Welcome To The PFMS Parent Orientation!

PARK FOREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Every Student, Every Day!
The Principals at PFMS

Dr. Wiser
Principal

Mr. Walker
Assistant Principal
School-Wide Positive Behaviors program
- Started in Fall 2014 (built off of PRIDE program)
- Helps to promote RESPECT, ORGANIZATION, a good ATTITUDE, and RESPONSIBILITY
- Identifies specific behaviors that are appropriate across different areas of the school
- Includes specific teaching of behaviors and lessons centered on different aspects of the ROAR acronym
A Day In The Life Of A Sixth Grade Student...
Wolves

Mr. Tranell, Ms. Warner, Ms. Feinberg, Ms. Younkin, Mrs. Kellander, Ms. McDonough, Mr. Felsmann, Mrs. Rarrick, Ms. Gibson
Mountain Lions

Mrs. Wilson, Ms. O’Connell, Mrs. Simpson, Ms. Gibson, Mr. Ammerman, Mrs. Menard, Mr. Ammerman
Orientation and Placement Process

- Fifth graders visit middle schools
- Gather information from elementary schools regarding incoming students
- Utilize this information to create balanced teams and classrooms
- Team and homeroom assignments made during the summer
- Students notified via email in August of teacher/team assignments
Sixth Grade Teams

■ 125 - 150 students on a team
■ Students are regrouped for mathematics
■ Teams use block schedule as opposed to 40 minute periods
■ Teachers paired off to offer instruction
■ Teachers have common planning time
Six Day Cycle

- Language Arts and math meet daily
- World Language - three out of six
- Tech Ed. & FCS - three out of six
- Art, music and phys.ed. - two out of six
- Music performance electives - one out of six
Exploratory Subjects

Students have two periods per day of exploratory classes.

- World Language
- Technology Education
- Family and Consumer Science
- Physical Education
- Art
- Music
- Electives in band, choir & orchestra
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)**

- Reading & Writing every day
- Curriculum is aligned to the PA Core Standards
- Whole group, small group and individualized instruction
- Students choose books from a variety of genres
- Students create a variety of writing types throughout the year using a workshop model
  - narrative, informational, argumentative/opinion, text-based evidence, poetry…
- 2 main resources for Writing
  - Lucy Calkins & Nancie Atwell
Connected Mathematics (CMP3) is the main resource used in 6-8 grade.

Concepts and skills taught are aligned to the Common Core Standards

6th Grade Skills and Concepts:
- Factors and Multiples
- Ratios, Rational Numbers, and Equivalence
- Fraction Operations
- Two-Dimensional Measurement
- Decimals and Percents
- Algebra
- Statistics and Data Analysis
Social Studies

Ancient Civilizations

- Origins of humans and first migrations and settlements
- Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, Greece, and Rome
- What are the PIECES for each civilization?
  - Politics
  - Interactions with the Environment
  - Culture
  - Economics
  - Social Organizations
- Analyze, compare & contrast each civilization
- Resources:
  - Textbook
  - Nonfiction Articles - Electronic primary/supplemental resources
  - Research opportunities
Science

- Discovering Science
  - Introduces Scientific Method and Process of Science

- Matter and Molecules
  - Investigate the properties of matter and energy

- Mixtures and Solutions
  - Exploration and investigation into the basic concepts of chemistry through various inquiries.

- Health & Safety
  - Focus on safety and prevention

- Light and Sound
  - An in depth look at how light and sound behaves
Student Activities

* AREA
* Intramurals
* Fun Days
* Yearbook
* School Drama Production
* Math Counts/ Math League
*Fundraisers
*Fun Afternoons
*Box Tops
*Donating Time/Money
*Committees
*PTSO Meeting-Last Meeting
5-13 @ 7:00 PFMS Library
Art

Mrs. Irwin-Furmanek
Music

Mrs. Morris

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” — Plato
General Music 6
Mrs. Bobbi Morris
blm18@scasd.org

- Meet twice a cycle
- Focus on world music
- Music development
- Bring ear buds, pencil, and a folder to class.
Musical Experiences and Units

- Music Theory
- Singing
- African drumming
- Autoharp
- Composing
- Music History
- Instruments
- Listening
- World music
Choir 6
Bobbi Morris
blm18@scasd.org
272-8736

- DAY 6 AREA
  - Two Concerts ~
    December 15
    Winterfest  May 24 Spring Concert
  - Students learn an eclectic variety of choral music.
  - Learn how to blend and sing within a larger ensemble.
  - Sign up with your current music teacher!

CHOIR VIDEO
6th Grade Band

- Meets twice per cycle
- Once as a small group of like instruments and once during AREA for the entire group.
- Concert in the Spring
- Mr. McDonough, director, ecm12@scasd.org
Orchestra 6
Director Mr. Matt Shaffer
mas55@scasd.org

Students meet 2x a cycle - small group lesson & large ensemble.
  ● Large ensemble meets on Day 2 AREA
Ensemble Sign up form

- Sent home from elementary school
- Turn form into 5th grade music teacher or ensemble teacher so your child will be signed up for all ensembles of their choice.
  - All 6th grade students can be members of all three ensembles.
  - Any Questions please email us.

SCASD MUSIC DEPARTMENT
100 Best Communities for MUSIC EDUCATION
Uniting Talent and Passion
Dress Code For PE

Students must change for PE...

- T-shirt/Sweatshirt
- Shorts/Sweat
- Sneakers
- Must follow school dress protocol
PE Units

Fitness
Dance
Volleyball
Basketball
Flag Football
Lacrosse

Racquet Sports
Mountain Biking
Ropes
Alternative Activities
Ultimate Frisbee
Base Games
Activity AREAs

- Kickball
- Fitness
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Gym Games
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
PFMS PE

PE Video
World Languages
Explore! Discover! Connect!

Bonjour!
Guten Tag!
¡Hola!
All 6th grade students experience 
French, German, and Spanish
World Language Rotation

6th Grade Language Experience
36 Weeks

- French: 12 Weeks
- Spanish: 12 Weeks
- German: 12 Weeks
6th Grade Exploratory Language
Topics of Study

- Geography
- Alphabet
- Greetings & Goodbyes
- Family
- Numbers
- Colors
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Classroom Objects
- Cultural Experience
Why study a World Language?

- To communicate with people of other cultures
- To learn the culture and history of other regions of the world
- To become a “world citizen” by developing a sense of belonging in a global community
- To develop a better understanding of one’s own language and culture
Research shows ...

- The study of languages can aid in the development of reading and the ability to hypothesize in science.
- There is a correlation between language study and higher scores on the SAT and ACT tests, as well as higher academic performance in college.
- There is a correlation between learning a language and memory skills, problem-solving ability, and improved verbal and spatial abilities.
What language should my child choose for 7th grade?

ESPANOL?

DEUTSCH?

FRANCAIS?
¡Adiós!

Au revoir!

Auf Wiedersehen!
Technology Engineering Education Faculty

Greg Wilson, Jeff Seamans, Bill Hughes.

TEEAP Middle School Technology Education Program of the Year

ITEEA National Middle School Program of the Year
What is Technology Engineering Education?

Technology Education evolved from what was formerly “Industrial Arts” or “Shop”.

Today Technology Engineering Education a central part of STEM: (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

We are the T and E of STEM!
Goals

- Apply Math, Science, Reading and Technological Literacy Skills
- Instill a comfort level in mechanical / technical environments (using tools and machines)
- Safety Skills for a Lifetime of Learning
- Improve skills in following written technical directions
- Develop STEM Career Pathways
Class Format

- Students meet every other day in the 6 day cycle
- 12 Weeks in Manufacturing Technology
- 12 Weeks in Exploring Technology
- 12 weeks of FCS
Exploring Technology

Modular Lab

- Robotics
- Aerodynamics
- CNC Router
- Lasers
- Small Engines
- Space and Rocketry
- Flight
- Research and Design
- Structural Engineering
- Electronics
- Pneumatics
- Mechanisms
- Industrial Controls
- Safety
Design and Manufacturing

■ Rocket Design
■ Safety
■ Tool Use and Measurement
■ Introduction to various materials and processes
■ Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD)
■ Laser Design
■ 3D modeling and printing
■ Project layout and planning
■ Building, Scientific Testing and Mathematical Evaluation
For more info and email

See the Technology Department website via:
http://www.scasd.org/parkforestmiddle/site/default.asp
Departments at Park Forest Middle School.

jds11@scasd.org
gaw19@scasd.org
whh11@scasd.org
Technology Club
Technology Student Association (TSA)

Students meet during AREA. Students are involved in technology related competitive events. Students can compete at a regional, state and national level.

For more info. – www.patsa.org
TECH ED ROCKS!
Family & Consumer Sciences

Mrs. Koch
hlk13@scasd.org
Family and Consumer Sciences in the Middle School

Helps students achieve self-responsibility
■ at school
■ at home
■ in the community

Units we study in Grade 6:
Food Science
Interpersonal Communication
Schedule & Requirements

- Class meets every other day for a Trimester (twelve weeks)
- Students work independently as well as cooperatively
- Assignments completed in class and at home are used to reinforce skills
Food Science

- Food Choices
- Kitchen safety
- MyPlate
- Nutrition labels
- Whole foods vs. processed foods
- Measuring techniques
- Food safety
- Unit pricing
Labs:

- Macho Nachos
- Pick-A-Fruit Crunch
- Chicken Rice Soup (with veggies)
- Breakfast Tacos
- Blender Smoothie
Interpersonal Communication

- Listening skills
- Reading body language
- Communication and technology
- Destructive/Constructive statements
- Communication Styles
- Roadblocks to communication
- Conflict resolution
Welcome to the Counseling Office!

Mr. Eckberg
6th Grade

Mr. Herzing
7th Grade

Mrs. Gum
8th Grade
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

DR. LAGO

COUNSELING SECRETARY

MRS. DERR
COUNSELING SERVICES

- Individual and Group Counseling
- Course Registration
- Conflict Resolution and Mediation
- New Student Orientation
- Career Exploration Activities
- Parent Consultations
- Student Assistance Program
- Friendship Groups
- Special Education Evaluations
ACADEMIC
ADVISING
PARENT CONSULTATIONS
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
INDIVIDUAL & GROUP COUNSELING
STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP)
FRIENDSHIP

GROUPS
LUNCH GROUPS
SUPPORT GROUPS
Please feel free to contact any of the School Counselors should you have questions or need assistance:

Phone: 814-237-5304

Mr. David Eckberg - dke11@scasd.org
Mrs. Jackie Gum - jrf27@scasd.org
Mr. Craig Herzing - cjh21@scasd.org
School Nurse

Mrs. Sylvia
Health Screenings

- **6th grade**: Vision, height, weight (September) scoliosis (March)
- **7th grade**: Vision, height, weight, hearing, dental and scoliosis
- **8th grade**: Vision, height, weight

- Referrals mailed home if evaluation by MD is recommended
Physical Examinations

- PA School Code: Turn in a copy of an exam done in 5th or 6th grade

- Exam by your family physician:
  - Form on website/Mail to nurse
    MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

- Exam by school physician:
  - Spring 2016
  - No cost to parents
NEW Immunizations

- All 7th grade students
  - Meningococcal (meningitis)
  - Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- Ask MD at time of 6th grade physical
- PA Department of Health Immunization Clinic: 865-0932
Medication

- New MD order 2015-16 school year
- Students are encouraged to carry their inhalers and EpiPens as needed
- Middle school form (HS-27 OTC) for tylenol, ibuprofen and tums, requires parent signature only, medication provided by school
Illness or Injury

- Any student feeling ill, injured or needing medication should be seen in the nurse's office

- Parents needing to pick up ill or injured students should go to the main office
Individual Healthcare Plans

Special Medical Needs

● Share concerns with teachers and nurse

● Obtain physician's orders as needed

● Make arrangements for field trips and after school activities
After School Events

- School nurse and medication stored in nurse’s office is not available at after school events

- Please make prior arrangements with the activity chaperone and nurse
Special Dietary Needs

- Peanut/nut products are served in the middle school cafeteria
- Nut free table is available
- Contact Megan Schaper for all dietary allergies & modifications @ 231-5095
Healthcare Providers and Insurance

- CHIP (PA Children’s Health Insurance Program)
- School Accident Insurance
- Centre Volunteers in Medicine
- Contact the school nurse for additional information
School Nurse Contact Information

Jeanne Sylvia, Certified School Nurse

- Phone: 272-8556
- Fax: 272-8557
- e-mail: jes19@scasd.org
- PFMS website
Back to School Night for Students

Held prior to the start of school (August 26, 6:30 PM)

- Meet their homeroom teacher and classmates
- Visit their classrooms
- Open their lockers
- Tour the school
- Receive introduction to sixth grade curriculum
Thank you for coming tonight!

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