



Middle School West New Student Orientation August 2026



Administrative Team



Mrs. Dombrowski
Principal



Mr. Schmaldienst
Assistant Principal



THE WEST WAY

BEING AWESOME MEANS

1

BEING RESPONSIBLE

2

DOING YOUR BEST

3

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

4

INSPIRING OTHERS

5

SHOWING RESPECT FOR OTHERS

★ **MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST** ★



Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- General Information
- Upcoming Events
- Meet your Teachers
- Find you Locker





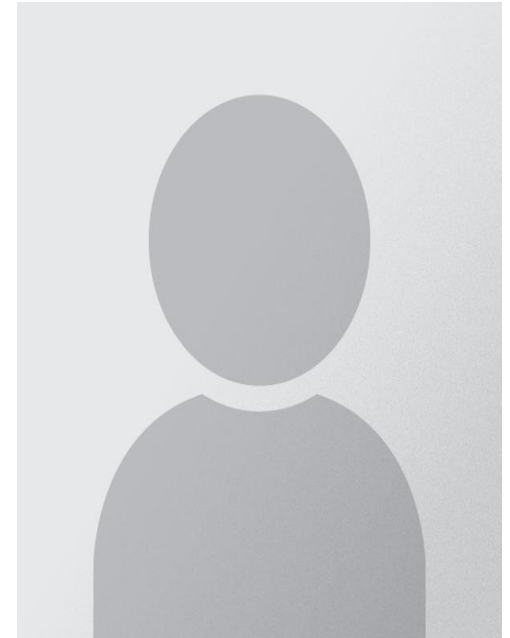
School Counselors



Mrs. Jones
Grade 6



Mrs. Tyler
Grade 7



Ms. Stenman
Grade 8

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS



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Mrs. Jones
Grade 8 – A–K



Mrs. Tyler
Grade 8 – L – Z



This is in effect
until a date in **October TBD.**

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Secretaries



Mrs. Benfield
Secretary



Mrs. Algeo
Secretary



Ms. McDowell
Attendance/ISS



6th Grade Faculty

- Loyalty

- Ms. Dierolf – ELA & Social Studies
- Ms. Mauser – Math
- Mr. McAuliffe – ELA
- Mr. Hazel – Science
- Ms. Roth – Math

- Integrity

- Mr. Ferster – ELA
- Ms. Gallie – ELA
- Ms. Szakal – Science & Math
- Ms. Shelly – Social Studies
- Ms. Wentzel – Math



6th Grade Faculty

- Special Education
 - Ms. Quay
 - Ms. Witman





Middle School Philosophy

- Opportunity to make our large school smaller.
- Increased interdisciplinary options.
- Fewer transitions – longer instructional periods.





Academic Teams

- Emphasis on teams and collaboration.
- Increased teacher communication.
- Common planning time for teachers with their team.





Daily Schedule

- Doors Open 7:15AM
- Breakfast 7:15AM – 7:30AM
- Warning Bell 7:33AM
- In Homeroom Seat By 7:35AM
- Bus Students Dismissed 2:35PM
- Walkers/PPU Dismissed 2:35PM

Sample Student Schedule

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Instruction – Special Areas

- 60 Days – Art
- 60 Days – Technology Ed.
- 30 Days – Business
- 30 Days – Health
- General Music or Chorus – 2 days per cycle (All year)
- Physical Ed. – Every other day (All year)
- REACH for the Future



REACH for the Future

- What is REACH for the Future?
 - Respectful
 - Engaging
 - Adaptable
 - Creative
 - Hopeful

Teacher and/or School Counselor
taught class.





REACH for the Future

- Meets one period per cycle – All year.
- Focuses on:
 - Anti-Bullying
 - Friendship Skills
 - Suicide Awareness and Prevention
 - 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens
 - Career Education & Work Standards
 - Impact Skills
 - Digital Citizenship





Physical Education

- What should I wear?
 - White, red, black or gray shorts and t-shirt.
 - Athletic socks & sneakers.
 - Consider having sweats for outside weather days.
- What shouldn't I wear?
 - Cutoff/compression shorts, tank tops.
 - Lettering on shirts that is not Boyertown related.
- Students will be assigned a locker for Physical Education.
- Students will NOT need to dress for PE on the first day. PE teachers will provide further details in class.



Responsibility

- Some areas of responsibility:
 - Check your e-mail daily.
 - Come to school with your Chromebook charged.
 - Come to school on time.
 - Be on time to class.
 - Take your academics seriously and give your best effort.
 - Classwork/homework
 - IXL
 - PSSA





Meet the Bear Ambassadors!

- What is a Bear Ambassador?
 - 8th grade leaders.
 - Mentors for 6th grade students.
 - Assist with team building and other activities throughout the year.
 - Assist students in hallways during the first few days of school.
 - Provide a connection to our school for new students that enroll during the school year.



Lockers & Book Bags

- Each student will have a locker assigned to them.
 - You may access your locker at the following times:
 - Beginning of the day
 - Before/after lunch
 - End of the day
 - Do NOT share your combination with anyone!
- Book bags may **NOT** be used during the school day.
 - You may bring a backpack to school, but it must be stored in your locker during the day.





Safety

- Emergency Drills
- Secured Entrances
- Raptor Visitor Verification System
- Video Surveillance
- Security Guard
- Armed School Police Officer
- Collaboration with Eastern Berks Regional PD
- Standard Response Protocol
- Medications – Handled through nurse





Safety

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

OCCUPANTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

STAFF

Close and lock door
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

OCCUPANTS

Return inside
Do business as usual

STAFF

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

OCCUPANTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STAFF

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Account for occupants and staff
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

OCCUPANTS

Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

STAFF

Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

OCCUPANTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

STAFF

Lead safety strategy
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



Technology

- Students will receive a Chromebook.
- Students are expected to take these devices home daily, charge them overnight, and bring them back each day.
- Each student will be assessed an annual technology fee. Additional charges would be assessed for damage to the computer.
- BASD Chromebooks should be used for academic use only.
- BASD e-mail is monitored by a server bot to identify inappropriate/dangerous activity.
- No stickers or signs on computers!
- Do not stack items on your Chromebook!





Safe2Say Something

- Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late. With Safe2Say Something, it’s easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.
- www.safe2saypa.org





Attendance

- Absences are submitted through Infinite Campus.
- All absences need to be submitted within 72 hours of the absence.
- It is important to be on time for school. Students need to be in their homerooms by 7:35AM.



**Berks believes
five absences or less
leads to success.**



Attendance

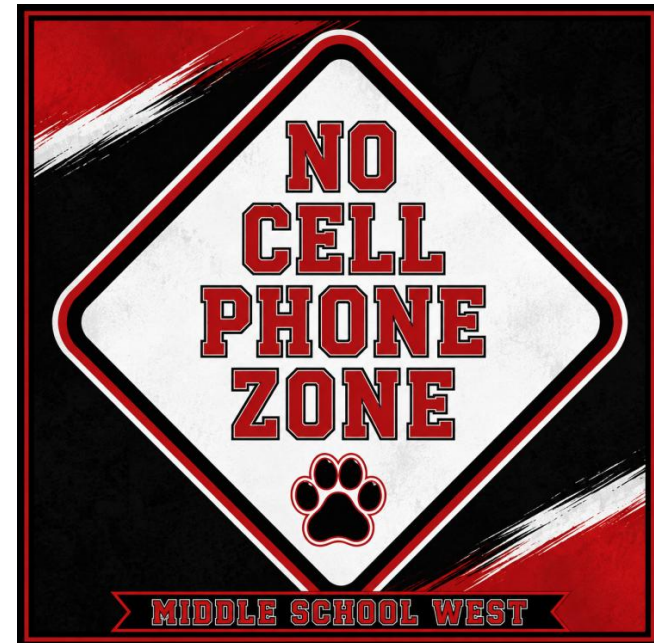
- When a student is absent...
 - A day will be marked as “unlawful” if a note is not submitted within the 72-hour window.
 - 3 “unlawful” absences will result in a meeting being scheduled to create a “Student Attendance Improvement Plan” (SAIP).
 - Referral to the Advancing Student Attendance Program (ASAP) may take place.
 - 6 “unlawful” absences will result in a citation for truancy being filed with the Magisterial District Justice (MDJ).





Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

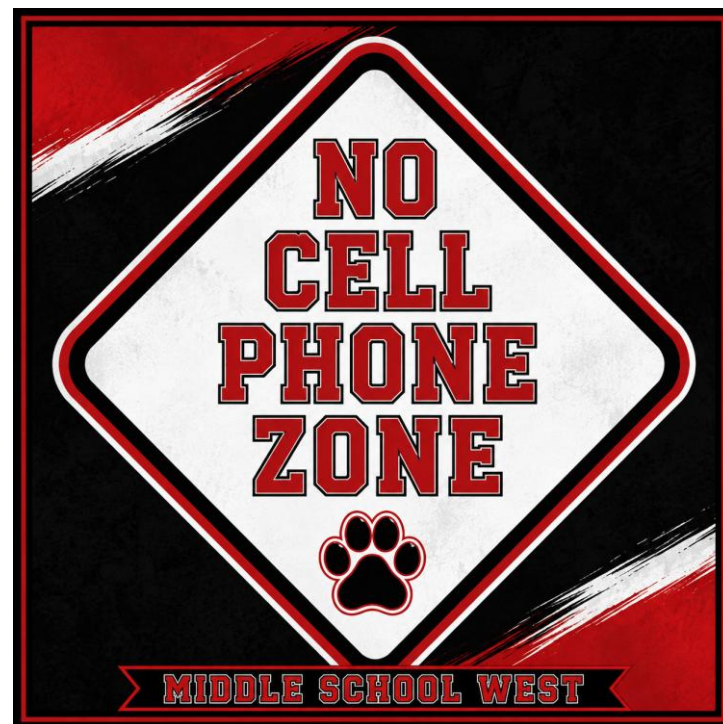
- Must be turned off and stored in your locker during the school day. **This includes smartwatches with data plans.**
- If a student needs to make a phone call during the school day for an emergency, permission may be given to call using the phone in room 16.
- Parents/guardians should call the office if they need a message delivered to their child.
- Students may not call/text to be picked up during the day. Only a nurse, counselor, or principal can send you home.





Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

Offense	Action Taken
1 st	Confiscation & Warning
2 nd	Confiscation & Warning
3 rd	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian Pickup
4 th and each additional occurrence	Confiscation, Parent/Guardian Pickup, and Lunch Detention



***Students who refuse to turn their phone over when requested will receive additional consequences.**



Vaping

- Vaping has become an increasing challenge in secondary schools.
- Zero Tolerance
 - 3 days ISS
 - Research project detailing dangers of vaping
 - \$50/\$75/\$100 fines by BASD – Increases per incident
 - Citation with District Magistrate
- All vape oil/juice will be tested for controlled substances
 - \$15 per test – 2 tests per incident – THC/Opioids



NO SMOKING



NO VAPING



Important Items

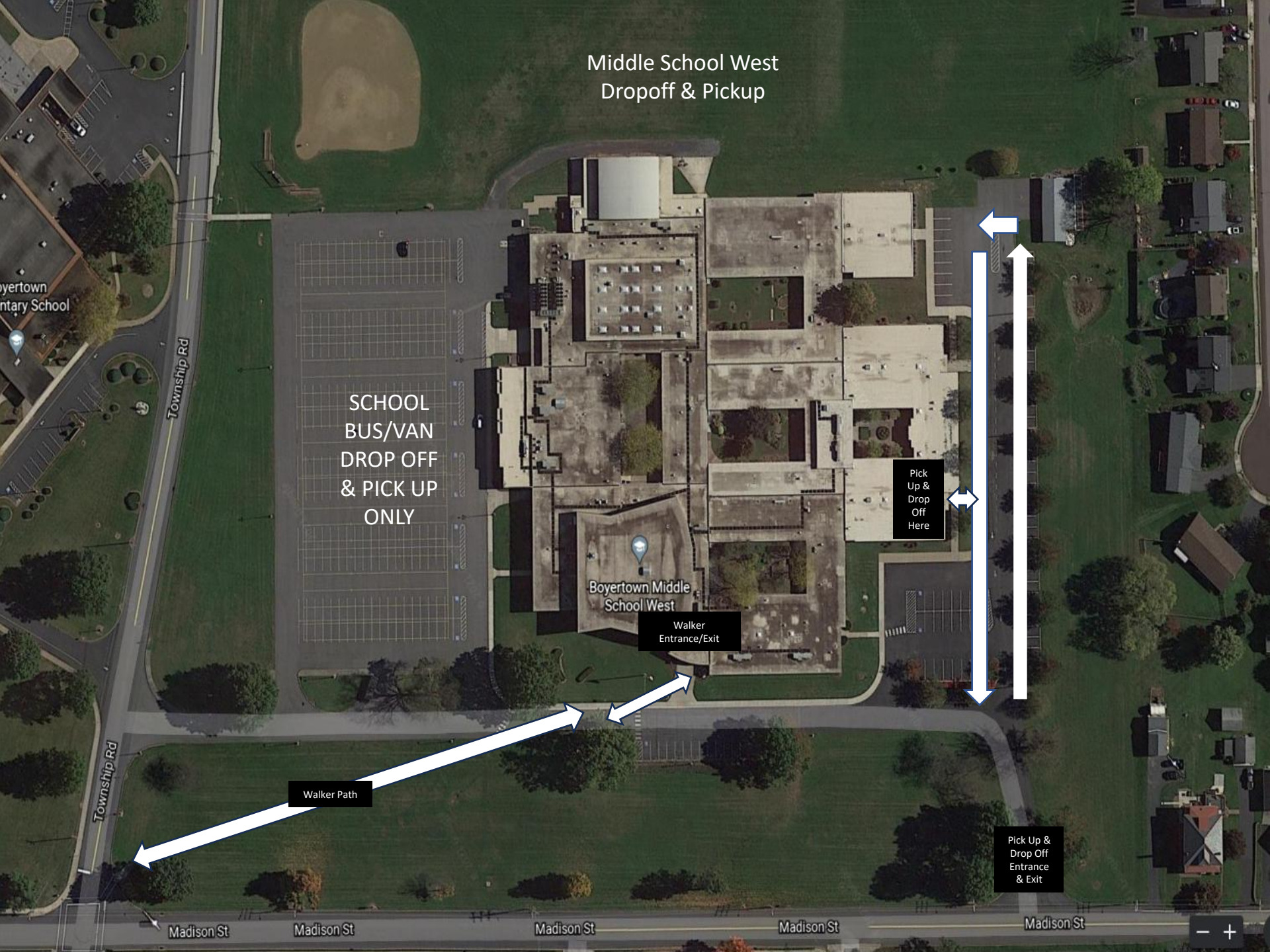
- Agenda Book
- Student handbook/code of conduct
 - Available Online
- Dress Code – Online in the student handbook.
- Food & Beverage
 - Water only, with the exception of lunch.
 - Water bottles can be refilled at the water bottle stations in the cafeteria or 30s hallway.
- Toys and valuables should be left at home.





Parent Drop Off/Pick Up

- Students will be allowed in the building at 7:15AM. Students arriving prior to 7:25AM will report to the auditorium (or cafeteria if purchasing breakfast).
- Try to arrive early in the AM especially on bad weather days.
Students must be in their homeroom seat by 7:35AM.
- Drop off students will enter through door #17.
- DO NOT PASS at drop off – Passing is permitted at dismissal.
- Afternoon parent pickup begins at 2:35PM.
- Please follow the plan – We need to keep everyone safe!



Middle School West
Dropoff & Pickup

SCHOOL
BUS/VAN
DROP OFF
& PICK UP
ONLY

Boyertown Middle
School West

Walker
Entrance/Exit

Pick
Up &
Drop
Off
Here

Walker Path

Pick Up &
Drop Off
Entrance
& Exit

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Bus & Walking Students

- Walkers will enter and exit the building through Main Entrance. Students should follow the path and not cross the street in front of the school.
- Stay off of private property!
- Bus students will be dropped off and picked up on the Boyertown Elementary side of the building.
- Students arriving before 7:25AM will report directly to the auditorium or cafeteria (if getting breakfast).
- Remember – There are multiple cameras on the buses!
- **New – No electric bikes/scooters.**

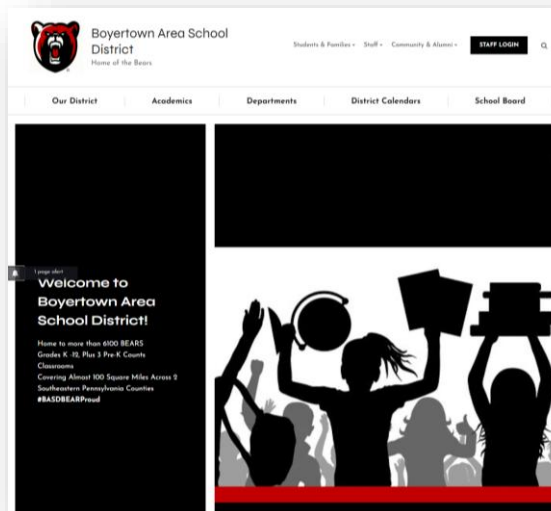




Communication

- Infinite Campus
- School District Webpage
- Social Media
- Weekly Online Newsletter – *Bear Bulletin*

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Upcoming Events

- August 24, 2026 First Day of School
- August 27, 2026 Picture Day/Medical Screenings
- September 4, 2026 School Closed
- September 7, 2026 School Closed – Labor Day
- September 17, 2026 6th Grade Team Building Day
- September 18, 2026 School Closed – Professional Development
- October 2, 2026 Student Council Dance
- October 6, 2026 Picture Retakes
- October 9, 2026 Early Dismissal – Professional Development
- October 12, 2026 School Closed – Professional Development



Questions?



You may send questions to:
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Welcome to MS West!

