

# Welcome to the Intermediate School

Mr. Bostwick, Building Principal Ms. Malone, Assistant Principal

## Similar to Elementary School

- ▶ 6-day cycle
- School day (8:25am 2:25pm)
- Students stay with homeroom class
- Sit together as a team in the cafeteria
- Recess that varies by team
- Same character education program
- Similar events and activities



### Teaming Approach

- All students will switch for core academic and special area classes
- All are teams of 2 and teach different subjects
- Special area classes:
  - Library 1x in 6-day cycle for 30 minutes
  - Art 2x in 6-day cycle for 40 minutes
  - Music 2x in 6-day cycle for 40 minutes
  - PE 2x in 6-day cycle for 45 minutes



#### The Arts

- Two sections of advanced art per grade level
  - Based on recommendation and performance assessment given at the beginning of the year
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus: 1x in 6-day cycle
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Show Choir and Symphonic Band
- Band/Orchestra: 1x in 6-day cycle as a group
  - Small group lessons 1x 6-day cycle





## Academics and Beyond

- Focus on the 4 core subject areas daily
  - ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- Use a variety of instructional approaches
- Focus on growth mindset, teambuilding, Adventure Based Learning (ABL), Makerspace, Project Based Learning (PBL), Social/Emotional Learning (SEL), and Habits of Mind (HoM)
- Support your child! Parent involvement #1 indicator of student success
  - Parent Resources on Website and in Newsletters
- 4K Book Goal
- Presidential Service Awards



#### Clubs and Activities

- Clubs vary each year based on parent participation
  - Robotics, Student Leadership, Coding, Chess, Battle of the Books, WISH TV, Fitness, Girls on the Run, etc.
- Have a talent/hobby? Lead a club!
- Many PTO events and activities
  - Ice Cream Social, Variety Show, STEM Night, Reading Celebration, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, and more!
  - PTO meets once per month in the library at 6:00pm



#### **School Information**

- Parent Portal and Student Portal
- School Website has many resources
- All newsletters are sent via email at the beginning of each month
- Flyers and other information are sent at times
- Teachers communicate in various ways
  - Stay in touch!

#### The School Connection



**Principal's Post** 

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Intermediate School

(school newsletter)

## Summer Self-guided Tours

- You'll receive a welcome letter, teacher placement, supply list, and other information in early August
- Look for more information regarding an orientation.
- Please join us for one of our self-guided tours. Feel free to stop in throughout either of the timeframes:
  - Thursday, August 24 from 10 11:30 AM
  - Monday, August 28 from 6 –7 PM

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