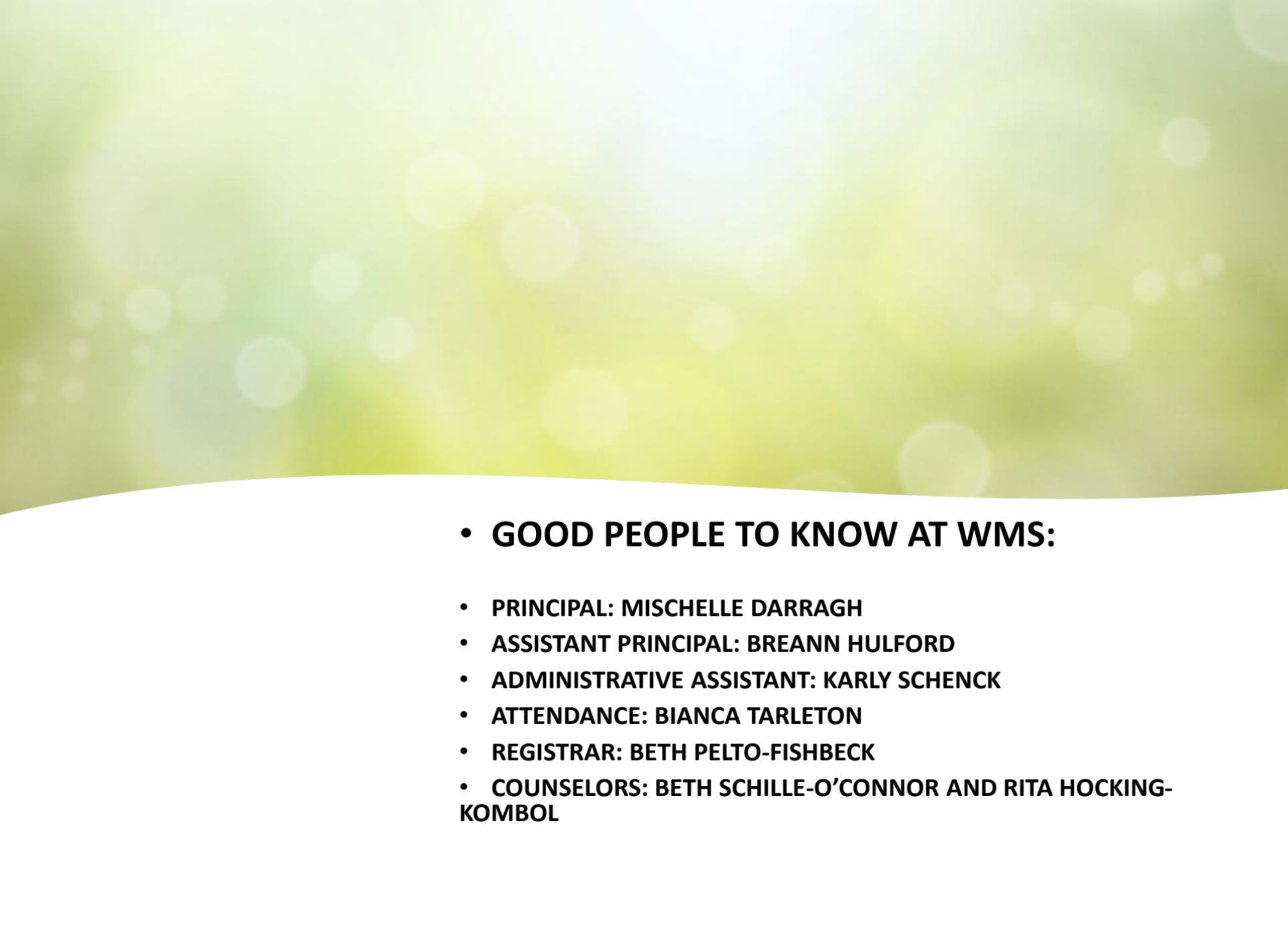


WELCOME TO WHATCOM

Everything you need to know
about middle school!





- **GOOD PEOPLE TO KNOW AT WMS:**

- **PRINCIPAL: MISHELLE DARRAGH**
- **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: BREANN HULFORD**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: KARLY SCHENCK**
- **ATTENDANCE: BIANCA TARLETON**
- **REGISTRAR: BETH PELTO-FISHBECK**
- **COUNSELORS: BETH SCHILLE-O'CONNOR AND RITA HOCKING-KOMBOL**

What time does school start and end?

*We start at 9:15 and get
out at 3:45



What classes will I have?

- Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, P.E., Team Time/AVID, and Enrichment.
- Enrichment and P.E. are on opposite days (A/B days)



What is the AVID Class?

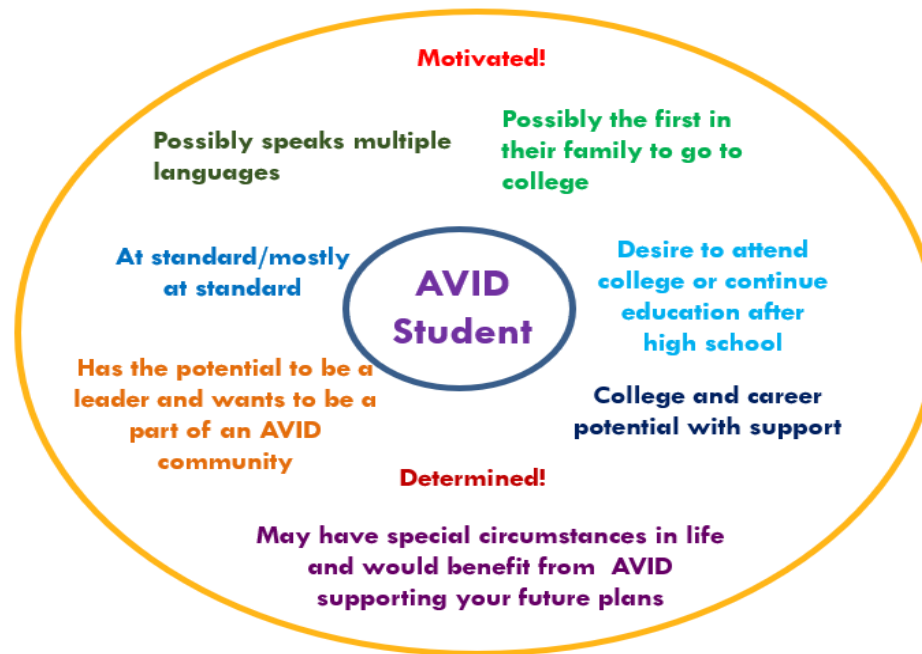


The AVID Student Profile



- Motivated!
- Desire and determination to go to college
- College potential with support
- Priority those that are first in their family to attend college or that have circumstances that make accessing college more challenging
- Anyone that is motivated to work hard should apply!

The AVID Student Profile



Bellingham School District



AVID is at all 4
Middle Schools
in Bellingham!



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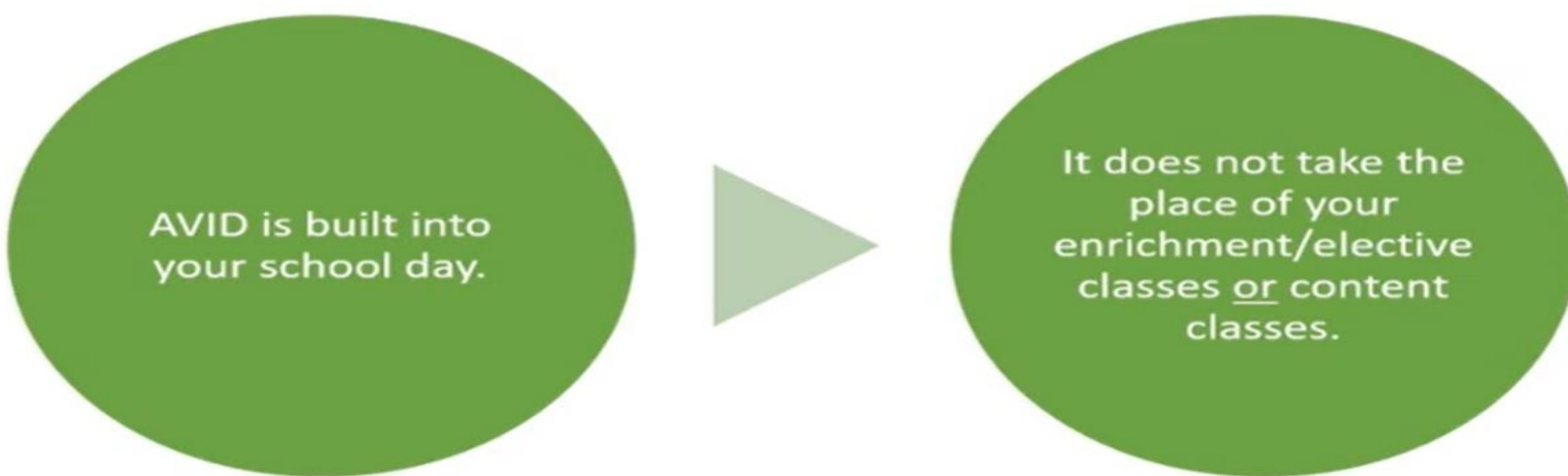
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- ✓ All 5th grade classrooms show the AVID recruitment video in the spring.
- ✓ All interested students are encouraged to apply.
- ✓ Applications are online and paper copies will be handed out at 5th grade visits.

The Schedule



AVID is built into
your school day.

It does not take the
place of your
enrichment/elective
classes or content
classes.

Next Steps – Applying for the AVID class



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Mrs. Russell

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AVID



Working together to build community, leadership skills and positive student habits.

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Questions? Please reach out to our AVID Site Coordinator: Melanie.KishKirkman@bellingshamschools.org

6th grade AVID teachers

Jennifer Aldrich

Nicole Brown

7th grade AVID teachers

Melanie Kish Kirkman

Trisia Kulaas

8th grade AVID teachers

Kristy Russell

Chad Wertz



What about P.E.?

- You'll have P.E. every other day, opposite your enrichment class.
- You don't have to shower, but you should bring deodorant and clean socks and wear clothes/shoes that are good for exercising in!

What about lockers?

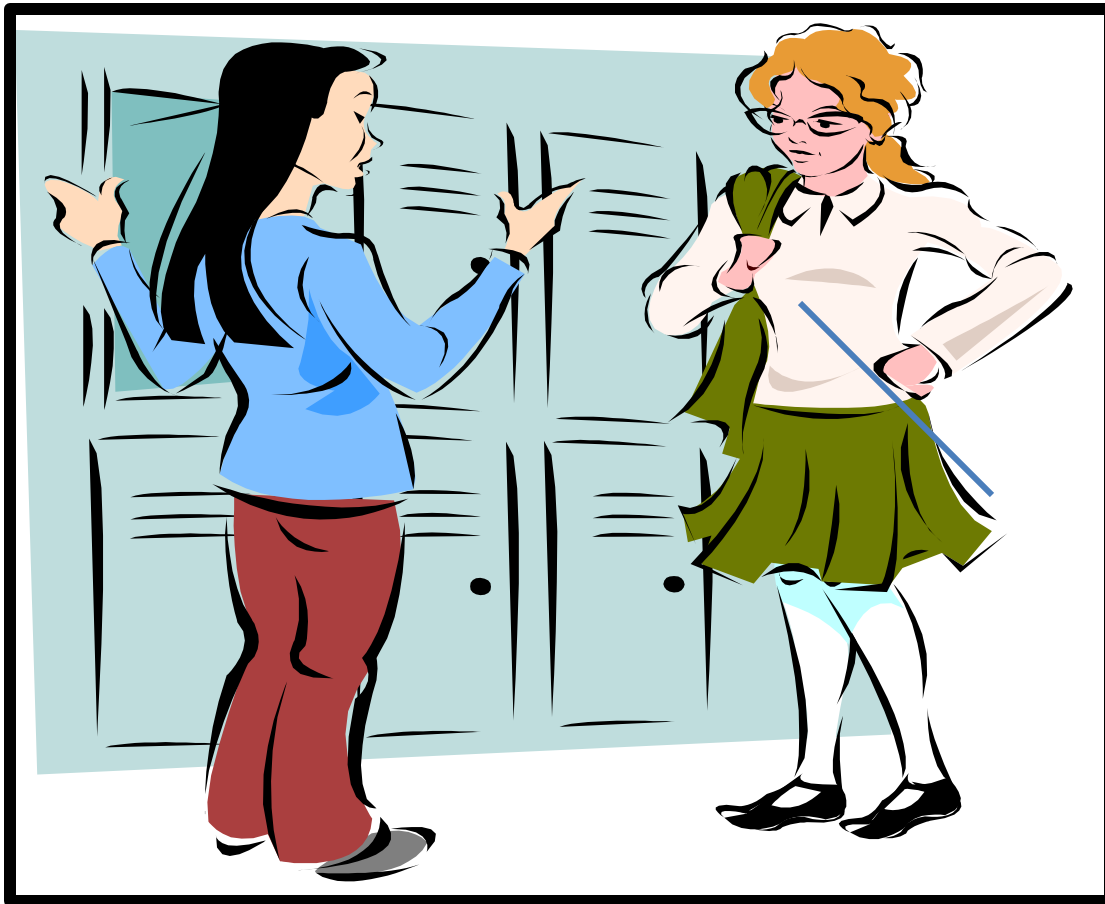
- You will be assigned your own locker. Don't tell ANYONE your combination!
- Don't worry about getting put in it- you're too big to fit!
- You can decorate the inside of it, but, only with non-permanent things. You can use magnets to hang pictures.



WHAT ABOUT LUNCH?

- You will have a half-hour for lunch, time to eat AND talk to your friends!
- You can either buy lunch or bring your own.
- If you buy lunch, you'll have the same account number in middle school that you had in elementary school.
- Each grade has their own lunch time, so, you'll be eating only with 6th graders.





What if I get lost?

* Lots of people can help you! You can ask for help in the main office, counseling office, or if you see another student in the hall, ask them for directions!



What sports can I do?

Fall: Soccer, Track

Pre-Winter: Dance & Tumbling

Winter: Wrestling

Spring: Cross Country, Girls Basketball

You **MUST** have a sports physical to participate! Get it done over the summer (get your vaccine updates at the same time) to be ready for Fall sports!

CLUBS AT WHATCOM!

- Clubs are a great way to get involved, make new friends, and have FUN!!
- Examples include Crafting, GSA, Dungeons & Dragons, Leadership, Tunes, Bike, and more!
- If you're interested in starting a new club, see Ms. Hulford.
- Usually BEFORE school so you can still do sports.



CAN I USE MY CELL PHONE AT SCHOOL?

- Cell phones are not allowed during the school day so you can focus on academics and socializing with friends in person!





...Safe

...Kind

...Responsible



back to
school

Summer orientation!

- ***Orientation (C.A.T. Day) will be approximately one week before school starts (date TBD; we'll send out confirmation in the summer)***
- At orientation you will:
- Meet your classmates, some teachers, and some 7th & 8th graders.
- Get your schedule
- Tour the building
- Try out your locker
- Have fun!



We are so happy to
welcome you to
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