THE PROCESS FOR REGISTRATION
and
TRANSITION INTO SIXTH GRADE
Parcells Middle School
Administrators

Mr. Dan Hartley
Principal

Mr. Steven Wolf
Assistant Principal
Parcells Middle School
Counselors

**Mrs. Sherman**
Counselor for students with last names beginning
A through K.

**Mrs. Palffy**
Counselor for students with last names beginning
L through Z.
Parcells Middle School Standards Of Excellence

- **Respect** - We are respectful of each other & our school
- **Responsibility** - We exhibit personal responsibility in meeting our obligations
- **Self Discipline** - We behave in a way that does not interfere with our own learning or that of others
- **Integrity** - We demonstrate honesty and ethical standards in decision making
- **Personal Best** - We give our best effort in school work and behavior
Overview of Middle School

• Organization and good study habits--assignment books, study buddies, before or after school help from teachers.

• Structured Homework help is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in our Library.

• Grades and GPA’s are given recognition for student achievement and behavior/conduct is monitored and recorded through P3.

• Assistance is always available from counselors, teachers and administration.

• Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November and March.
P3 – Panther Pride Program
Positive Behavior Support Program

• System of rewards and interventions for recognizing and rewarding positive behavior.

• 40 minute P3 class sessions for ALL students and ALL staff, every Tuesday.
  – Staff works to teach and encourage responsible skills and behaviors.

• Each quarter 9 Pride Points are given to every student.

• Positive reinforcements include: pep rallies, assemblies, before or after school snack rewards, cafeteria privileges.

• Panther gold cards, Panther Power coupons, additional Panther Pride points and year end fun reward field trips.

• Consequences for poor behavior include Options Room visits. Pride Points are also deducted for negative behavior.
What are your “new” responsibilities?

- Lockers - gym and hallway
- Increased homework and testing
- Increased expectations and accountability
- Meeting deadlines
- Working independently
- Working cooperatively
- Time management
- Passing time
- Safety
- Respect for others
Middle School Mysteries

Hallways
Lockers
Pool
Locker Room
Lunchroom
How is lunch different?

- Lunch Period - 30 minutes + passing time
- Student Lunch - $3.00
- A la carte - purchase individual items
- Snack Line
- Brown Bag
- Recess for about 10 minutes
  ...if students are well-behaved and clean table
Extra-curricular activities for 6th graders

- Intramural basketball
- Student Council representatives
- 6th grade reading club
- All school musical and Drama Club
- Computer club
- Running club
- Art club
- Social Studies Olympiad
- Other clubs and activities depending on student interest.

*Club fee required
Future Opportunities

- National Junior Honor Society
- Social Studies Olympiad
- Washington DC trip (8th Grade)
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls Volleyball & Basketball
- 7th & 8th grade Boys Basketball
- WPBC
- Chess Club
- Spelling Bee
- Boys & Girls Track
- Wrestling
- Science Club
Honor Roll Recognition
(Grade Point Average)

- Academic Hall of Fame, 4.0 to 4.33
- Merit Honors, 3.5 to 3.99
- Academic Achievement, 3.0 to 3.49
- Counselor’s Award, all 1’s and 2’s in conduct, and work habits
- Conduct Honor Roll, all 1’s and 2’s in conduct
Monday & Tuesday

PBS/ADV.  8:20 - 9:00

1st  9:05 - 9:56
2nd  10:01 - 10:52
3rd  10:57 - 11:48

A Lunch  11:53 - 12:23

4th A  12:28 - 1:19
4th B  11:53 - 12:44

B Lunch  12:49 - 1:19

5th  1:24 - 2:15
6th  2:20 - 3:11

Announcements  3:11 - 3:18

Wednesday - Friday

1st  8:20 - 9:18
2nd  9:23 - 10:21
3rd  10:26 - 11:24

A Lunch  11:29 - 11:59

4th A  12:04 - 1:02
4th B  11:29 - 12:27

B Lunch  12:32 - 1:02

5th  1:07 - 2:05
6th  2:10 - 3:08

Announcements  3:08 - 3:18
Course Selection Process:

- **Complete course selection worksheet** at home and hand in to your teacher:
  - Due date at the bottom of worksheet.
- **Read 6th Grade Transitions Booklet** and give to parents
- **Program of Studies** on our webpage.
- **On-line registration dates and times**:
  - **Mason** - Tuesday, January 21st at 1:00 p.m.
  - **Ferry**- Thursday, January 27th at 1:30 p.m.
  - **Monteith** - Wednesday, January 22nd at 9:15 a.m.
  - **Poupard** - Friday, January 23rd at 2:00 p.m.
Course Descriptions

Click on CURRICULUM for Middle School Course Descriptions
Parent and Student Online Resources

- **Middle School Program of Studies**
  - Course Descriptions

- **Student Handbook (Assignment Book)**
  - General Info & Important dates
  - Code of Conduct
  - P3 / Behavior

- **Parent Portal Tab**
  - **Parent Portal:**
    - Report Card Grades
    - Cafeteria payments
    - Attendance
    - Transcripts
    - Schedules
  - **Pinnacle:**
    - Assignments & current grades in real time
Core Course Requirements for All Students:

- ELA: Narrative (Reading) 1 unit
- ELA: Informational (Writing) ½ unit
  Every other day, year-round
- Mathematics 1 unit
- Science 1 unit
- Social Studies 1 unit
- 6th grade computer skills ¼ unit

Total: 4 ¾ units
Elective Classes

Choices:

- Art 0.25 units
- Lifeskills 0.25 units
- Industrial Technology 0.25 units
- Physical Education 0.25 units
- French Introduction 0.50 units
- Spanish Introduction 0.50 units
- Choir 6 0.50 units
- Explorations in Drama 6 0.50 units
- Instrumental Music 0.50 units

Total elective classes: 1.25 units
Step 1:
Select your first choice elective courses by placing a 'P' (PRIMARY) next to the appropriate course numbers listed below.
Be sure your Primary choices add up to 1 ¼ units.

Step 2:
Select a 2nd set of elective course choices (ALTERNATES) by placing an 'A' next to the courses numbers listed below.
(While every effort will be made to schedule your primary choices, placement in specific classes or courses cannot be guaranteed.)

Step 3:
Write PRIMARY and ALTERNATE choice elective courses in the Sample Worksheet (located on back of attached letter).

**GRADE 6 ELECTIVE COURSES**

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**Instrumental Music**

Please check the course number and instrument you play.
*Changing instruments requires teacher approval. (see below)*

- Orchestra 6
- Band 6 (WW)
- Band 6 (BR)
- Percussion 6

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- Violin
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Percussion
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Trombone
- Viola
- Saxophone
- Baritone

Instrument Change Approval

☐ This is a change from my 5th grade instrument

Current Music Teacher signature

*6th grade is the first year in which students are offered the opportunity to play French horn, oboe, percussion, saxophone, tuba, or string bass. Students interested in beginning one of these instruments in 6th grade are strongly encouraged to enroll in the 2012 summer school instrumental program prior to beginning 6th grade.*

Number of Primary Units: (Should equal 1 ¼) _____

Number of Alternate Units: (Should equal 1 ¼) _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR FIFTH GRADE TEACHER

DEADLINE: Monday, January 21, 2014

_________________________  _________________________
Student Signature          Parent Signature
Course Selection Sheet

Reminders:

• Verify that boxes in both columns A and/or B total 1.25 electives

• Be sure your parents sign at the bottom of the registration sheet

• Return completed sheet to your 5th grade teacher for registration next week
We are excited to have you as future Parcells Students!