



*Welcome to
Incoming 6th
Grade Parent
Night!*

February 10, 2026

Agenda



- **Welcome to Evergreen!**
- **PTSA**
- **Core Academic Programs and Electives**
- **School counseling**
- **Activities and Athletics**
- **Opportunities to stay connected!**

Website

- <https://ems.lwsd.org>

Phone

- 425-936-2320

Main Office Hours

- 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Front office staff

- Devin Engledew – Principal
- Darcie Breynaert – Associate Principal
- Lydia Hlinka – Admin Intern
- Bob Kaneko – Dean of Students
- Heather Zapata – Office Manager



Evergreen Middle School PTSA

Our mission:

- a **powerful voice** for children
- a **relevant resource** for families, schools and communities
- a **strong advocate** for the education, health and well-being of all children.



We are here for **P**arents, **T**eachers, and **S**tudents

For Students

- Financial support for yearbook, class fees, dance tickets, ASB fees
- Health Room Snacks
- Student Planners
- Student Events
- Special Education
- Instrument cleaning
- Math department projects
- Student leadership
- Afterschool enrichment

For Staff

- Staff Stipends
- Teacher Grants & Curriculum Enrichment
- Staff Appreciation events
- Monthly staff luncheons

For Families

- Back to Business Days
- Parent education
- Family events
- End of Year open house
- 8th grade celebration
- Volunteer recognition

For School and Beyond

- E-Prep & School Safety
- School Beautification
- Family Engagement
- Green Team funds
- DEI funds
- LWPTSA financial equity funds
- LWPTSA scholarship
- LWSD Community donations

With EMS staff: partnership to increase connection between P, T, and S

Enrichment Programs

ENRICHMENT

Chess

Coding Club

Crave4Art

Debate

Finance Club

HOSA

Math Club

National Science Bowl

Physics Olympiad

Reflections

Robotics

Science Olympiad

Speech

Theater

Sign-ups happen on our website! www.evergreenptsa.org

MANY after school enrichment opportunities (different from enrichment opportunities during school day (FLEX))

- Program offerings can change from year to year

Vendor programs:

- Chess
- Coding
- Crave4Art
- Debate
- Speech
- Theater

Parent/high school student-run programs:

- Finance club
- HOSA
- Math Club
- National Science Bowl
- Physics Olympiad
- Robotics
- Science Olympiad

What you can do **today** to stay informed.

Bookmark our website



Sign up for newsletter



[Follow us on Facebook](#)



Check bulletin board



Questions? Contact president@evergreenptsa.org

EMS Spring Showcase



June 10, 2025



Food Trucks



Music performances



EMS 101 (geared specifically to incoming 6th grade families)



PTSA Clubs and EMS electives "showcase and info"



Self guided building tours



Evergreen Middle School



Comprehensive Middle School

- 775 students
- Full academic program including Quest LA/SS, Math 6+
- Activities
- Athletics
- Arts
- Celebrations

District Programs

- Interventions
- Transitions
- Multilingual Learner
- Social Emotional Learning
- Quest
- Intervention Center

School culture



Supportive Transition

- School counselor visits to elementary schools
- Elementary school visits to EMS in the Spring
- Where Everybody Belongs (WEB)

Social Emotional Learning


- Eagle Time

Academic success

- Collaborative planning
- Team teaching
- Content and grade level teams
- FLEX

Community

- Culture-building activities
- Assemblies
- Spirit Days

Eagle PRIDE 

- POSITIVITY
- RESPONSIBILITY
- INTEGRITY
- DETERMINATION
- EMPATHY

STUDENT NAME: _____

STAFF: _____

HOUSE: _____ DATE: _____

Weekly Schedule

Monday/Friday

Period 1*	7:50 AM	8:42 AM
Eagle News/Flex Check		
Period 2	8:47 AM	9:34 AM
Period 3	9:39 AM	10:26 AM
Period 4L	10:31 AM	11:56 AM
Eagle Time	12:01 PM	12:41 PM
Period 5	12:46 PM	1:33 PM
Period 6	1:38 PM	2:25 PM
Lunch A	10:26 AM	10:56 AM
Lunch B	10:56 AM	11:26 AM
Lunch C	11:26 AM	11:56 AM

Tuesday/Thursday

Period 1*	7:50 AM	8:42 AM
Eagle News/Flex Check		
Period 2	8:47 AM	9:34 AM
Period 3	9:39 AM	10:26 AM
Period 4L	10:31 AM	11:56 AM
Flex	12:01 PM	12:41 PM
Period 5	12:46 PM	1:33 PM
Period 6	1:38 PM	2:25 PM
Lunch A	10:26 AM	10:56 AM
Lunch B	10:56 AM	11:26 AM
Lunch C	11:26 AM	11:56 AM

Wednesday

Period 1*	7:50 AM	8:30 AM
Eagle News/Flex Check		
Period 2	8:35 AM	9:10 AM
Period 3	9:15 AM	9:50 AM
Period 4	9:55 AM	10:30 AM
Period 5-L	10:35 AM	12:00 PM
Period 6	12:05 PM	12:40 PM
Lunch A	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
Lunch B	11:00 AM	11:30 AM
Lunch C	11:30 AM	12:00 PM

Evergreen

Daily Schedule





What does a typical 6th grade class schedule look like?

Period	Class
1/2	Language Arts & Social Studies (block)
3	Math 6+ (Quest students take Math 7+)
4	Electives Wheel (1 quarter each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Leadership✓ Art✓ Music✓ Intro to Tech
5	Science
6	Foundations (1 semester) Physical Education (1 semester)

If students enroll in a full-year music class (Band, Orchestra or Choir) they do not experience the 6th grade electives wheel.

+ Academic Programs

• Electives, Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Fitness





Foundations











FOUNDATIONS

IDENTITY • ORGANIZATION • COMMUNICATION

Semester long course for all 6th graders with a focus on

- **Communication:** Developing skills in active listening, clear expression, and effective writing.
- **Organization:** Mastering time management, routines, planning, and task initiation.
- **Identity:** Exploring personal values, goals, and strengths to build self-awareness and belonging.



Planning 	Organization 	Self-Control 
Task Initiation 	Executive Functioning Skills <small>www.thepathway2success.com</small>	
Time Management 	Metacognition 	Working Memory 
Attention 	Flexibility 	Perseverance 



Explore, Discover,
& Thrive:
Your Journey Begins
Here!

Art, Leadership, Technology & Music

INTRO TO ELEMENTS OF ART

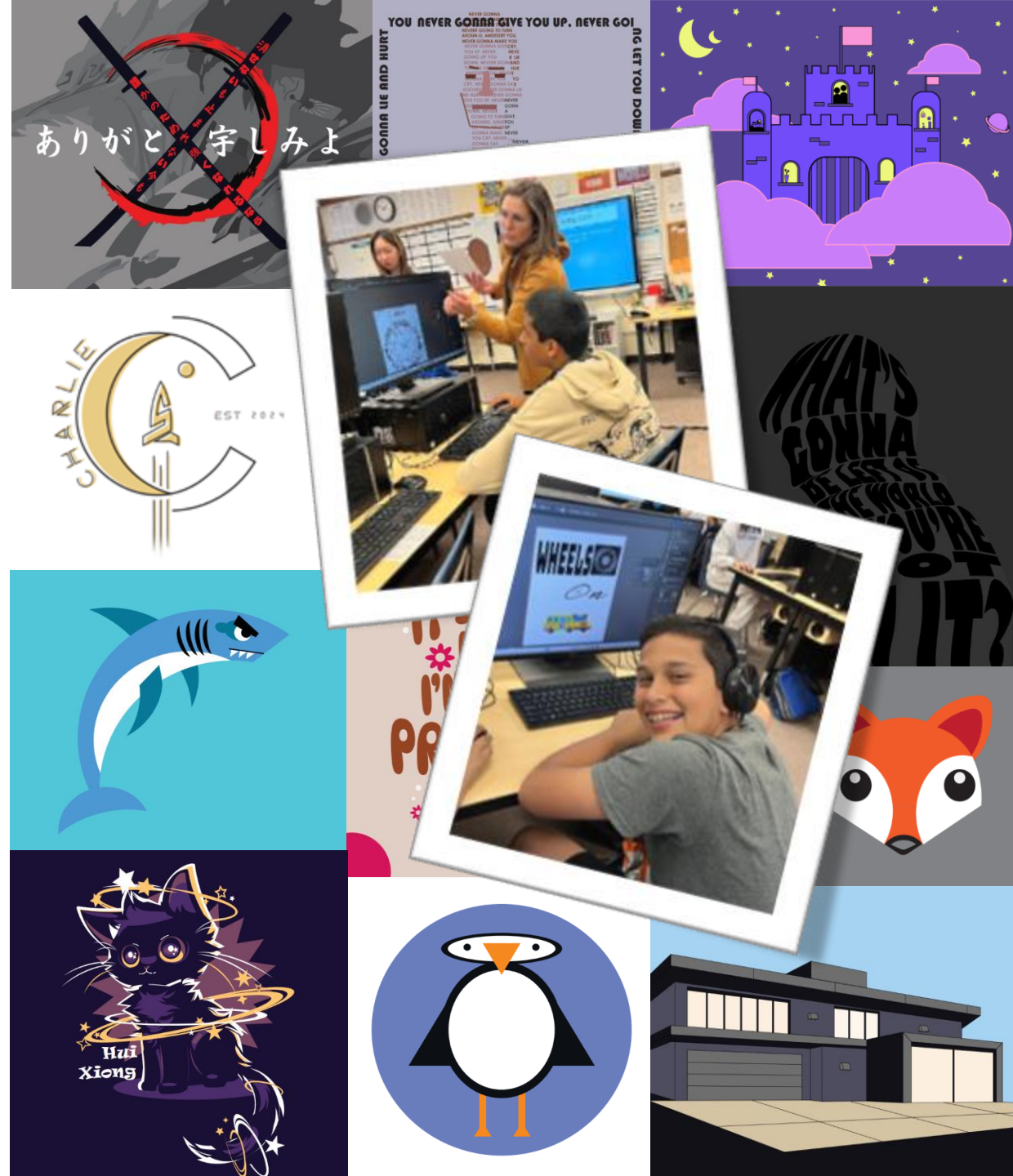


- Introduce students to Elements of Art (color, line, shape, form, value, space & texture)
- Students will Design, Explore & Create artwork using the Elements & different mediums, such as graphite pencil, acrylics, watercolor, charcoal and printing

INTRO TO TECHNOLOGY

Section 1: Digital Media

- **Design Projects:** Create visually appealing content, such as posters and logos, by applying key design principles.
- **Creative Problem-Solving:** Develop problem-solving skills by combining technology and creativity to tackle design challenges.
- **Feedback Skills & Teamwork:** Learn to improve designs by giving and receiving constructive feedback.





INTRO TO TECHNOLOGY

Section 2: Engineering Design & Modeling (EDM)

- **Design and Create:** Use CAD software (TinkerCad) to design and produce 3D-printed models.
- **Innovate and Iterate:** Practice brainstorming ideas and improving designs through activities like the Paper Plane Challenge.
- **Collaborate and Share:** Work with classmates to exchange ideas through discussions, sketches, and group presentations.
- And so much more!

INTRO TO LEADERSHIP

- Teambuilding & Group Initiatives – FUN!
- Developing Relationships
- Personality VS. Character in Decision Making
- Developing Leadership Skills
- Leadership Styles: Power, Influence, Servant Leadership
- Group Roles/Characteristics of High Functioning Groups



MS. MILLER





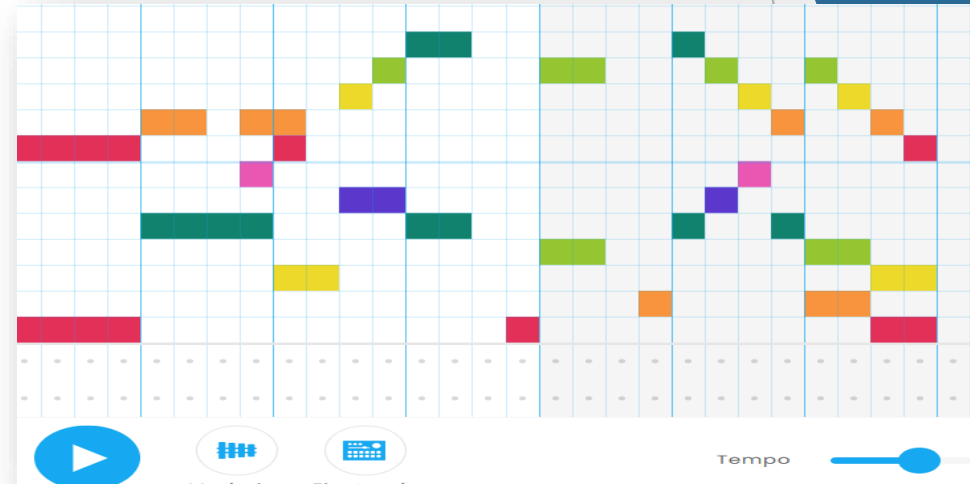
INTRO TO LEADERSHIP

Music Q Class: Music In Your World

Rhythm: Bucket Drumming



Pitch/Melody: Composing Themes



Harmony/Singing: Guitar



Around You: Music of Movies and Games





Music

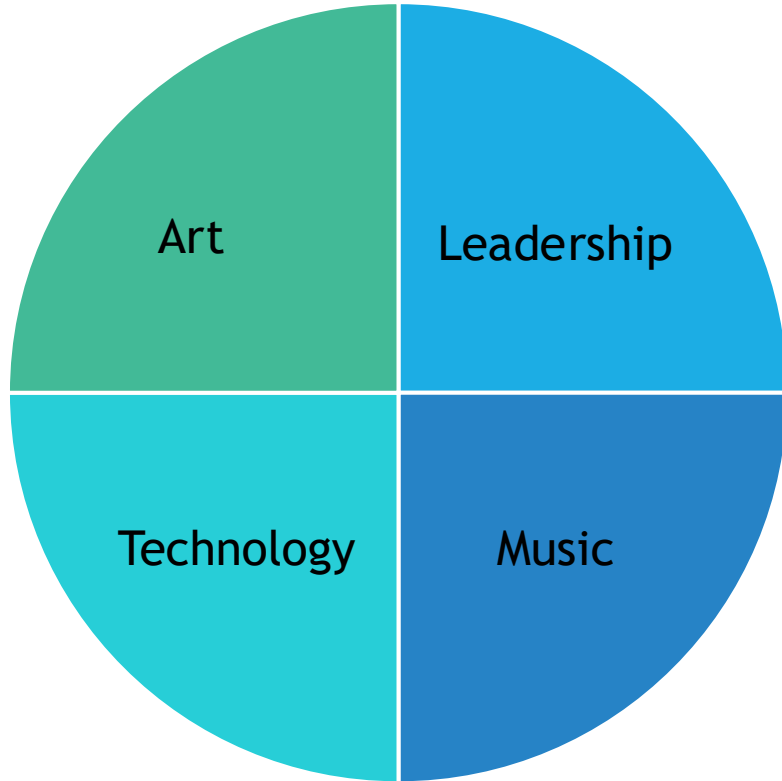
Where words fail, music speaks!

-Hans Christian Andersen

Elective Choice

This choice will be for the entire year.

“The Wheel”



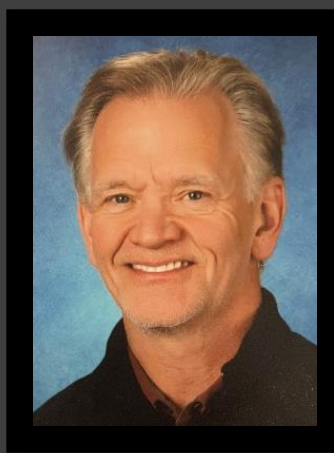
Each class will be $\frac{1}{4}$ of the year,
or half of a semester

OR

- ▶ Beginning Band/Band 1 (all year)
- ▶ Beginning Orchestra (all year)
- ▶ Choir (all year)

Eagles BANDS: Mr. Peterson

See: EMS>Academics>Music Department



Band 1 and 2/Beginning and Concert Band:
*Beginning to 1 years; Welcome 6th graders!



Also: Band 3/Symphonic Band:
*1-2 Years; Strong Music Reading

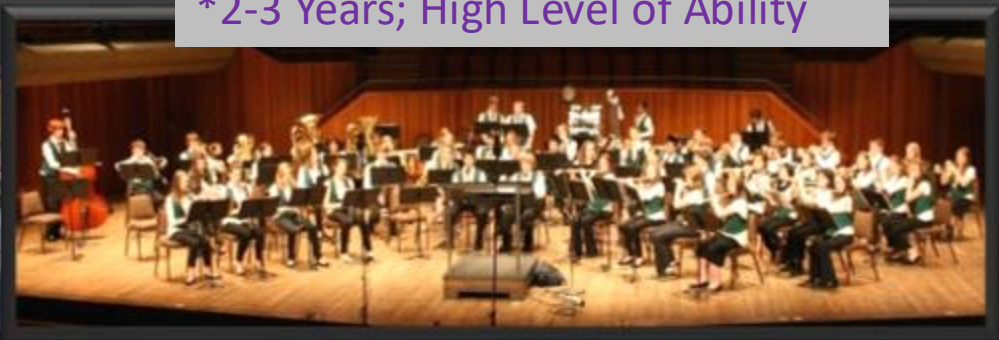
Also: Band 4/Wind Ensemble:
*2-3 Years; High Level of Ability



Jazz Band:
*All Ages; Assumed Abilities



Marching Band!
All are welcomed



Choir

- Open to beginners
- Singing for everyone at every skill
- Learn music notation
- 2 – 4-part singing
- Proper vowel sounds
- Voice exercises for beyond music
- Concerts
- Field trips



Orchestra

- Advancing what they know
- Open to beginners
- Viola, Violin, Cello, Bass
- Music Theory
- Concerts
- Field trips





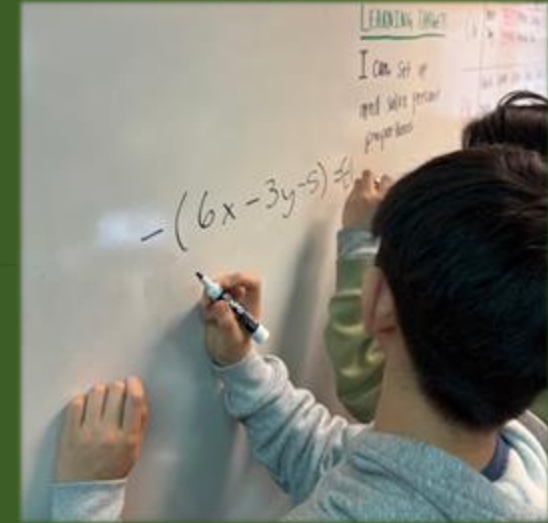
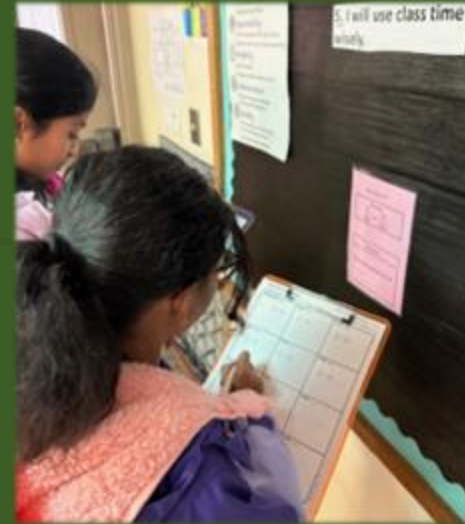
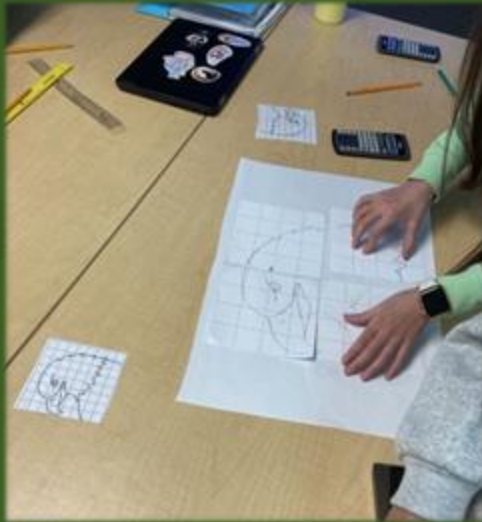
Mathematics

Math is everywhere in life!

MATH CLASSROOMS ARE...

Engaging – scavenger hunts, puzzles, vertical whiteboards

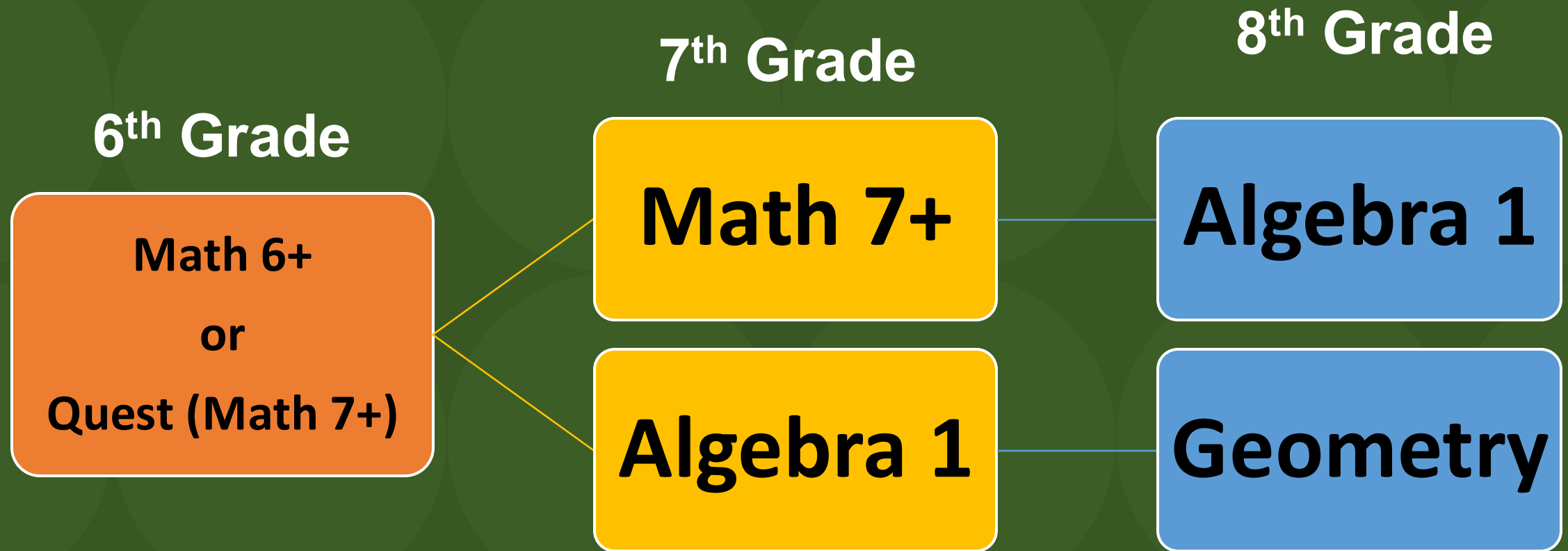
Practical - real world connections, projects



Rigorous- enrichment and problem solving

Supportive - frequent check-ins, small group review, flex, support class

MATH PATHWAYS



ALGEBRA IN 7TH GRADE

1. Grade Criteria

- ✓ A, B+, or B for semester 1 math 6+ grade
- ✓ A for quarter 3 math 6+ grade

2. FastBridge

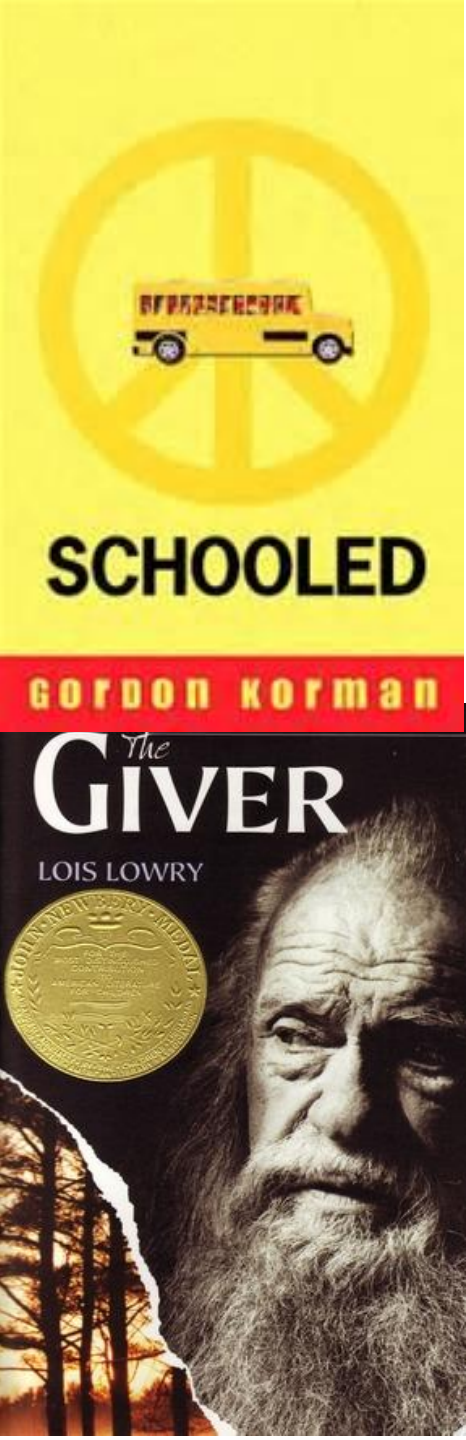
- ✓ “OnTrack” for Spring 2027 FastBridge

3. SBA

- ✓ Level 4 for Spring 2027 SBA



Language
Arts and
Social
Studies



Reading

Fiction and
Non-Fiction

Writing

- Informative/
Expository
- Narrative
- Argumentative

The
Giver by
Lois Lowry

Amplify
ELA- Digital
Curriculum

Independent
Reading
BID

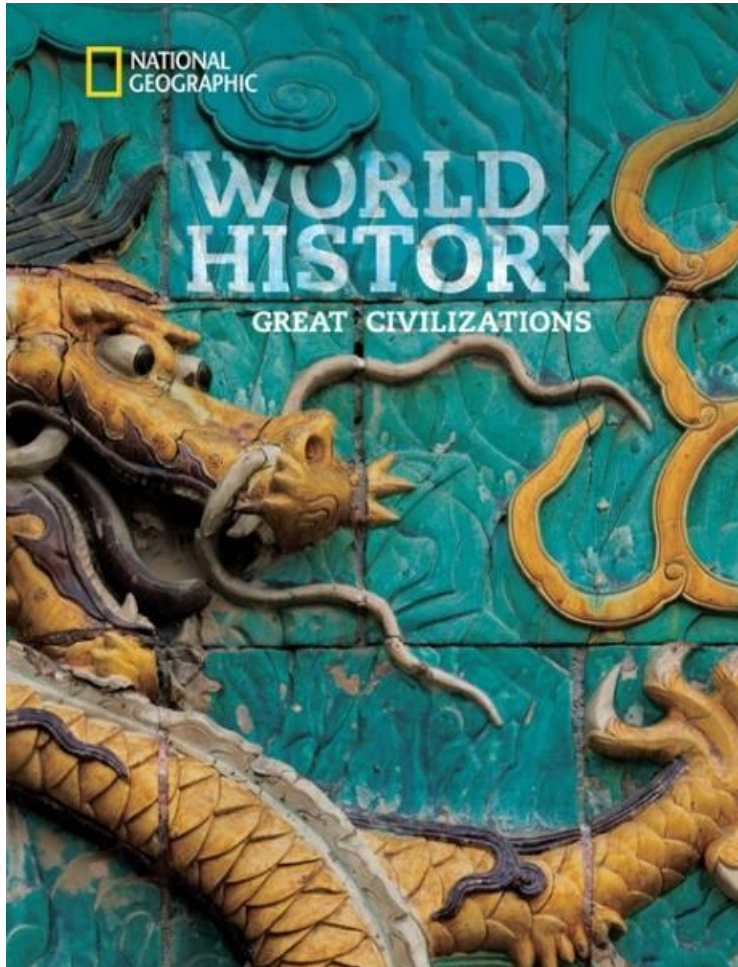
- ELA Extension-
Elective
- General
Education
- Quest

Schooled
by Gordon
Korman

In-Text
Citations &
Analysis

Literary
Elements

- National Geographic Online Textbook and Current Events



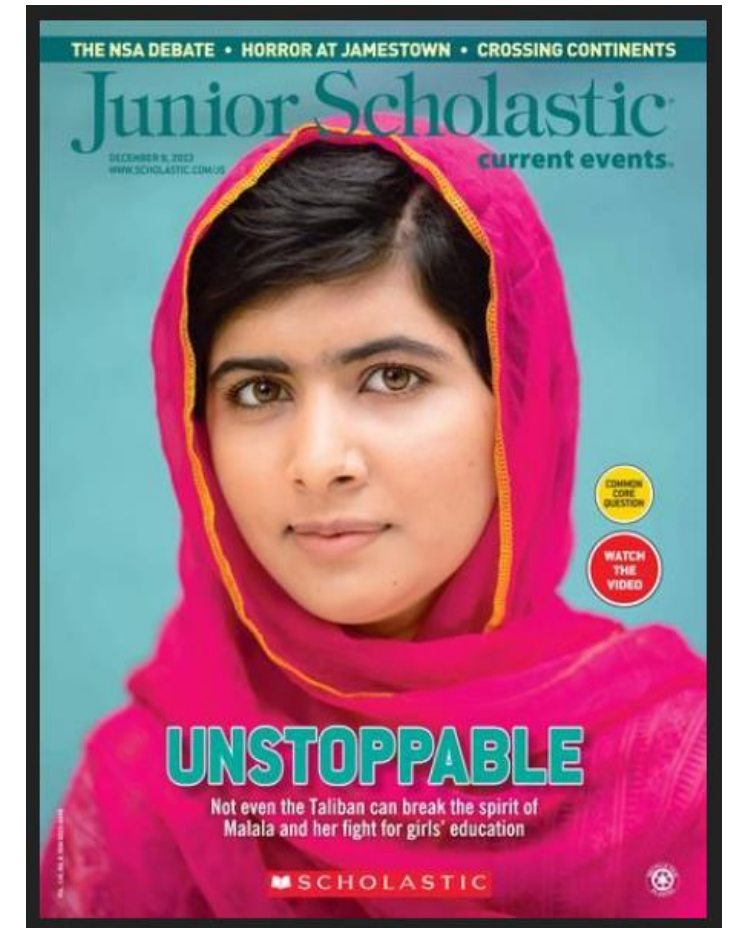
Ancient Civilizations

- Mesopotamia
- Egypt
- Greece
- China
- Mesoamerica
- Comparative Religion

Wednesday current events

Junior Scholastic

CNN10





SCIENCE

Science and Engineering Practices



**ask questions
and define
problems**



**plan and conduct
investigations**



**collect, organize,
and analyze data**



**use
mathematical
calculations**



**develop and
use models**



**identify
advantages and
limitations of
models**



**evaluate
experimental
and engineering
designs**



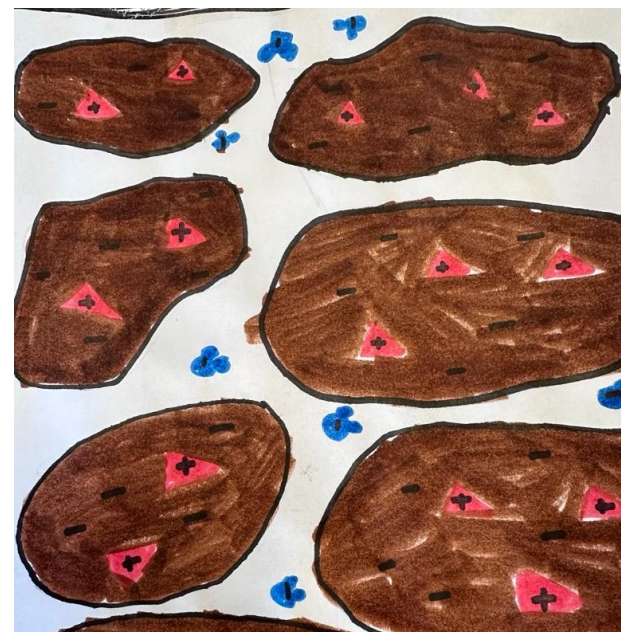
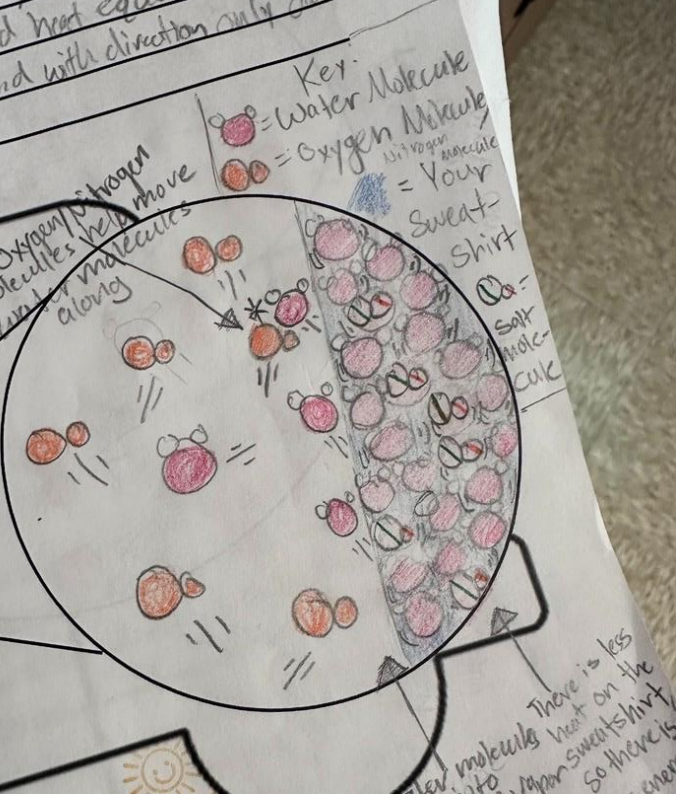
**engage
respectfully
in scientific
argumentation**

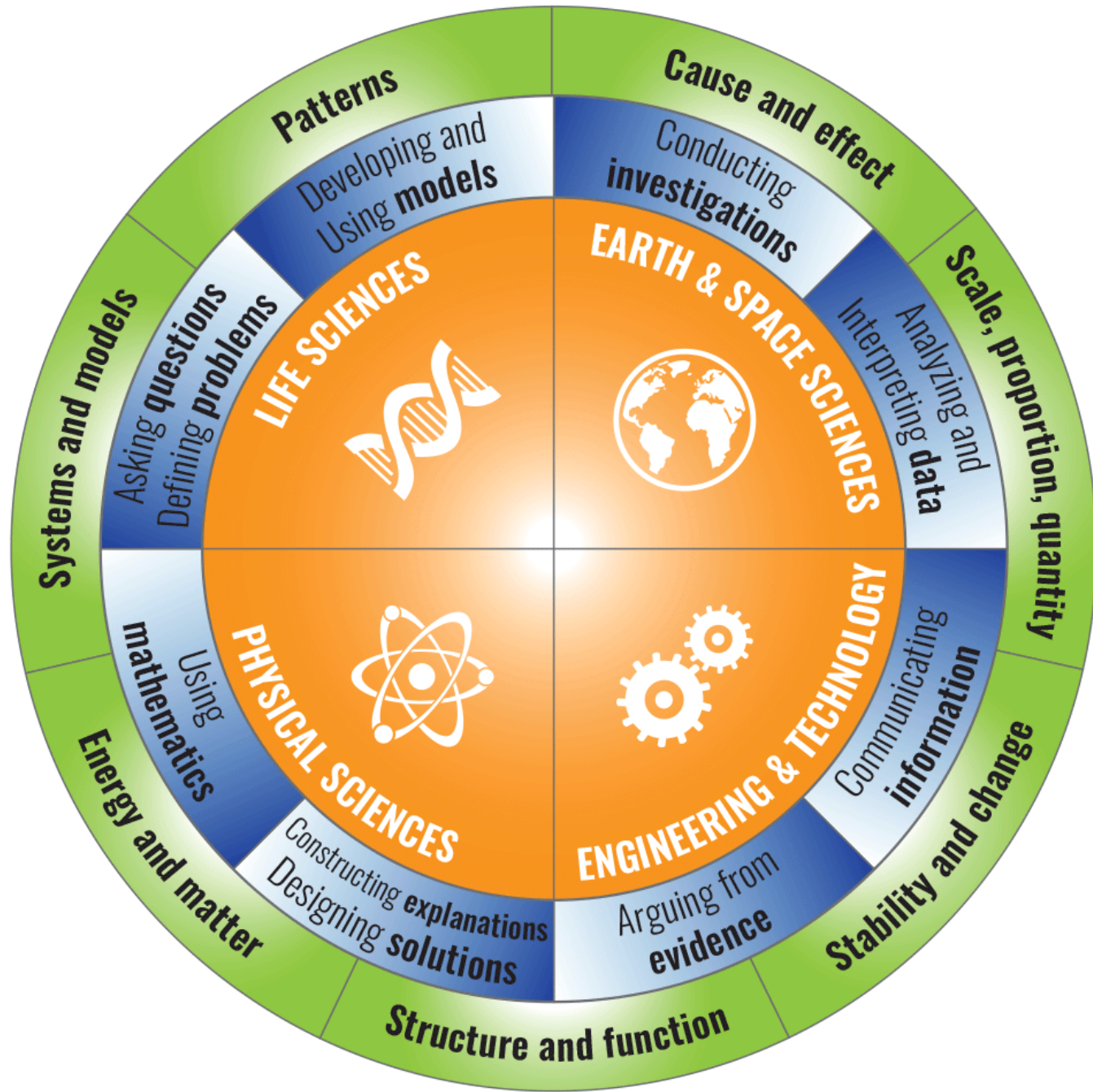


**analyze,
evaluate, and
critique scientific
explanations**



**develop and
communicate
explanations and
solutions**







Physical Education

Fit for life and feeling good!

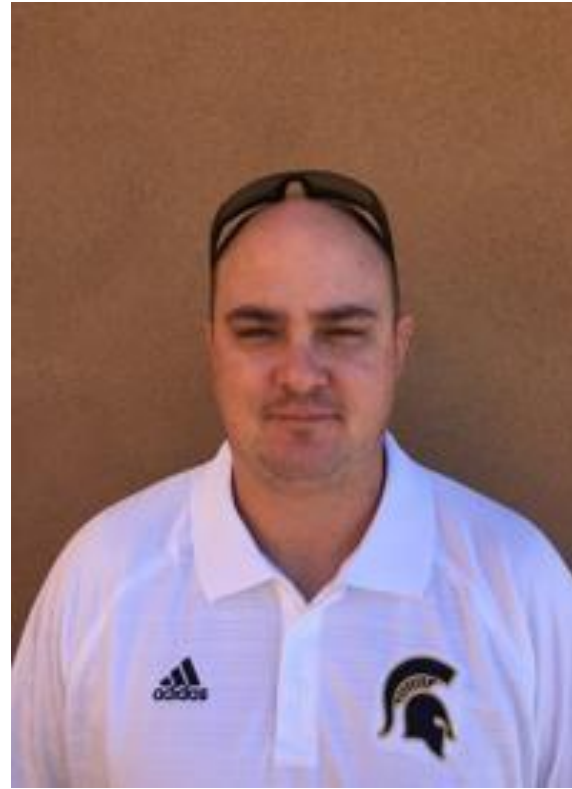
Ms. Knies



Ms. Donnell



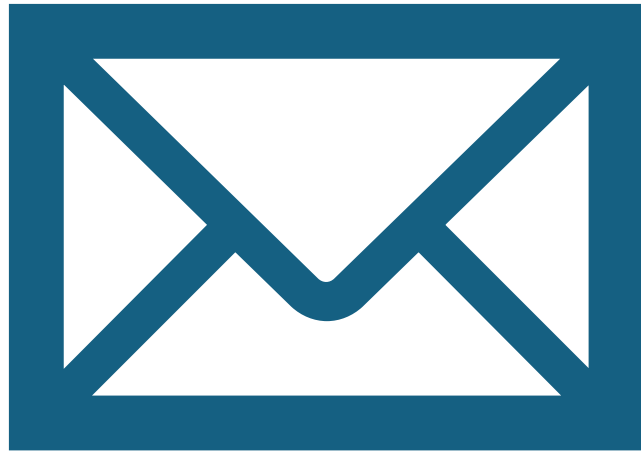
Mr. Semore



Mr. Haworth



P.E. / FITNESS TEAM
6th Grade Fitness - 7/8th Grade Fitness



Teacher Contact Info

- You can reach any of us on Parent Square or the following emails:
 - Madeline Knies mknies@lwsd.org
 - Sarah Donnell sdonnell@lwsd.org
 - David Haworth dhaworth@lwsd.org
 - Chris Semore csemore@lwsd.org
- Please send an email, ParentSquare, or note with your child if they are injured or sick and you want to excuse/modify Fitness classes. It's also helpful to include when they can return to regular class.

PE - DAILY ROUTINE



Enter the locker rooms and dress out for class
(students have 5 minutes after the bell rings for this)



Come out to the gym and sit in their assigned squad spot



Stretching & Warmup



Daily lesson (skills, games, etc.)



5 Minute before the bell rings students have time to change into their school clothes for their next period.

A TYPICAL WEEK IN EMS PE/FITNESS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Badminton	Badminton	Eagle run	Badminton	Fitness Day
Team Sport or class sport	Team Sport or class sport	16-minute run & walk 2:1 ratio 1 st quarter 3:1 ratio 2 nd quarter	Team Sports or class sport	Mix of flexibility, muscular endurance, and strength workout

In a typical 5-day week there are 3 days of sports unit, 1 Eagle Run (Cardio day), and 1 Fitness Day.

Fitness Days change based on teacher:



School Counselors

A - I

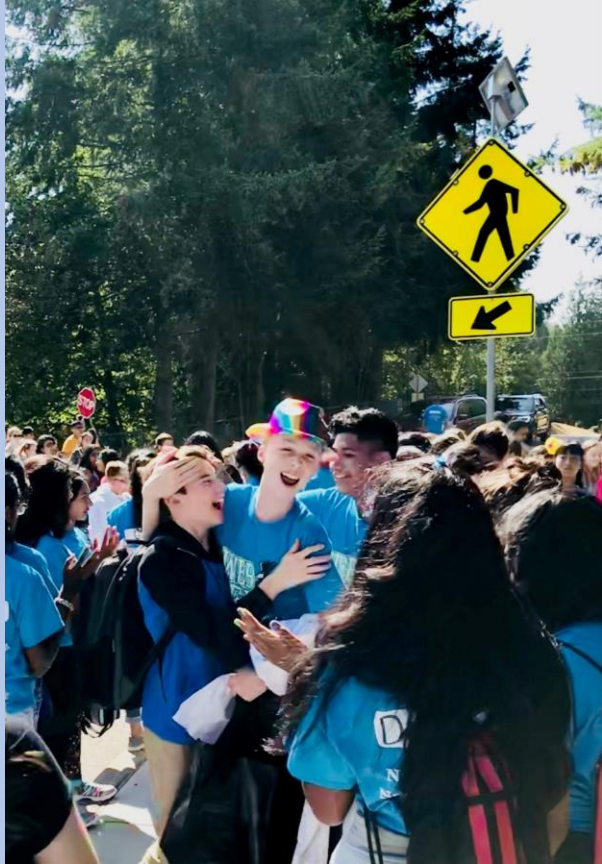
Sarah Parnell

J - N

Dylan Slatton

L - Z

Denise Ozeri



WEB Program





Counseling Services

- ✓ Registration/Scheduling
- ✓ Orientation for new students
- ✓ Annual Student Needs Survey
- ✓ Academic Planning and Success
- ✓ Classroom Presentations
- ✓ Peer Mediation
- ✓ Community and Counseling Referrals
- ✓ Crisis Intervention





Registration for Classes

- Counselors will give a presentation to your child's classroom on February 11, 17, 18, & 19
- Then, students will receive a link to the form where they will submit their elective requests. *(This form can only be accessed by the student's account.)*
- Elective requests are due: February 26, 2026

Questions? Please email your child's counselor:

By Student Last Name:

- A – I Sarah Parnell sparnell@lwsd.org
- J – N Dylan Slatton dslatton@lwsd.org
- O – Z Denise Ozeri dozeri@lwsd.org





Activities and Athletics

Middle Level Seasonal Sports
Program, Clubs, Dances

ASB Club	Advisor
BoB (Battle of the Books)	Mr. Olson
WEB	Ms. Ozeri
SOAR (Honor Society)	Ms. Kesler, Mr. Olson, Mr. Fraczek
LGBTQIA+	Mr. Fraczek, Ms. Moe
Yearbook	Ms. Mulco
Green Team	Ms. Palmer
Music (Band/Orchestra/Choir)	Mr. Peterson, Mr. Beise
ASB Board	Ms. Miller
Student Council	Ms. Miller
Interest Group	Advisor
Exploravision	Mr. Fraczek
D&D (Dungeons and Dragons)	Mr. Compton
PingPong	Mr. Semrau
Chess	Ms. Madden
Anime	Ms. Ingram
Cooking	Ms. Ingram
Student Generated Interest Groups	Students Find an Advisor

Dances at EMS

- 3 Per Year – November, February, May
- 6-8 PM in the gym, commons and library
- Informal – a chance for students to socialize with friends
- This Year - \$8 per dance ticket, \$20 for a dance pass (all 3 dances)
- What is an EMS Dance?
 - DJ in half the gym – dancing
 - Inflatable games – with permission form good for the whole year
 - Movie in the commons
 - Concession stand run by PTSA volunteers
 - Board games and Escape Room in the library

Middle Level Seasonal Sports Program

- Intramural sports sessions are six-week sessions designed to give students the opportunity to develop their skills for our tryout sports.*



Season 1	Session 1&2 (intramural)	Season 2	Season 3
Sept – Nov	Nov – Dec Jan – Feb	Feb– Apr	Apr - June
Boys & Girls Cross Country	School Choice	Boys & Girls Badminton	Boys and Girls Track and Field
Girls Tennis		Boys & Girls Wrestling	Boys Tennis
Boys Soccer			Girls Soccer
Boys & Girls Basketball			Girls Volleyball



LIBRARY

Our Role at EMS

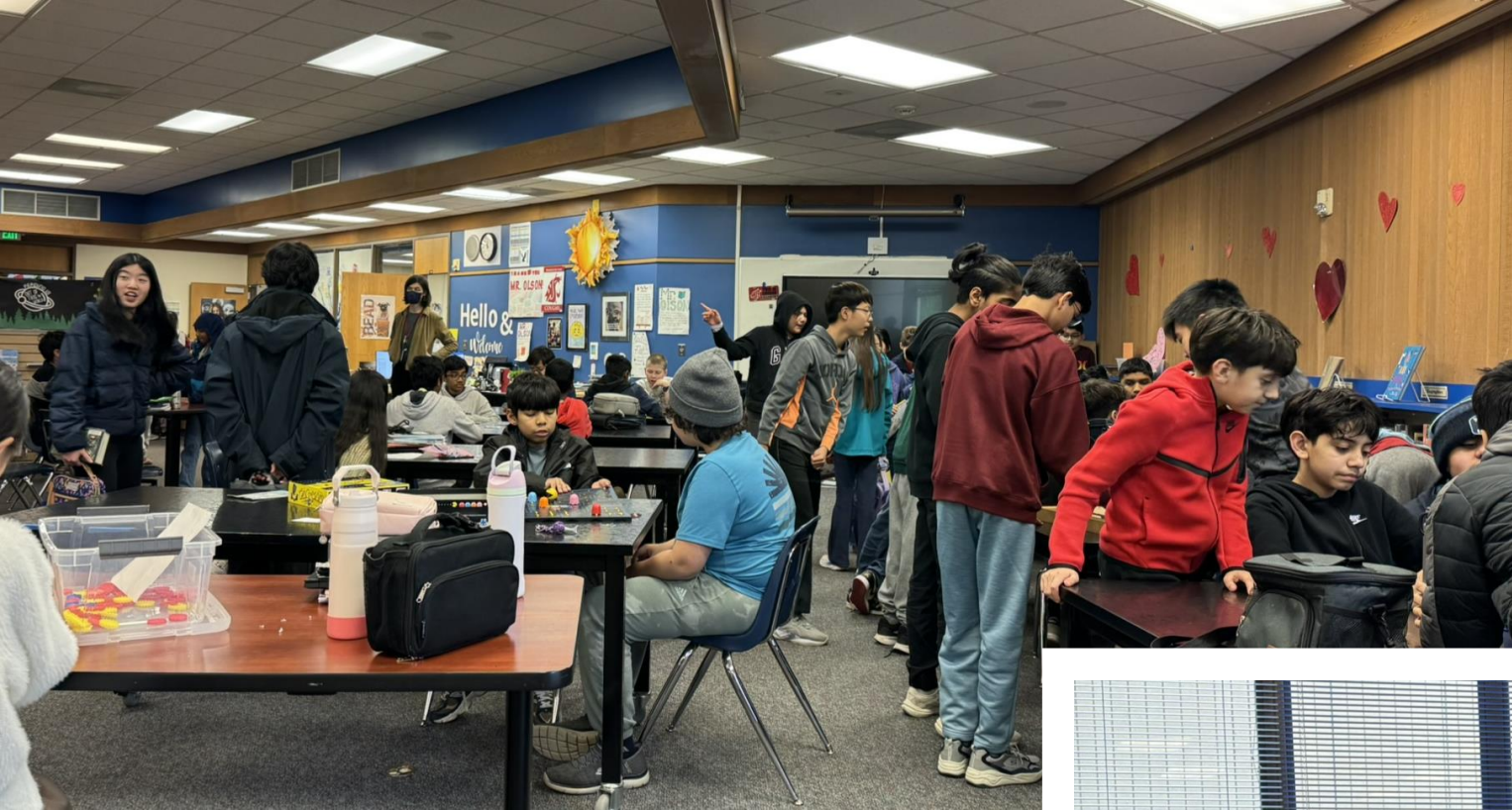
**Say yes!!
In support of... students, staff,
and families and the learning
that takes place at Evergreen.**

Our main areas of support

- Reading Advocacy... fostering and supporting a lifelong love of reading
- Research... Supporting and building future ready research skills
- Technology Support... we help keep a working laptop in the hands of each and every student here at Evergreen... and trust us, things do go wrong! :-)

To provide a welcome & inviting space

We love doing all the above for the wonderful students, staff, and families of EMS!







Thank you for coming
Welcome to Evergreen!

- The [EMS website](#) links to a page dedicated to incoming 6th grade students and families
 - This presentation
 - [Course Catalog](#)
 - [New Family Toolkit](#)
 - [EMS PTSA](#)
 - [Clubs & Groups](#)
 - *and more!*
- Information from Evergreen will be shared through ParentSquare