

Bissell Beginnings

Welcome to Middle School

August 17, 2026



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Michael Rinehart

Head of Middle School





Middle School

Ada Carlevatti – 5th Grade Coordinator



Role of Grade Coordinator

- Facilitate events for 5th grade at school
- Plan and execute all fieldtrips
- Participate in meetings affecting 5th grade
- Interview perspective students
- Discipline
- Manage teams and grade level
- Intervene with parent/teacher/student when needed



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5th Grade Team

Ada Carlevatti – Grade Coordinator

Sea Turtles

Anna Healy – Team Leader

Meghan Preslar

Nehal Morejon

Todd Wallace

Kristi Cooper

Orietta Babb

Art Hoffman

Dolphins

David Sanders – Team Leader

Molly Hefner

Tori LaBrosse

Janice Brown

Anna Scott

Andrew Richmond



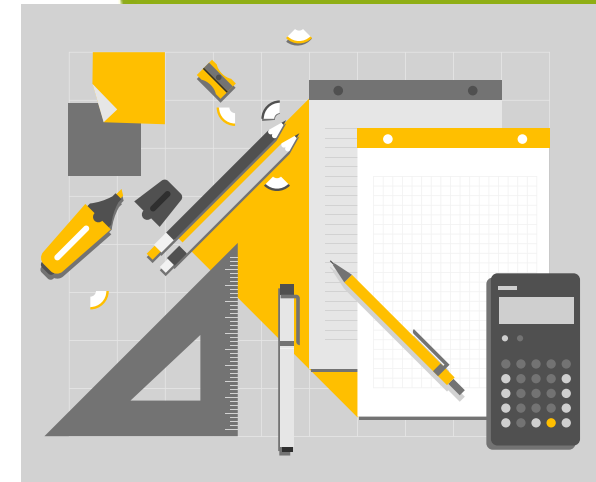
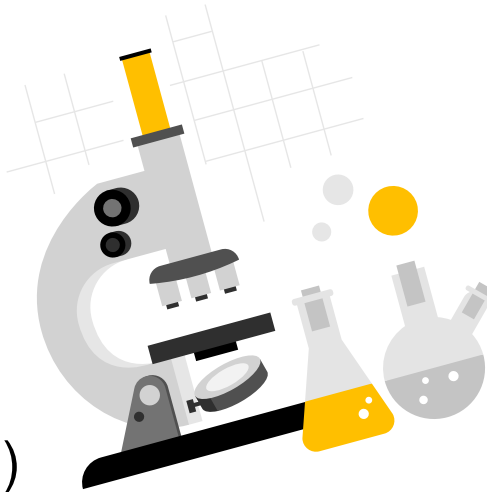
5th Grade Advisory

- Approx 11 students
- Meets every day
- Focus on adjusting to life in MS, social-emotional development, digital citizenship
- Fun, inviting, and interactive
- Most communication is through your child's advisor
- Conferences are conducted through your child's advisor



5th Grade Students Take:

- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Math
- Science
- Spanish or French
- Physical Education (includes Health)
- Study Hall & DEAR
- Drama
- Art
- General Music/Choir, Band and Orchestra***



Sample Schedule – Seven Day Cycle

Ada Carlevatti							
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1st Period 8:00 - 8:45	Math (Hefner)	Art (Morejon)	Social Studies (Brown)	Language Arts (Brown)	Spanish (LaBrosse)	Science (Sanders)	PE (Avery)
2nd Period 8:50 - 9:35	PE (Avery)	Math (Hefner)	Music (Weiler)	Social Studies (Brown)	Language Arts (Brown)	Study Hall	Science (Sanders)
Advisory 9:45 - 10:00	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
3rd Period 10:05 - 10:50	Science (Sanders)	PE (Avery)	Math (Hefner)	Art (Morejon)	Social Studies (Brown)	Language Arts (Brown)	Spanish (LaBrosse)
4th Period 10:55 - 11:40	Spanish (LaBrosse)	Science (Sanders)	PE (Avery)	Math (Hefner)	Music (Weiler)	Social Studies (Brown)	Language Arts (Brown)
5th Period 11:45 - 12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
6th Period 12:40 - 1:25	Language Arts (Brown)	Spanish (LaBrosse)	Science (Sanders)	PE (Avery)	Math (Hefner)	Art (Morejon)	Social Studies (Brown)
7th Period 1:30 - 2:15	Social Studies (Brown)	Language Arts (Brown)	Tutoring	DEAR (Cooper)	PE (Avery)	Math (Hefner)	Music (Weiler)
8th Period 2:25 - 3:10	Drama (Mize)	Social Studies (Brown)	Language Arts (Brown)	Spanish (LaBrosse)	Science (Sanders)	PE (Avery)	Math (Hefner)

5th Grade Orientation



5th Grade Experiences

- Bowling Party – Friday!!
- 8th Grade Buddies
- School in the Woods
- Bingo
- “We are Charlotte” Project
- Wellness Initiative
- White Water Center
- Community Service
- Team Building Field Trips
- End of the year party



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School In The Woods

September 23rd & 24th at the Our Farm

*More information to come



iPads

- **iPads** – Students will get them next Tuesday but they won't come home just yet. They will stay at school to charge overnight.
- **Things to know:**
 - Parents should review the Responsible Use Policy in the Handbook
 - This device is for learning
 - Digital Citizenship lessons will be taught throughout the year
 - Only approved apps from Country Day can be accessed
 - No access to YouTube

On another note...Phones & Apple/Tech Watches are not allowed to be on your child during the school day.



Parent Involvement



Kasey Short

Assistant Head of School & Director of Studies – Middle School

- Canvas
- Homework
- Grades
 - Progress Reports
 - Report Cards

Janani Buford & Jo Malveaux

Director of Middle School Counseling & Middle School Counselor



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Our Counselors Are Here For...

- *Individual counseling
- *Teaching classes designed to help adolescents with values, friendships, cooperation, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, decision-making and social skills.
- *Offering support groups to help students adjust and develop skills while dealing with changes in their life.
- *Parent support and consultation

Healthcare Team +



Wendy Barber, BSN
School Nurse

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Meredith Schulz, BSN
School Nurse

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Our Nurses Are Here For...

- *Basic First Aid
- *Illness/injury prevention, management, & recovery
- *Medication Administration – OTC and prescription
- *Communication (LS vs. MS)
- *Support for classroom teachers, counselors, athletics, & health education

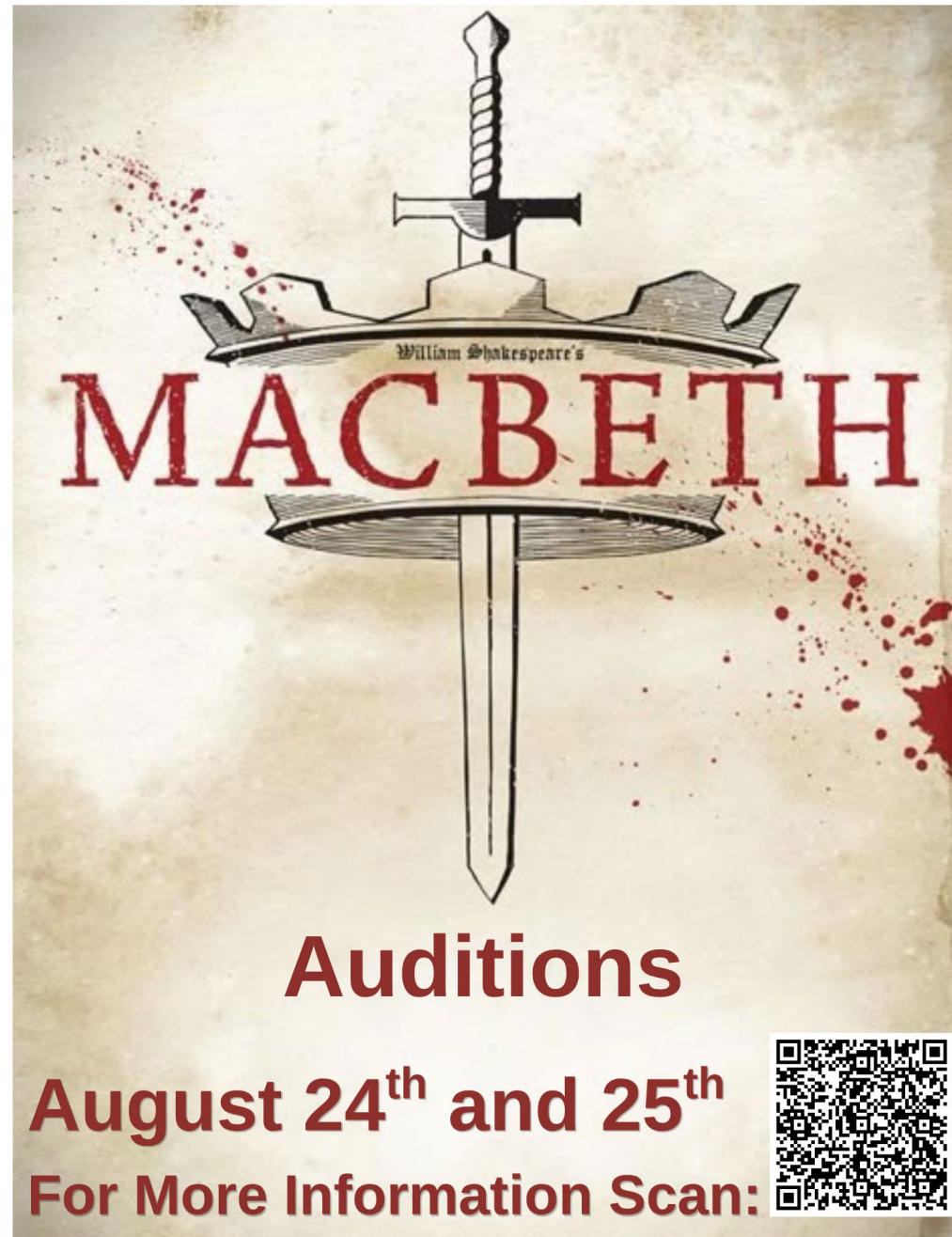
Aaron Mize

MS Theater Director

***Students/Parents can access audition materials via One Drive folder. Students can also pick up materials from Mr. Mize.**

Auditions August 24th & 25th





Frequently Asked Questions

- **What time can I drop my child off in the morning?**

There is no early wait here at MS and the earliest you can drop off is 7:30am. Children have the option to go to the gym, library, or just hang out on Rea Hall.

- **Is there homework? Should I check my child's homework?**

Yes, there is more homework. Check for completion and help a little if needed. The guidelines are in the MS handbook.

- **When do the students receive grades?**

Grades begin in 5th grade at Country Day. Every five weeks you will receive a progress report or report card with your child's current grade. Comments are given on most progress reports.

- **When do sports start?**

7th and 8th grade may participate in sports. 5th and 6th have opportunities to learn the fundamentals of these sports through PE.

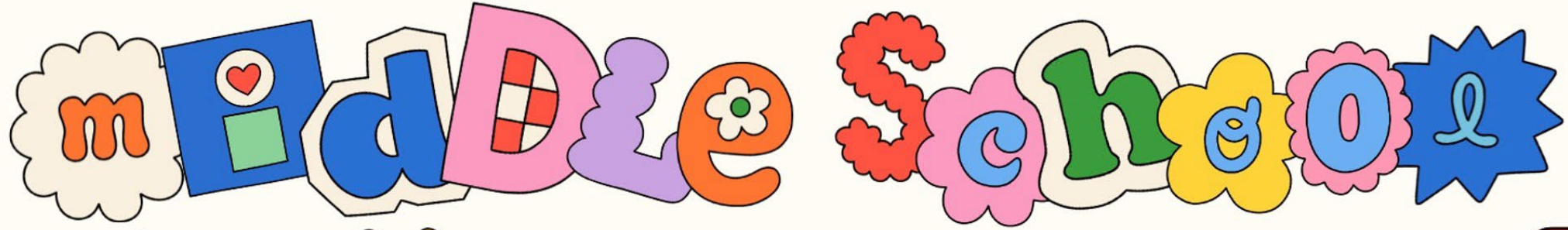
- **Does the bus take kids to the other campus?**

There are shuttles to and from the other campus, you should have received this information in August. There are also buses to take kids to different drop off areas in Charlotte.

- **Where is carpool?**

Carpool is easy at MS – one road that loops around the buildings – Pickup/Drop off is by the Gym.

10 KEY SKILLS KIDS NEED TO THRIVE IN



1. Make
good
friend
choices

2. Negotiate
Conflict

3. Manage
a student-
teacher
mismatch

4. Create
homework
and
organization
systems

5. Consider
others'
perspectives

6. Self-
advocate

7. Self-
regulate
emotions

8. Cultivate
passions and
recognize
limitations

9. Make
responsible,
healthy and
ethical
choices

10. Create
and
innovate



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