

Welcome to MMS!



MMS Welcomes the Class of 2031!

- Team approach
- Meeting students where they are academically and developmentally
- Exploring new interests through clubs, sports, and classes



Who Are We?

- MMS Support Team
 - Mrs. Huelsman - Principal.
 - Mrs. Bloomstrom - Assistant Principal.
 - Mrs. Cabral - School Counselor.
 - Mrs. Ehler- School Nurse.
 - Mrs. Miskimens - Administrative Assistant
 - Mrs. VanSkaik - Administrative Assistant
 - Mrs. Brewer - Media Center Support





The 6th Grade Team

- ✘ Language Arts - Mrs. Foley & Mr. Higgins
- ✘ Math – Ms. Geiger & new math teacher
- ✘ Science – Mrs. Wildfong
- ✘ Social Studies – Mr. Opichka
- ✘ Intervention Specialist – Ms. Durkee



You are about to be a middle school parent!

- Experiencing intense emotions and hormones
- Navigating friendships
- Learning to be independent & learning time management
- Balancing school, extra-curriculars, and social life
- Learning to problem-solve



Building Positive Culture

- ★ The Culture Playbook & $E+R=O$.
- ★ PBIS Core Values (LIGHT) - Leadership, Integrity, Generosity, Honesty, Teamwork.
- ★ Sources of Strength
 - Peer Mentors
 - Building on connections & positive change
- ★ Digital Safety & Responsible Use
 - Collaboration with Madeira PD



What is Different from 5th Grade for Students?

- ★ Individual lockers with combo locks
- ★ Different students in classes
- ★ Choice - Digital Art, Magic of Electrons, or Team Sports I
- ★ School Start Time - 8:00



Sample 6th Grade Schedule

8:00-8:45 (Block 1) ELA

8:48-9:33 (Encore 1) Band/Choir & Choice

9:36-10:21 (Block 1) ELA

10:24-10:39 Recess

10:39-11:09 Lunch

11:09-11:54 (Block 2) Social Studies/Science

11:54-12:39 (Encore 2) Art/Wellness/Tech Skills/
Design & Modeling

12:42-1:27 (Block 2) Social Studies/Science

1:30-3:00 (Block 3) Math/IET



Courses for 6th Grade

- ❖ Language Arts
- ❖ Math
- ❖ Science
- ❖ Social Studies
- ❖ IET
- ❖ Wellness
- ❖ Tech Skills
- ❖ Design & Modeling (STEM)
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Music (Band/Choir)
- ❖ Digital Art
- ❖ Teams Sports I
- ❖ Magic of Electrons (STEM)



Encore & Special Area

- ★ Music
 - Choir – Mrs. Cisney
 - Band – Mrs. Adams/
Mr. Ervin
- ★ Wellness – Mrs. Dunn
- ★ Team Sports I – Mr. Shafer
- ★ Tech Skills – Mrs. Kiefer
- ★ Art – Mrs. Rossi-Riel
- ★ STEM – Mrs. Hager



A Snapshot of 6th Grade Experiences

- ✕ Camp Kern
- ✕ Kindness Rocks
- ✕ Book Clubs
- ✕ Cross-Curricular & Themed Units



Worries or Concerns

- ✗ Worried about ...
 - Nothing!
 - Getting the locker open.
 - Not being able to find classes.
 - Getting to class on time
 - Homework



Excitement!

- ✕ Excited about . . .
 - Getting a locker and decorating it.
 - Lunch & Recess
 - New Clubs & Activities
 - Switching classes
 - House competitions
 - Pep Assemblies
 - PTO Socials



Common Questions...

1. What are LIGHT Houses?
2. What Clubs & Activities are available at MMS?
3. How can parents get involved?
4. When will students be able to “tour” the building?



What are MMS LIGHT Houses?

Houses are **Red**, **Orange**, **Yellow**, **Green**, or **Blue** and are assigned over the summer and based on your homeroom.

Houses participate in LIGHT days which are all school activities for house points. Spirit days, volunteer opportunities and following the principles of LIGHT help earn your house points.



Clubs & Opportunities

- ✕ Community Service Club
- ✕ Buddy Club
- ✕ Sources of Strength
- ✕ Student Council
- ✕ Chess Club
- ✕ Culture Club
- ✕ Math Counts
- ✕ Girls on the Run
- ✕ MMS Musical
- ✕ Art Club



How can Parents get involved?

- ✕ MMS PTO
- ✕ Field Trips
- ✕ Guest Speakers
- ✕ Socials
- ✕ Club & Activity Supports
- ✕ Kindness Rocks



Looking Ahead...

- ✗ MMS Visit Day - May
- ✗ Meet the Team Night - August
- ✗ 6th grade ONLY schedule pick up day and open building (schedule pick up, locker decorating, school supply pick/drop off)



Tips to prepare...

- ★ Get a combination lock and practice
- ★ No cell phone or smart watch
- ★ Set goals with your student for middle school
- ★ Ease into independence
- ★ Identify a trusted middle school parent to talk to
- ★ Talk to your student!



6th Grade Google Form



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Thank you for coming!

Questions?

