



Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night  
Banks Middle School

# Parent Night Agenda

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- 6th Grade Team
- 6th Grade Schedule
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- Extra Curricular Activities
- Supplies
- Study Skills and Supports
- Synergy and Computer Use
- Positive Behavior Interventions/Supports
- Communication and Attendance



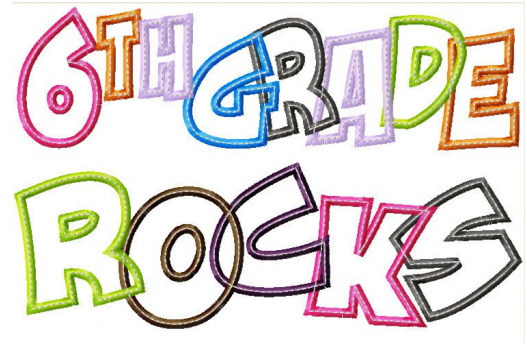
# Banks Middle School PTO

- President- Sarah Boswell
- Events:
  - Fall-Spring Dances
  - 8th Grade Promotion
- Fun Fundraisers (Keep it simple)
- School Support
- Teacher Support

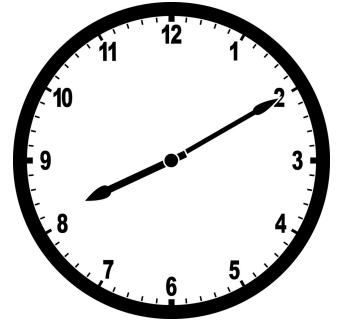


# 6th Grade Team

- Kim Carson- Language Arts, Homeroom, Elective
- Shannon Dotson- Social Studies, Homeroom, Elective
- Ashley Thomas- Math, Homeroom, Elective
- Glenn Smith- Science and Elective
- Marlee Zakrevsky - PE
- Diane Vuylsteke- Learning Specialist
- Cory Del Villar- School Counselor
- Leann Gallien- Asst. Principal
- Caitlin Everett- Principal



# Middle School Schedule



- Arrival: 8:10 - 8:20am (8:50am on Late Start);
- Dismissal: 3:01
- Students take care of their own business in the morning (i.e. notes to office, lunch money, and getting organized with their locker)
- Students will be on a 7 period day with each class lasting about 48 minutes
- Please help your child be to school on time!

# Classes and Forecasting

- 6th Graders get electives!
  - Band is a year long course, and would be the students only elective.
  - Other electives are 1 semester, and students take 2 per year. MSS is every other day during electives time to provide academic support for all students.
- Students forecast in late May for their electives. They rank them in order and we try to give them classes in their top 4 areas.
- All students take ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE and Homeroom.  
No accelerated classes in Math or LA
  - Differentiation happens in class.

# Sixth Grade P.E.

- Lockers and Locks- Assigned first week
- Clothes- basic athletic gear
- Shoes- Non marking soles
- Hygiene- extra deodorant, etc.
- Small bag for clothes
- Name on all gear



# Lockers

- Lockers

- Each student has 2 lockers: Academic and PE
- Limited Space
- Decorations- No stickers, tape or wallpaper; keep it simple
- Students will have plenty of time to learn and practice their locker combinations--it is their responsibility to memorize both combinations



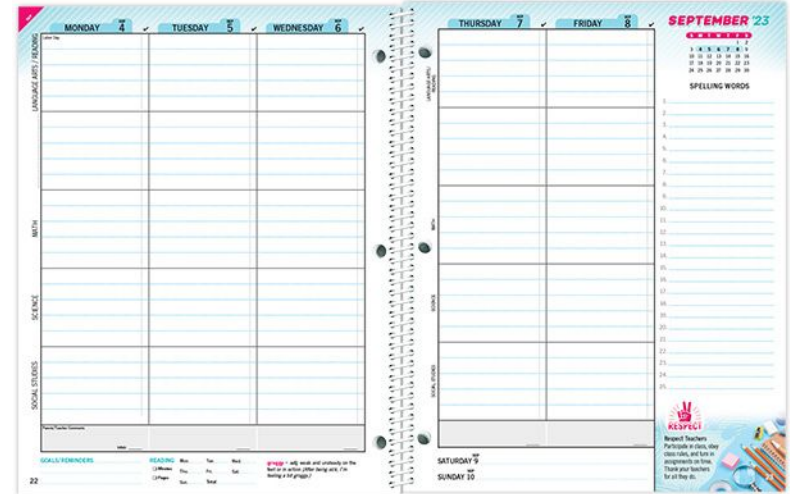
# Lockers

- They are small and that is why we ask that students do not have large binders but folders instead
- Height -  $35 \frac{1}{2}$ "
- Width 12"
- Depth -  $10 \frac{1}{2}$ "



# Planners

- Planners
  - Students will receive a planner at Registration.
  - Important for home/school communication on assignments
  - Students are expected to be responsible for it on a daily basis



# Extra Curricular Activities

- STEAM Sisters Aspire Club
- OBOB
- Lego Robotics (limited spots available)
- There are no district sponsored sports, however, community sports typically include: cross country, soccer, football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and track
- Activities change each year based on supervision

GET INVOLVED AND HAVE FUN!

# Sixth Grade Supplies



- Supply List 2023-24 will be posted on website, also available at Registration
- Due to locker size-- NO Big Binders, they do not fit.
- Teachers can provide a space where students can keep extra supplies to access during the year.
- For students to be successful, they must come to school with the required supplies.

# Study Skills and Supports

- Middle School Success

- Every other day students attend Middle School Success (MSS)
- Students are expected to use this time to keep up with academics
- Develop organization and study skills, and to practice skills not fully attained
- All caught up? Students can use this time to read a book for leisure, free write, practice typing skills, be on approved websites for math practice, etc.

- Additional academic supports include:

- Homework Club (weekly) -parent permission required
- Organization supports with assistance if needed
- Student/ParentVue

# Additional Supports

- SPED Support
  - Based on child's IEP needs
  - Usually every other day during MSS or Homeroom
- Homework Club
  - Twice a week club supervised by a BMS staff member to offer homework assistance
- School Counselor
  - Ms. DelVillar is available to meet with students/families to develop individual success plans

# Synergy

- StudentVue

- Students will gain access to this within the first few weeks.
- They will set up their own account with their Banks School District username and password.
- Students are responsible for checking assignments and grades.

- ParentVue

- Activation code and directions at Registration.
- Download the app or use the website.
- Access grades 24/7
- Please be patient with teachers; email or ask if uncertain!

# Computer/Chromebook/iPad Use

- Google Apps for Education - **FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY** - Docs, Slides, Sheets, Gmail
  - Students will gain access to this within the first few weeks
  - They have an account with their Banks School District username and password (same as the one from BES)
  - **Only students and teachers in the BSD Network can share documents with and email students**
  - Student accounts may be accessed by the District at any time
- Other educational apps will be used throughout the year, such as virtual classrooms, Khan Academy, Typing.com
- Students will sign a User Agreement at registration
- Terms and Violations can be found in the BMS Student Handbook



# Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

Our school wide behavioral system includes focus on:

- Being Safe, Responsible, and Respectful
- Positives!
  - Verbal compliments
  - "Banks Bucks
  - Braves Club Activities



Specific academic achievement acknowledgments:

- Honor Roll
- Improved Grades
- Outstanding Student of the quarter

# Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

- Students are regularly taught and expected to follow school rules and the district code of student conduct.
- Violations of school rules and expectations are documented and may result in a variety of consequences.

# Parent Teacher Communication

- Communication is vital to the success of your student
- Teachers communicate to parents on an individual and group basis.
- Quickest way to communicate with a teacher is email.

# Parent Teacher Communication

- If concerns are subject/class specific please email that teacher directly
- If concerns are related to health, upcoming vacations, social concerns, etc. please email their Homeroom teacher
- We do try to respond within 24 hours

# Every Day Matters!

- Attendance is a key indicator of success in middle and high school
- 10 or less is best! Our goal is 90% attendance for every student.
- If you have trouble getting your child to school for any reason please contact us, we can help!

# Fall Registration

- Registration packets are mailed out in August.
- Registration is in August (Usually about 2 weeks before school starts.)
- Registration Day: Students receive their schedules, turn in forms, pay any fees and take pictures.

# Questions???

Contact BMS at 503-324-3111 or Asst. Principal Leann Gallien  
[leanng@banks.k12.or.us](mailto:leanng@banks.k12.or.us)

**Have a wonderful rest of the school year!**

**We look forward to having your student next year!**