



Getting ready for Middle School

Tips and tricks for Middle School success!

Meet the Counselors:



Amalia Pappanastos (Miss Amalia)

6th Grade and 7th, Last Names A-L



Danica Moss (Mrs. Moss)

8th Grade and 7th, Last Names M-Z

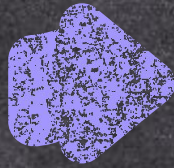
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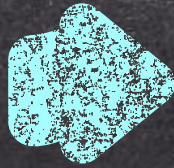
- Skills for middle school
- Schedule/Classes
- Clubs and Sports
- 6th grade only day
- Parent resources

Skills for Middle School Success

FRIENDSHIPS:

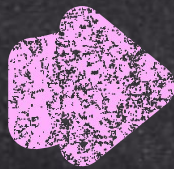


Opportunity to make new friends in 6th grade
Find good friends who care



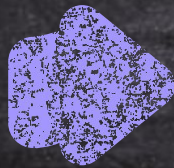
ORGANIZATION & RESPONSIBILITY: GRADES 1-5

Stay on top of your work
Create a Workspace at home; Use a Day Planner



C.A.R.E. Core Values :

Curiosity ~ Awareness ~ Resilience ~
Engagement



Make good choices!

ASK FOR HELP:

Adults care, just ask and we will support you!



CLASSES



CORE CLASSES :
Teaching Teams - 2 Teachers
Math & Science
Language Arts & Social Studies



WIN :
"What I Need"
Study hall, group work, & additional instruction

*Is your student coming home with lots of homework? Hmmmmm....



CLASSES Continued...



ENCORE CLASSES : Exploratory Model

(2 per Trimester = 6 per Year)

PE, Shop, STEM, Art, Health/Finance, Band*

6th: Media

7th: Choir, RISE

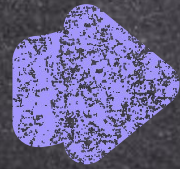
8th: Choir, Peer Mentor, Student Aid



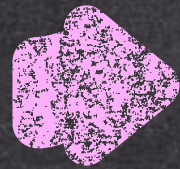
WORLD LANGUAGE : Everyday

French or Spanish

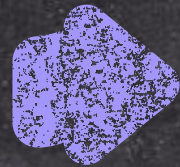
What are Lunches like?



6th, 7th, and 8th Graders All Eat
SEPARATELY



30 minutes, plus passing periods



When tables are clean, they go
outside!



Other Activities & Clubs



SCIENCE SCHOOL :
In September at Perry Mansfield
Monday - Thursday
*Sleepover Wednesday Night
Optional*



FALL MUSICAL:
Act, sing, and dance!
Or, be a stagehand.



Other Activities & Clubs



CLUBS:

EOS (Everything Outdoors Steamboat),
Fly Fishing Club, Leadership Club, SAFE Club,
Mathletes, Debate Club, Science Olympiad



SCHOOL DANCES:

Spring and Fall
with SGS, Montessori, SMS, & NRCS

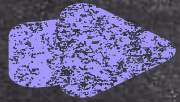
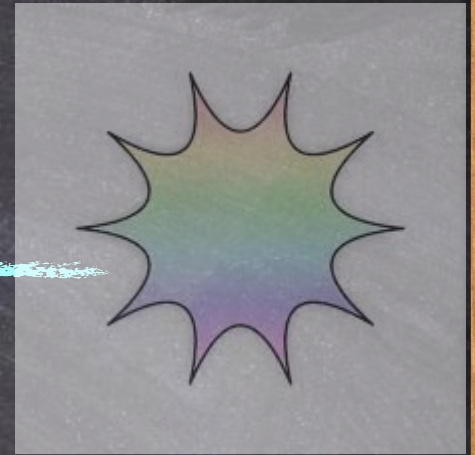


Sports... Next Slide

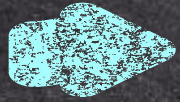
Middle School Athletics

* 6th Grade Sports	Steamboat Springs Middle School	Sleeping Giant K-8
Football (August-October)	Dual Team	Travel to SSMS
Volleyball (August-October)	Offering	Offering
Cross Country (August-October)*	Dual Team	Travel to SSMS
Cheer (September-May)*	Dual Team	Travel SSMS
Boys Basketball (October-December)	Offering	Offering
Nordic (December-February)*	Travel to SGK-8 or Ski Touring Center	Dual Team
Girls Basketball (December-February)	Offering	Offering
Wrestling (February-March)*	Dual Team	Travel to SSMS
Track (March-May)*	Dual Team	Travel to SSMS

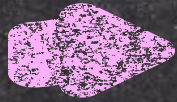
Academic Challenges!



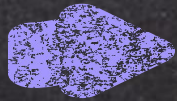
Spelling Bee



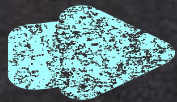
Geography Bee



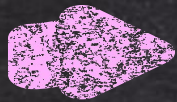
Mathcon



Science Olympiad



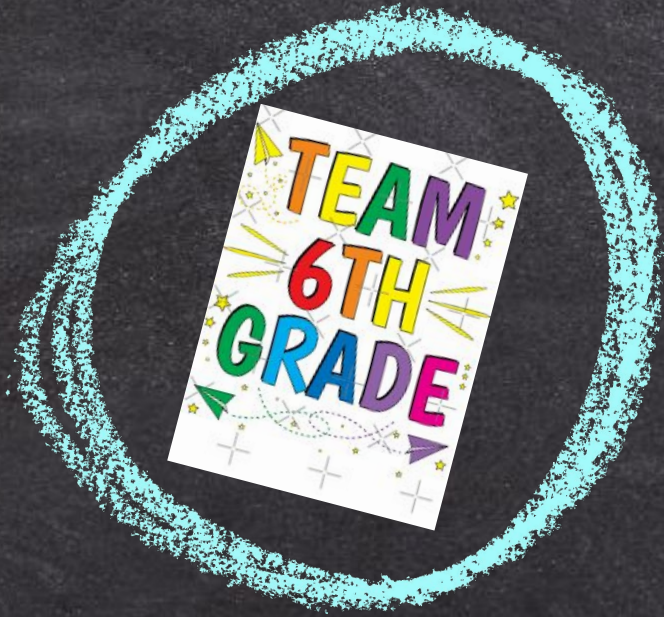
Battle of the Books



Writing Contests

6th grade only day!

Tuesday, August 18th, 2025



Meet Teachers and Staff:
Talk about supplies, schedule, &
daily routine

Tour the School:
Scavenger Hunt and Games

Make Connections:
With students and adults after
your summer

PHONE EXPECTATIONS

PHONES ARE OFF AND
PUT AWAY BETWEEN
8:25-3:25

Earbuds are not in use or
visible.



1st Offense: Device is taken to the office, and may be picked up at the end of the day.

2nd Offense: Device is taken to the office, and a parent is required to pick it up.

3rd Offense: Device is taken to the office, parent meeting and contract to determine next steps.

Attendance



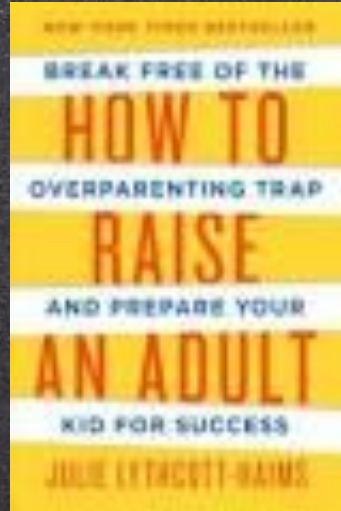
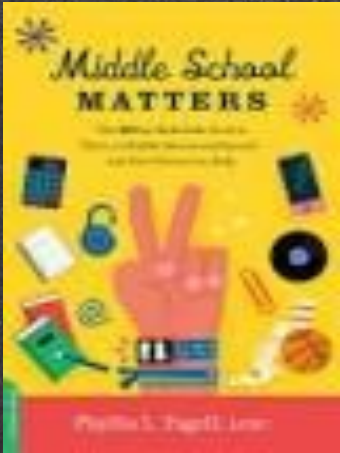
- ~ 10 Absences per School Year
- ~ Letter and Counseling Contact at 10 Absences
- ~ Developmentally Appropriate:
Awareness, Punctuality, & Accountability
- ~ Absenteeism leads to
Disengagement & Social/Academic Stress

PLEASE PACK SNACKS!

Kids grow a lot at this age and they need some extra healthy fuel.



Resources to Support your kid through Middle School



Helpful Websites

- Aha Parenting
- 10 Tips from Kids
- Health
- Child Mind
- Adolescent Health
- Love and Logic
- How to Raise an Adult



Parent Information Committee (PIC)



SSMS PIC
Website

Enhances School Community

- Promotes communication between parents, teachers, and staff
- Organizes school events like Fall Fair
- Builds community through volunteer opportunities

Fundraising to Support Academic Programs

- Leads fundraising for curriculum, supplies, field trips, and activities
- Allocates funds to support school programs and initiatives

Advocates for Students and Staff

- Coordinates staff appreciation
- Collaborates with school administration on key initiatives
- Supplements teacher supply budgets

Parent Information n Committee (PIC)

- Join us monthly
- Ways to give:
 - Volunteer your time
 - Yampa Valley Bank Direct Donation
 - Colorado Gives Day
 - Goods in Kind (supplies, food, etc.)
 - Business sponsorship
 - School Supply Drive
- Help fulfill our teachers' supply needs to start the school year off right!





SSMS PIC Website

- JOIN US ANYTIME!
- See what we're up to!

Parent Information Committee (PIC)

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Thank you!

Please write down any
questions you may have!

Optional Tour to Follow:

