DIDION MIDDLE

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Assistant Principal: Lesley-Anne Terrell

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Apply

Currently enrolled in 6th grade @ Didion	**Not enrolled in 6th grade @ Didion**
You don't have to do anything! You will be **automatically enrolled** into our middle school.	Apply through Open Enrollment in **February 3 - February 21** by going to: https://www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment-k-8.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact:

- Mrs. Gail Hori in the main office at 916-395-4575

or

- Principal James Eder at james-eder@scusd.edu.

About Didion Middle

Didion Middle is a TK-8 school where academic achievement and social and emotional development are our primary goals.

- Located in the Greenhaven/Pocket area
- Safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where students are challenged
- Smaller class sizes allow teachers to better establish relationships with students and families (115 students)
- Same teachers both years
- 6 class periods each day, 5-minute passing period, 40-minute lunch
- Middle school day from 8 a.m. - 2:29 p.m. (M, T, W, F) and 8 a.m. - 1:29 p.m. (Th)
- Extra help available during lunch
- Students consistently excel on state-standardized CAASPP exams and are well-prepared to excel and succeed in high school.

Director Voices

Student Voices

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HSSP Director Voices

"Didion students are ... a great addition to PACE ... a college prep honors program and they come to us strong in the areas of class participation, writing skills, time management and creativity."

Todd Whalen, Former Director, PACE, JFK HS

"Didion students who come to HISP are ... socially and academically ready to take on the high school experience ...They are leaders and scholar-athletes and artists and performers."

Ellen Wong, Former Director, HISP, CK McClatchy HS

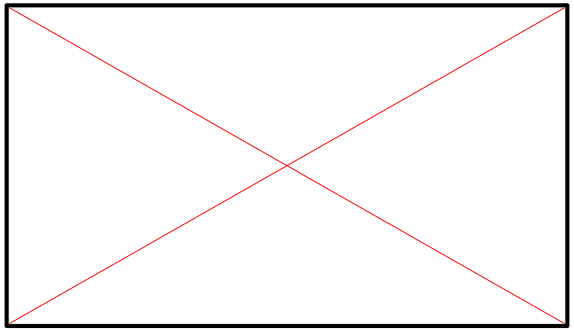
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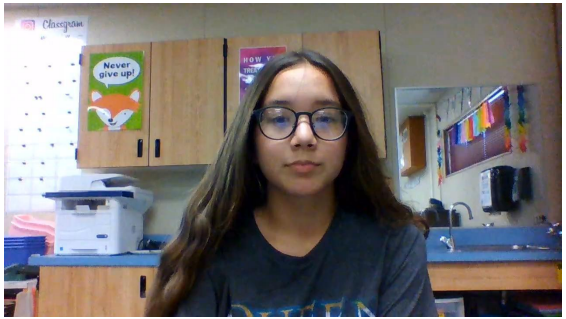
Student Voices

8th graders sharing their thoughts about Didion Middle













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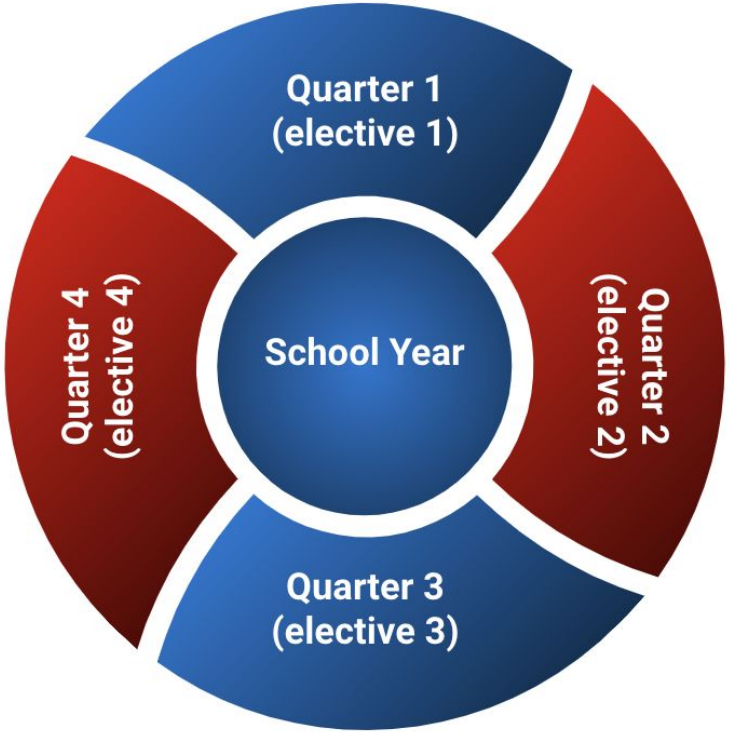
Programs

- 8th Grade Catalina Island Trip
- Washington D.C. Trip
- Student Government
  - Dances
  - Rallies
- After School Athletic Teams
  - Basketball
  - Volleyball
  - Cross Country
  - Soccer
  - Golf
  - Flag Football
- Accelerated Mathematics
- Mathletes Team
- Advisory on Mondays
- Exploratory Wheel
  - Visual & Performing Arts
  - Leadership
  - Humanities
  - Band (zero period and year-long first period) - Instruments are provided!
  - Publications with Art Media
- After School Program
  - The Center (free, based on availability)

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Elective Wheel

Students get the opportunity to experience four electives during the school year.



Elective Options

Leadership

Students help out in the elementary and middle school classes as a TA (Teacher Assistant)

Publications

Students will publish creative art pieces using different art mediums in a variety of ways.

Humanities

Students will be introduced to Latin American Culture. Will practice speaking, reading and writing basic Spanish introductions and phrases

Band

This is a year long course. Students will learn to play an instrument. Instruments will be provided.

VAPA

Students will create and perform skits for their peers. At the end of the quarter, students will write and perform a skit for middle school students.

Advisory

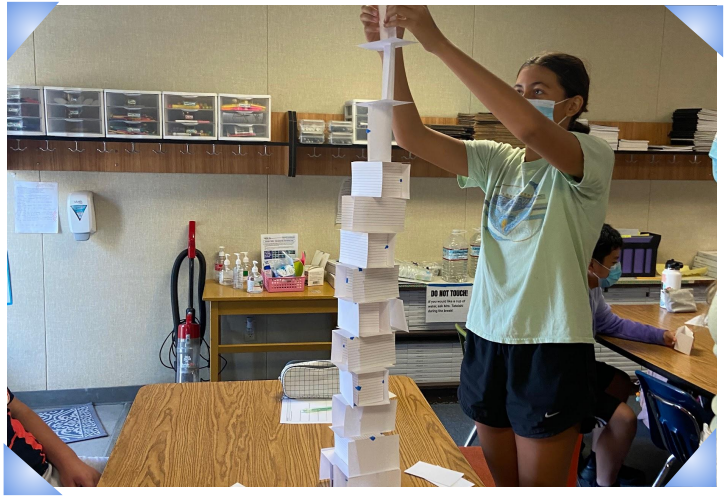
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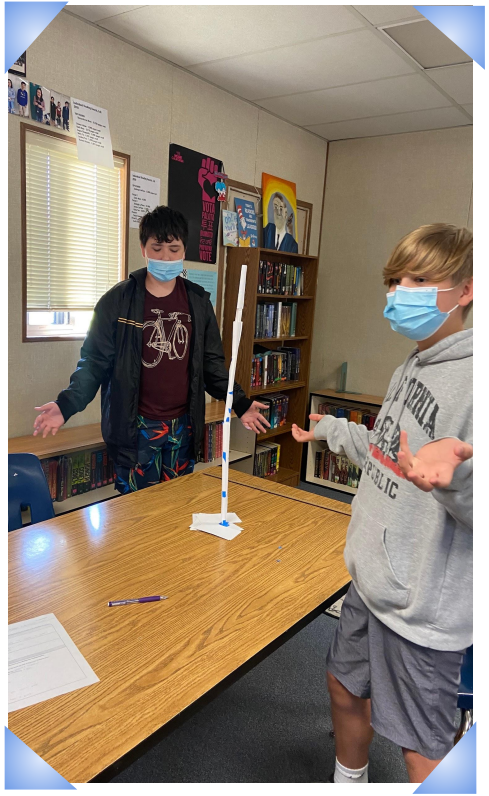
- Create a community and a safe space for students to discuss important topics
- To learn about school success

Students have a teacher and a place to go to if any questions or issues arise throughout the year.

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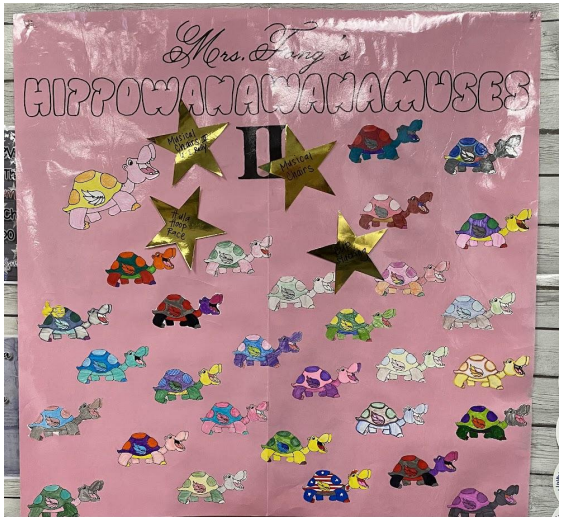


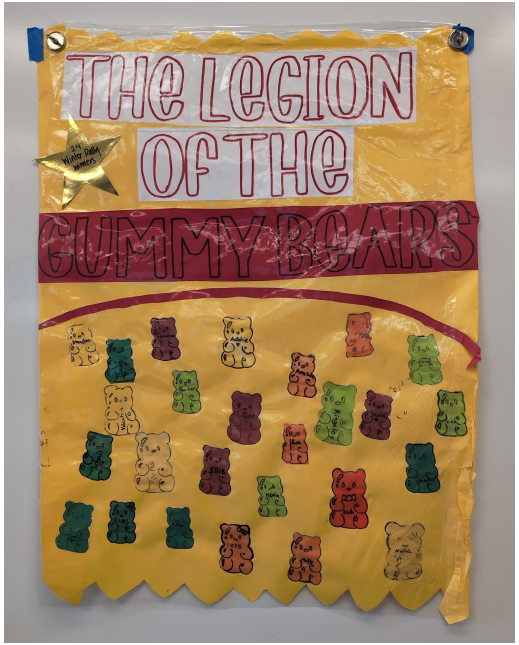




Advisory Posters

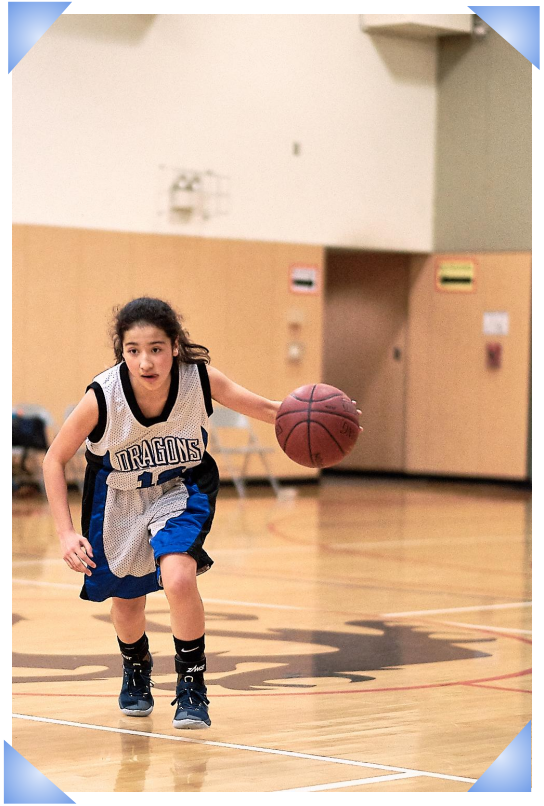






Athletics







8th Grade Catalina Trip





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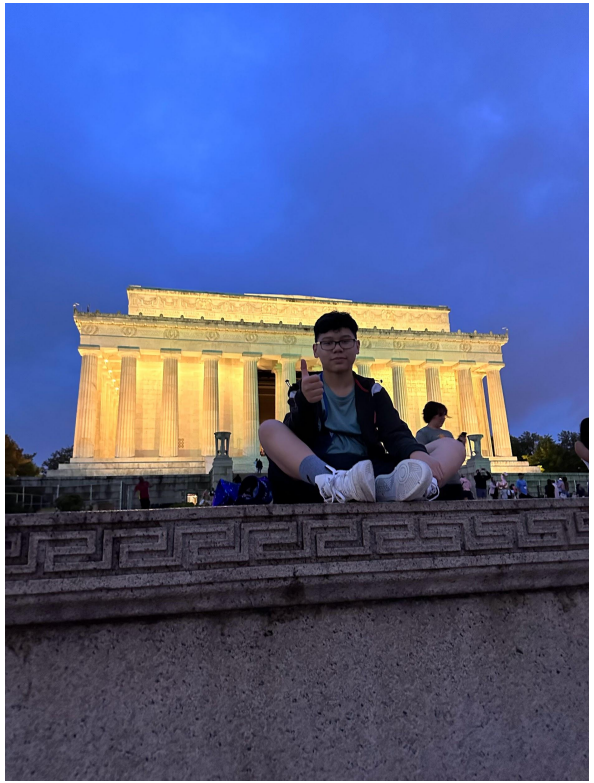




Washington D.C.

WorldStrides







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Mathletes



Courses

Smaller class sizes with the same teachers over two years allow teachers to better establish relationships with students and families and provide targeted support to students who need it.







Social Studies | Science | Physical Education | Band

Language Arts | Accelerated Math | Math 7 & 8

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Social Studies

Pamela Fong, Social Studies. Mrs. Fong graduated with high honors from the California State University of Sacramento with a BA in Liberal Studies and a minor in History. She has more than 10 years of teaching experience with SCUSD. Throughout the year, students will learn about social science through active problem-based learning that includes a strong focus on multiple learning intelligences and collaborative group work.



Publications. Publications with Art Media is a course where students will create published pieces of artwork in a variety of media.

Student Government. Students help plan rallies, Middle School dances, and other school activities.

Contact. pamela-fong@scusd.edu

Language Arts



Pamela Tateishi, Language Arts. BA in English, MastersEd, from UC Davis with more than 20 years experience teaching grades 7-12. Students use the *My Perspectives* textbook, in addition to reading supplemental novels. An important component of the class is the Independent Reading Project, where students read and analyze novels of their choice throughout the year.

Visual and Performing Arts. Students participate in a variety of theater and team-building activities in order to increase their comfort performing in front of an audience.

Speech and Debate. Students improve their impromptu and prepared speaking and debate skills.

Contact. pamela-tateishi@scusd.edu

Science



Rocio Almanza, Science. Multiple Subject and Authorization Credential in Science with more than 10 years of teaching experience.

In this science class students investigate scientific topics through productive dialogue, inquiry, purposeful reading and meaningful writing. Both 7th and 8th grades are integrated subjects where students investigate real-world phenomena.

Spanish-Humanities. Introduction to Spanish language and Latin-American & Chicano culture.

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Physical Education

Mike Carras, Physical Education. Kinesiology Degree, UNC Wilmington, and credentials from Sac State with more than 20 years teaching experience in middle school. Students participate in sports and activities that allow for development and understanding of their physical abilities. Students become aware of the social benefits of activity through participation: individual and dual activities in 7th grade and team sports in 8th grade.



Leadership. Students use various PE activities to provide mentorship for elementary groups.

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Math 7/8 and 8/1



Leigh-Ann Fassiotto, Math 7/8 and 8/1. BS in Mathematics, MA in Education from UC Davis. Began teaching in 2004 and has taught levels ranging from 7th grade math intervention to high school AP Calculus. During Didion's two year accelerated math program, students master 7th grade, 8th grade, and Integrated Math 1 standards using Big Ideas Course 2, Big Ideas Course 3, and Walch CCSS Math 1 textbooks. Students experience whole class instruction, collaborative work, and independent assignments. Students also learn and practice productive academic habits including note-taking, organization, and study methods that they can use as successful math students in the future.

Contact. Leigh-ann-fassiotto@scusd.edu

Math 7 and Math 8

Karen McDaniels, Math 7 and Math 8.

Mrs. McDaniels has an MA in Education from the University of Nevada, Reno with over 10 years of teaching experience in both Nevada and Sacramento. During Didion's two years in grade level math classes, Mrs. McDaniels works to prepare student for the math classes they will take in high school. Students will master 7th grade and 8th grade standards using Big Ideas Course 2 and Big Ideas Course 3 textbooks. Students experience whole class instruction, collaborative work, and independent assignments. Students also learn and practice productive habits including note-taking, organization, and study methods. Mrs. McDaniels also teaches Elementary PE classes at Didion.

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Band

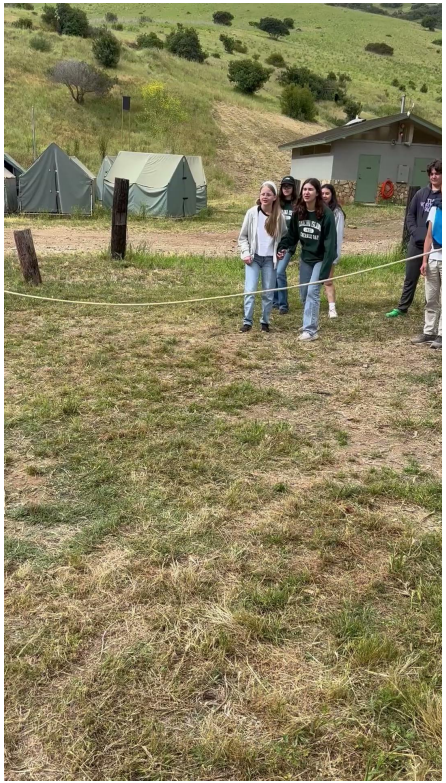
Jeremy Hammond, Band

Degree in Trumpet Performance/Music Education from Sac State with 20 years teaching experience in SCUSD from elementary to high school music. Band students will gain technical experience on their instruments, perform in multiple concerts and develop a deeper appreciation of instrumental music.

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Collaborating in Catalina

From this



To this



Our Principal

