

Welcome!



**JARED ELIOT
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**LOWER ACADEMY
PRESENTATION
MAY 30, 2019**

**2019-2020
GRADES 5 & 6**

NEW OPPORTUNITIES & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- District Reorganization for 2019-2020
- Eliot Middle School – Grades 5-8
 - Developmentally Appropriate for Age and Learning Needs
 - Clustering within the School Facility
 - Modified Teaming Concept
 - Maintain core experiences for students
 - New programming opportunities

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN GRADES 5-6

- Opportunities for 5th grade teaming and increased access to related arts classes
- Enrichment opportunities to include a musical, after school program activities, and intramural sports
- Build strong, age-appropriate programming and school communities
- Strengthen instructional approaches and curricular coordination
- Development of a NEW middle school model – Academy or Transition In and Transition Out

LOWER ACADEMY GRADES 5 & 6

- Students share a Lower Academy schedule in grades 5 & 6
- Increased instructional time in all classes
- Full range of related arts: Tech Ed, Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, Library/Media
- Spanish for all students
- Band and Chorus

LOWER ACADEMY GRADES 5 & 6

- Classrooms clustered together in a dedicated part of the building
- Recess for 5th and 6th grades
- A new WIN Period designed for flexible learning
- Two-teacher academic team model in grade 5 and a two-teacher and four-teacher academic team model in grade 6
- Enhanced technology – Chromebook for each student to use during the school day

UPPER ACADEMY GRADES 7 & 8

- Students share a similar Upper Academy schedule in grades 7 & 8
- Increased instructional time in all classes
- Choice of Music Electives (Band, Chorus, General Music)
- Full range of Related Arts: Tech Ed, Art, Music Elective, Physical Education, Health and ASPIRE (new course-research-based, real-world problem solving course)

UPPER ACADEMY GRADES 7 & 8

- World Language Elective Choice of Spanish or French
- Classrooms clustered together in a dedicated part of the building
- A New WIN Period designed for flexible learning
- Four-teacher academic team model in grades 7 & 8
- Enhanced technology – Chromebook for each student in-school and home

BUILDING MAP



5TH GRADE SCHEDULE

- Every Day
 - Math and ELA – 80 minutes
 - Science and Social Studies – 40 minutes
- A & B Day Schedule for Related Arts
 - Art, Music, Tech Ed, and Library Media will meet every other day for a semester (45 Days each)
 - PE/Health and Spanish will meet every other day for the year (90 Days each)

5TH GRADE SCHEDULE

- Lunch/Recess (35 minutes)
 - Students will eat with their grade-level peers
- WIN (30 minutes)
 - Every day
 - 5th Grade: after lunch and recess
- Band and Chorus will meet during WIN
 - Instrument lessons pull out from Related Arts classes

SAMPLE GRADE 5 SCHEDULE

Period	Time	A Day	B Day
Homeroom	7:50 – 7:58	Homeroom	Homeroom
A	8:00 – 10:05	Core: Math & Science	Core: Math & Science
B			
C	10:09 – 12:14	Core: ELA & Social Studies	Core: ELA & Social Studies
D			
Lunch	12:15 – 12:35	Lunch	Lunch
Recess	12:35 – 12:50	Recess	Recess
WIN	12:51 – 1:21	WIN	WIN
E	1:23 – 2:03	Spanish	PE/Health
F	2:05 – 2:45	Related Arts	Related Arts
Dismissal	2:45	Homeroom	Homeroom

Grade 5 will continue to use a standards based grading system

6TH GRADE SCHEDULE

- Every Day
 - 60 minute class periods for Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies
- A & B Day Schedule for Related Arts
 - Art, Music, Tech Ed, and Library Media will meet every other day for a semester (45 Days each)
 - PE/Health and Spanish will meet every other day for the year (90 Days each)

6TH GRADE SCHEDULE

- Lunch/Recess (35 minutes)
 - Students will eat with their grade-level peers
- WIN (30 minutes)
 - Every day
 - 6th Grade: before lunch and recess
- Band and Chorus will meet during WIN
 - Instrument lessons pull out from Related Arts classes

SAMPLE GRADE 6 SCHEDULE

Period	Time	A Day	B Day
Homeroom	7:50 – 7:58	Homeroom	Homeroom
A	8:00 – 9:00	Core	Core
B	9:04 – 10:04	Core	Core
C	10:08 – 11:08	Core	Core
D	11:12 – 12:12	Core	Core
WIN	12:15 – 12:45	WIN	WIN
Lunch	12:45 – 1:05	Lunch	Lunch
Recess	1:05 – 1:20	Recess	Recess
E	1:23 – 2:03	Related Arts	Related Arts
F	2:05 – 2:45	PE/Health	Spanish
Dismissal	2:45	Homeroom	Homeroom

Grade 6 will continue to use a letter based grading system

RELATED ARTS CLASSES

- Students could be in class with grade-level peers from another team
- PE/Health and Spanish meet every other day for the full year
- These classes will meet every other day for a semester:
 - General Music
 - Art
 - Technology Education
 - Library Media

LOWER ACADEMY MUSIC OFFERINGS

- General Music – explore the basics of music (melody, harmony, notation, rhythm and form) through singing and playing instruments
- New Electronic Keyboard Lab, Ukulele (grade 6), Bucket Drumming, Boom Whackers
- Chorus and Band during WIN Period
 - Separate chorus and band by grade
 - Some combined performances
- Instrumental Lessons pull out during Related Arts
- Eliot Musical Performance

SPANISH

- Classes will meet every other day for the school year
- Periods will last 40 minutes
- At the end of grade 6, students will be allowed to choose Spanish or French for grade 7



NEW TECH ED CLASSES FOR GRADE 5

■ Intro to Applied Physics

- Introductory Course – Simple Machines in Society
- Technology safety skills & hand tools use
- Basic Physics, Measuring, and Design Engineering Learning
- Design and manufacture a launching trebuchet

■ Intro to Fabrication

- Woodworking
- Blueprint reading, product design, and measuring skill development
- Safety, hand tool usage, and finishing techniques
- Production of finished wood project

NEW TECH ED CLASSES FOR GRADE 6

■ Applied Physics

- Exploration of Transportation technology and physics concepts of gravity, force, & friction
- Safety and proper use of entry-level woodworking equipment including Scroll Saws, Band Saws, Combo Sanders, and hand tools
- Individual and collaborative development, design, and engineering
- Project exploration includes Mouse Trap Cars, Egg Crash Vehicles, CO₂ cars and more.

■ Fabrication

- Generate full scale blueprint utilizing CAD software
- Safety and proper use of power hand tools
- Focus on design, fabrication, and finishing technique development

UPPER ACADEMY TECH ED COURSES

- Grade 7

- Engineering and Coding
- VEX Robotics

- Grade 8

- Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Manufacturing
- Inventions and Innovations

CHROMEBOOKS

- One-to-One Chromebooks
 - Enhanced technology
 - 5th & 6th graders will have their own Chromebooks to use during the school day
 - Establish proper use, care, and responsibility



STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF

School Counselors

- Mrs. Mantzaris
 - Grade 5
 - Grade 7
- Mrs. Fusaro
 - Grade 6
 - Grade 8

School Psychologists

- Mr. Mendelssohn
- Mrs. Tavares

School Social Worker

- Mrs. Didiano

HOW SCHOOL COUNSELORS HELP

- Academic Counseling/Study Skills
- Resolving Student Concerns
- Helping to cope with stress
- Exploring the world of careers
- Goal Setting
- Promoting respectful attitudes
- School transition activities
- Developmental Guidance Lessons



WHERE WE WORK WITH STUDENTS

In many different settings:

- Private Office
- Classroom
- Small Groups
- And Other Settings



PRIVATE OFFICE – CONFIDENTIALITY

What You Say in Here,
Stays in Here

Exceptions:

- Someone is hurting you
- You want to hurt someone
- You want to hurt yourself



DEVELOPMENTAL GUIDANCE LESSONS

5th Grade

- Healthy Homework Habits & Effective Time Management
- Why People Work
- Roles & Responsibilities of a 5th Grader
- Building Integrity (Anti-Bullying)

6th Grade

- Study Resources & Creating Study Plans
- Academic & Personal Goal Setting
- Introduction to Naviance & Roadtrip Nation
- Bullying and the Effects of Stress

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING MEETINGS

- Each student in 5th and 6th grade will have an individual meeting with Mrs. Mantzaris or Mrs. Fusaro to...
 - Review student survey about the transition to Eliot
 - Determine if there is anything needed to help your child reach their full potential
 - Establish a trust where ideas and emotions can be expressed

NAVIANCE – 6TH GRADE

- Naviance is a web based program that provides college and career readiness information to help students explore and plan for the future.
- Early planning can guide students' experiences in middle school and high school and help them make informed educational decisions.
- Naviance allows students to create a plan for their future by helping them discover their individual strengths, interests and learning styles.
- Through Naviance, each student will develop an individualized electronic portfolio with the help of parents/guardians, school counselors and teachers.
 - The three major areas of focus will be academic success, college/career exploration and personal/social development.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Students can fill out an appointment slip and put it under the counselors door.
- Student can ask their teacher for permission and come to the counselor's office.
- Parents can call or email to discuss concerns and make appointments

APPOINTMENT SLIP for MRS. FU\$ARO

Name _____ Team ____ HR _____ Date _____

I would like to see you because...

*Fill this out, slip it under my door and I will send a pass for you.

ELIOT ACTIVITIES

- After Hours Program
- Dodge Ball – 3 to 4 times during the year on Friday nights
- Interscholastic Sports- 6th Grade Only
 - Fall – Soccer & Field Hockey
 - Winter – Basketball & Cheerleading
 - Spring – Softball & Baseball
- Intramural Sports – 5th-8th Grade
 - Fall- Cross Country
 - Spring- Track & Field
- Eliot Socials – dancing, open gym, food, Ping-Pong, etc.
- And many more... Walk-A-Thon, Pasta Night, etc.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Middle School is a time of change for your child

- Share a positive attitude about this transition
- Get to know the new school together
- Set-up a study space away from all distractions
- Help your child with organization
- Encourage your child to get involved with school activities
- Discuss any concerns: Peer Pressure, Acts of Meanness, Friendships, Social Media
- Communicate with Teachers and Counselors

TIMELINE

- August 15th
 - Student schedules for 2019-2020 visible on PowerSchool
- August 22nd
 - Summer Open House for 5th and 6th graders
- September 11th
 - Fall Open House for all students and their families

QUESTIONS?



Looking forward to exciting changes coming next year!