtering Simulator
- DNS Networks
- Custom Groups

Search students, apps, docs and websites...

Piedmont USD

Adam Saville

Dashboard

192 students online

Top Websites

Website	Category	Visits
google.com	Appropriate	65.3K
piedmont.school...	K-12 Education	44.6K
youtube.com	Appropriate	26K
docs.google.com	Appropriate	24.3K
mail.google.com	Appropriate	11.5K

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Activity Timeline

Smart Alerts

Student	When
[Redacted]	an hr ago
[Redacted]	8 hrs ago
[Redacted]	2 days ago
[Redacted]	2 days ago
[Redacted]	3 days ago

[View All Alerts](#)

Filtering Best Practices

- Best Practices
 - Advanced Filtering Tips
- Best Practices
 - YouTube Tips
- Best Practices
 - Custom Groups

Digital Citizenship Curriculum



NEWS & MEDIA LITERACY

*We are critical
thinkers & creators.*



CYBERBULLYING, DIGITAL DRAMA
& HATE SPEECH

*We are kind
& courageous.*



RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNICATION

*We know the power
of words & actions.*



DIGITAL FOOTPRINT & IDENTITY

*We define
who we are.*



PRIVACY & SECURITY

*We care about
everyone's privacy.*



MEDIA BALANCE & WELL-BEING

*We find balance
in our digital lives.*

Cell Phones

PMS has a no Cell phone policy at school
Teacher/ Staff may allow an exception based on
what is going on in the classroom.

Call the office if you need to connect with your
child versus texting or calling them.

Parent Engagement

- ★ Best practices and resources for achieving tech and media balance at home
- ★ The world of social media and social media apps
- ★ Panel Discussions
- ★ Film/Documentary Screenings



“A day in the life of a 6th grader”

★ Typical Day:

- Core: Language Arts
- Core: Reading
- Core: Social Studies
- Math
- Science
- PE or PE/Music split
- Exploratory Wheel or Math Lab or Support



“A day in the life of a 7th grader”

★ Typical Day:

- Core: Language Arts
- Core: Social Studies
- Reading / Health
- Math
- Science
- PE
- Elective



“A day in the life of a 8th grader”

★ Typical Day:

- English
- US History
- Math
- Science
- PE
- Elective
- Elective



“Elective Options”

Chinese

Spanish

French

Band

Orchestra

Art

Ceramics

Film

Animation

Green Team

Yearbook/Broadcast

Fab Lab

Computers

Drama

ASB/Leadership

Block Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 8:40-9:25				
2 9:32-10:17	1 8:40 - 10:00	2 8:40 - 10:00	1 8:40 - 10:00	2 8:40 - 10:00
BRUNCH 10:17-10:27	BRUNCH 10:00 - 10:10	BRUNCH 10:00 - 10:10	BRUNCH 10:00 - 10:10	BRUNCH 10:00 - 10:10
3* 10:34-11:21	3* 10:17 - 11:39	ACADEMY** 10:17 - 11:12	3* 10:17 - 11:39	ACADEMY** 10:17 - 11:12
4 11:28-12:13	5 11:46 - 1:06	4 11:19 - 12:39	5 11:46 - 1:06	4 11:19 - 12:39
5 12:20-1:05	LUNCH 1:06-1:41	LUNCH 12:39-1:14	LUNCH 1:06-1:41	LUNCH 12:39-1:14
LUNCH 1:05-1:40	7 1:48-3:08	6 1:21-2:41	7 1:48-3:08	6 1:21-2:41
6 1:47-2:32				
7 2:39-3:24				

Student Planner



6th Grade Core

- ★ Core= Language Arts + Reading + Social Studies
- ★ Core class= 1 teacher for all three subjects
- ★ Co-Core= 2 teachers for all three subjects
 - Example: Ms. Lotia for Language Arts & Reading and Lohnes for Social Studies



Collaboration and the Co-Core

★ Team Collaboration

- Reflection on and about student needs
- 6th grade program continues to evolve
- 6th grade Google Calendar to avoid the “crush”

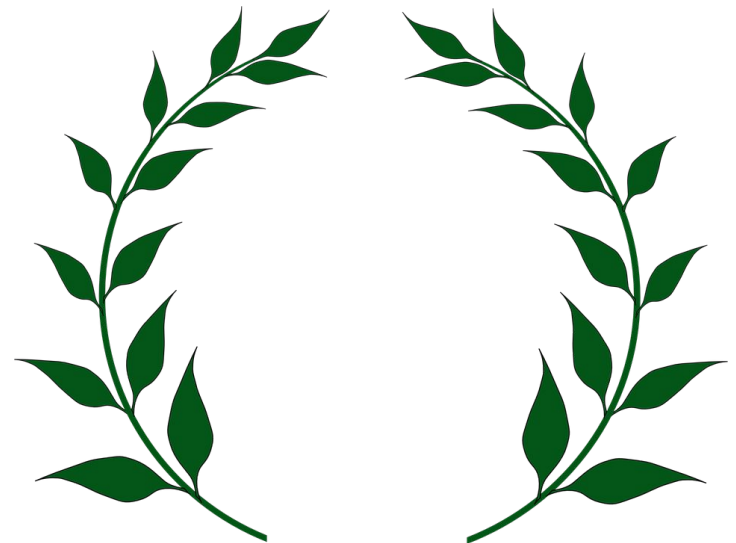
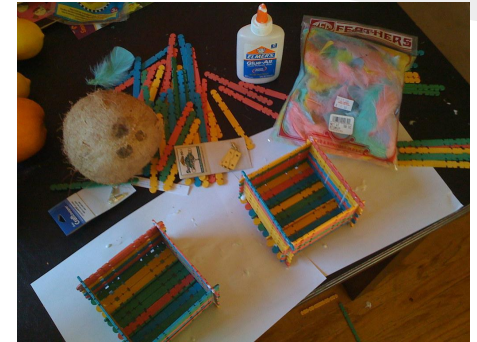
★ Building community within the classroom

- Partner, group, and class work
- We are a team



Building Community Across the 6th Grade

- ★ Scots Camp
- ★ Festival of the Nile
- ★ Speech Festival
- ★ Lunch Cubs
- ★ Greek Olympics



Common Core Math

★ **Board Approved Pathways:**

- Our grade level math pathways are rigorous, college prep level courses
- For those ready for more rigor in math, we also have 2 entry points into the Compression Pathway (6th & 9th)
- The compression pathways were created so students have the opportunity to access Calculus AB and BC in 12th grade
- Additionally we have academic support classes for learners who need additional time to master concepts.

Math Compression Opportunities

6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
CC6	CC7	CC8	Integrated Math 1 (IM1)	Integrated Math 2 (IM2)	Integrated Math 3 (IM3)	Math Analysis or Math Analysis Honors or Statistics

6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
CC6/7	CC7/8	CC8/IM1	IM2	IM3	Math Analysis or Math Analysis Honors or Statistics	AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC or Statistics or Honors Stats

6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
CC6	CC7	CC8	IM1/2A	IM2B/3	Math Analysis or Math Analysis Honors or Statistics	AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Statistics, or Honors Statistics

Additional Math Support

CC-6	CC-7	CC-8
CC-6 Math Lab	CC-7/8 Math Lab	CC-7/8 Math Lab

- Math Lab offers academic math support for CC 6, CC7, CC8.
- Students can take these classes as needed 1 or 2 semesters.
- Taught by credentialed math teachers.
- This is taken in place of an elective class.

Science

- ★ Sixth Grade Science: Diverse, exciting, real-world, leading students to think analytically/critically
- ★ Students will explore these topics (and more!)
 - Why do some people get easily sunburned?
 - How do our bodies produce and use energy to Move? -
 - How can you keep your ice cube penguin from melting? -
 - How can one of the wettest places on Earth & the driest place on Earth be found so close to each other?
 - How does climate change impact earth's systems?
 - Why do Some organisms look exactly like their parents and others do not?

Physical Education

- ★ Uniforms
- ★ Lockers
- ★ Activities: Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Dance, Cooperative Games, Basketball, Pickleball, Wiffle Ball, Ultimate Football.
- ★ Injury Prevention and Safety
- ★ STAR= Show Appreciation, Trust, Appreciate Differences, Respect

PE or PE/Music Choice

- ★ Physical Education

or

- ★ Physical Education alternate with Instrumental Music

- ★ PE is a (state) requirement, but Music is optional

- ★ Contact Amy Sharp or Sasha Goldwasser if you have a question regarding your choice.

Music

6th - 12th Band



6th - 12th Orchestra



Music

All 6th graders are invited to participate in
Instrumental Music!

- Most students enrolled have musical experience from elementary instrumental classes in 4th and 5th grade

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Time Commitment: Weekly Practice and 2 concerts per year

Jazz Band begins in 7th Grade! Sign up for music in 6th Grade in order to be prepared for 7th Grade Jazz Band.

Music

6th Grade Band Woodwinds



Flute



Clarinet



Saxophone

Music

6th Grade Band Brass



Trumpet



Trombone



Baritone Horn

Music

Band - and sometimes

- With recommendation of teacher
- Must have brass experience
- Strong musical ear
- A challenging instrument
- Private lessons recommended (not required)



French Horn

Music

Band - Percussion



Bell Set



Snare Drum



Bass Drum

Music

Orchestra: All strings



Violin - Viola - Cello - Bass

How to contact us

Sam Wilde, Orchestra Director
swilde@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Trevor Messeroll Band Director
tmeseroll@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Exploratory Wheel

- ★ Art
- ★ Computers
- ★ Drama
- ★ Fab Lab: Makers
- ★ Green Team
- ★ Health

Music Selection Due

- ★ Complete the Music selection form by

Wednesday

January 31st!



The form will be sent out tomorrow (Jan 23rd).

Math Selection Due

- ★ Complete the Math selection form by

An IC/Email
blast with all the
information will
come at end of
February or early
March. Be on the
look out!



Food Service

- ★ PUSD 6-12 Foodservice has 4 chefs
- ★ Cook **FREE** meals on location
- ★ Menus available weekly via the Friday Bulletin and on the Website
- ★ Snacks and drinks available for purchase (items may vary)
- ★ Questions can be directed to Gitara Spinks (Director of Food Service)
 - gspinks@piedmont.k12.ca.us

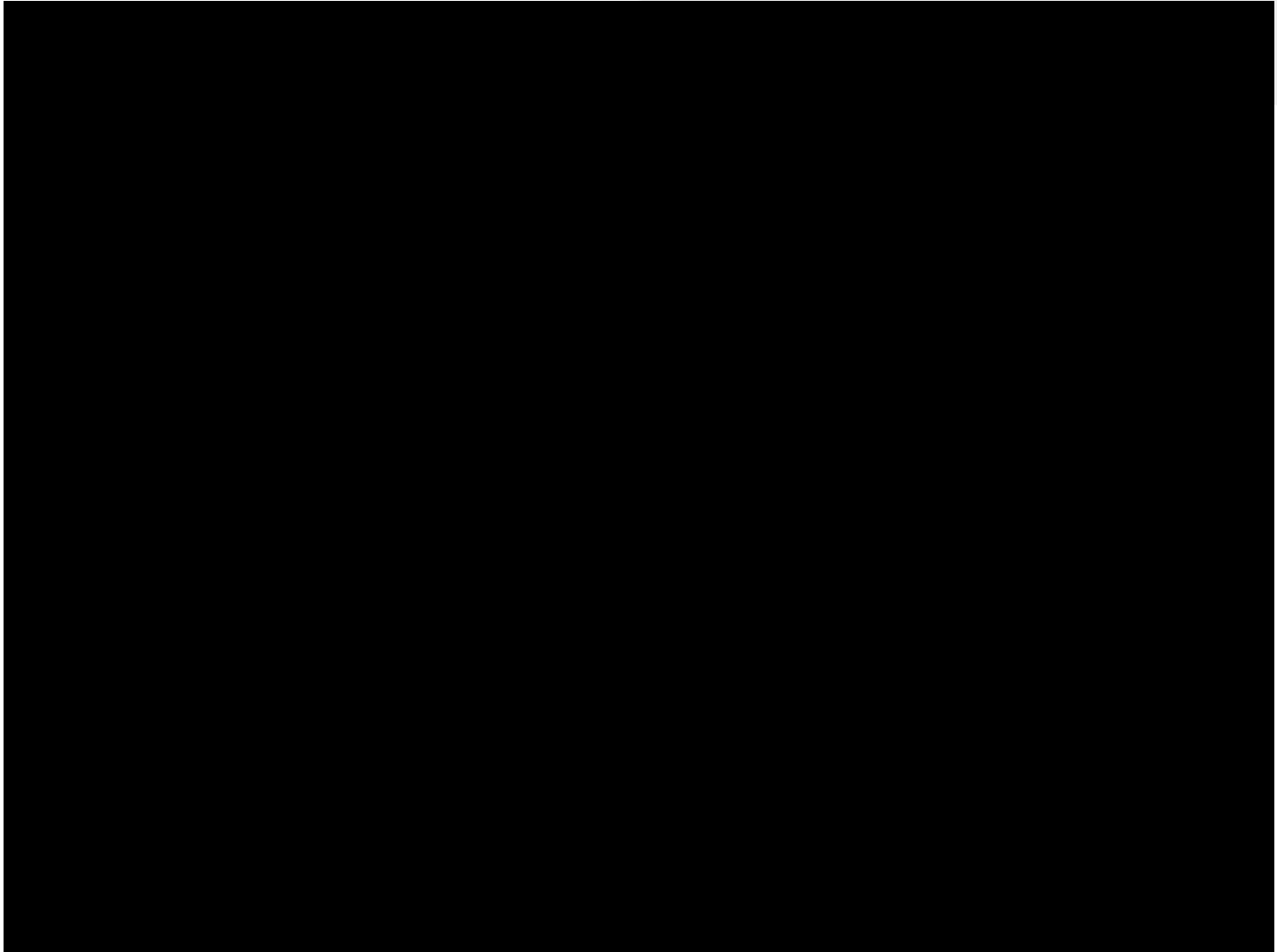
Lunch Clubs

- ★ Associated Student Body will host a club day faire.
- ★ Students propose lunch club ideas. For example: Awesome club, Game club, and Safe Space Club.
- ★ Students lead the club with support of an adult supervisor.
- ★ Lunch clubs gives student a place to be with friends and get involved with activities.

Online Registration

- ★ You will continue to go through the Online Registration process
- ★ The website should open in early August.
- ★ You will receive an IC email to notify you have login and directions in August
- ★ **FRIDAY, August 9th** you will go through in person walk through registration.

“A Day in the Life Video”



Piedmont Middle School Sports

A partnership with the Piedmont Recreation Department

**Youth & Adult Sports
Coordinator**

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Sports Seasons

Fall, Aug-Nov

Flag Football
Girls Volleyball
Cross Country

Winter, Nov-Mar

Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball

Spring, Mar-Jun

Track & Field
Ultimate Frisbee
Boys Volleyball



	Practice Schedule (per week)	Games Home/away	# of Teams	Players per team	# of Coaches (per team)	E.O.Y Tournament	Carpools	Conditioning
Volleyball	4	4/4	2 - 4	8 - 12	2	Yes!	Yes	Summer
Basketball	4	7/6	2 - 4	8 - 13	1-2	Yes!	Yes	
T & F	3	4 Meets	1	Up to 100	8	Yes!	Yes	Winter & Summer
Flag Football	4	2/5	3 - 6	15 - 20	3-5	Soon!	Yes	Spring
Cross Country	3	4 meets	1	Up to 80	8-10	Yes!	Yes	Winter & Summer
Ultimate	2	BADA Spring League & Tournaments	1 -2	20 - 25	2	Yes!	Yes	



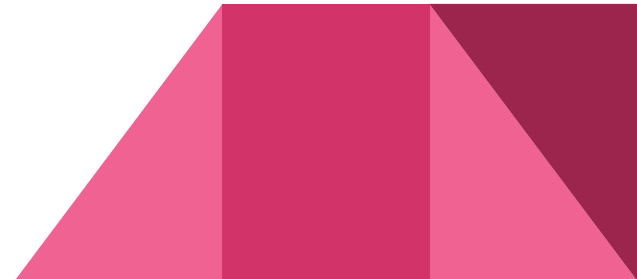
Athletic Environment for Everyone

Sports are about growth, development, camaraderie & confidence, too!

Assessments in Volleyball, Basketball, Flag Football and Ultimate Frisbee.

All programs have A & B team's.

Open rosters via registration.





Developmental vs Competitive

All skills Welcome!

Flag Football

Track & XC

After School Sports

Competitive Sports vs Developmental

Boys & Girls Basketball

Rec Basketball, November - March

Boys & Girls Volleyball

Developmental Volleyball, Fall & Spring

Ultimate Frisbee

Practice Squad



Eligibility & Enrollment

6th - 8th Grade

Flag Football
Track & Field
Ultimate Frisbee
Cross Country

7/8th Grade

All of the Above
Basketball
Volleyball

How to Enroll:

City of Piedmont Recreation
Website (Community Pass)
Or Call (510) 420 - 3070

Stay up to date!

TeamSnap, PRD e-News &
School Announcements



Enroll EARLY!!

Guarantee your jersey.

Help us make assessments a smooth process.

Guarantee coaches.





2023 Accomplishments & 2024 Goals

New Sports

Team Captains

**Updated Game Day
Experience**

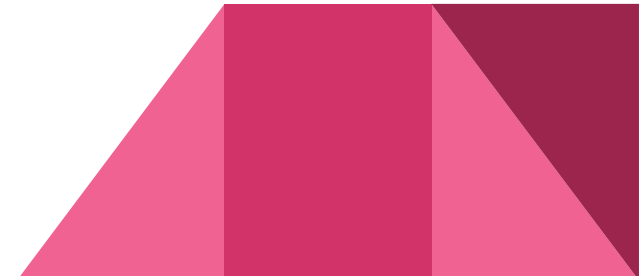
Boosters

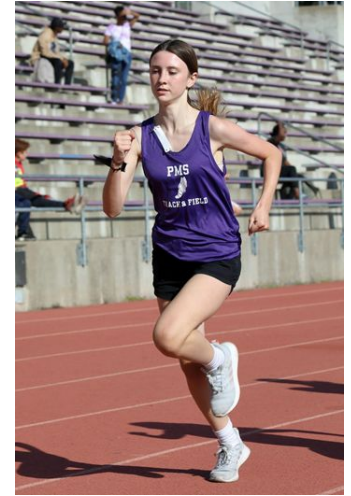
New Facilities

**High School
Assistant Coaches**

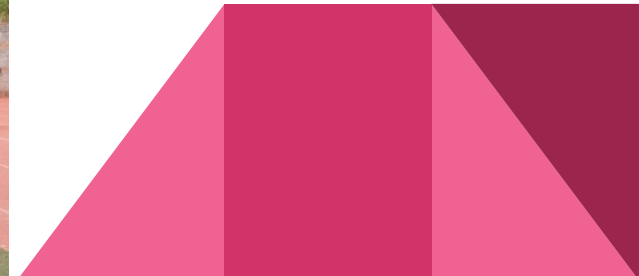
Updated Look

After School Sports





PRD Spring Activity Guide



Ways To Be Connected

★ PMS Parents Club

- Shilpa Patel (shilpatel@yahoo.com)



We look forward to welcoming your child!

- ★ Karyn Shipp- Principal
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