

# Welcome to



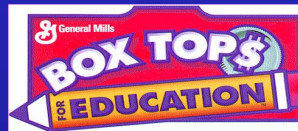
**Maple Creek**  
Middle School

## Sixth Grade Orientation 2023

# PTO

## *Objective:*

- To serve as a liaison between the school and the home.
- Provide funding for education enhancements.





Maple Creek Supply Kits

[1stDayofSchoolSupplies.com](http://1stDayofSchoolSupplies.com)

(Kits will be delivered to your home)

# REGISTRATION

Registration at MCMS is scheduled for  
**August 3rd** (7:00AM-7:00PM)

- Pictures are done that day....so be prepared!
- School supply kits will be mailed to your home.  
(1stdayschoolsupplies.com)
- Spirit wear will be for sale
- Spirit wear is \$5 off tonight

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# VACCINATIONS

## Required Vaccinations for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:

- Meningitis
- Varicella (Chicken pox)
- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- Hepatitis A (Two Doses- Six Months Apart)

Students must have the proper documentation to attend school in the fall.

**PLEASE bring documentation to registration.**

# ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- All students will use Chromebooks.
- Students are expected to follow the NACS Responsible Use Policy.
- The purpose is to enhance your child's educational experience.
- Personal electronic devices will be restricted.
- Protection Plan- For accidental damage



# CELL PHONE USAGE

- Cell phones and smart watches are required to be off and in students' bags/lockers from the time they enter the building and until 3:40 pm.
- Cell phone use on the bus is limited.
- Please consider not allowing students to bring to school at all.



# DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- The student day is 8:45-3:40.
- The front doors open at 8:15 for students to enter the cafeteria.
- Buses unload at 8:30am.
- Student drop-off and pick-up occur on the west side of the parking lot.



# 6th Grade Social Studies/Civics

Civics must be taught second semester  
and will focus on the foundations and  
function of government.

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

## Attendance Highlights:

- If your student is sick, then please call and leave a message.  
338-0802
- Absences are either Documented or Undocumented
- Homework is not collected by the office until a student has missed three consecutive days.
- Notes to school and Bus notes (Office)

# DRESS CODE

## *Handbook Highlights:*

- No sleeveless shirts, low-cut shirts, or tank tops
- Shorts/dresses must be at least to mid-thigh in length.
- Modesty is the best policy. We want the kids to dress for success.

# EXTRACURRICULAR

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Opportunities

- **Fall:** Cross Country  
**Winter:** Wrestling, Swim and Dive  
**Spring:** Soccer & Track and Field
- Drama, Pep Band, Newspaper, Yearbook,  
Student Council, Robotics Team, Game Club,  
Mountain Bike Club, Golf Club

*Physicals must be dated after April 1, 2023.*

# GUIDANCE

Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Goetz, &  
Mrs. Knispel

Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Hayden

Student Assistance Counselor

# 6TH GRADE TEACHERS

- Mrs. Miller (Team Leader)  
-Science
- Mr. Motz  
-Social Studies
- Mrs. Boroff  
-Math
- Mr. Adelsberger  
-Language Arts/Reading
- Miss Hollman  
-Language Arts/Reading
- Mrs. Mee (Team Leader)  
-Language Arts/ Reading
- Mrs. Elliott  
-Science
- Miss Figgins  
-Language Arts/ Reading
- Mr. Hawkins  
-Social Studies
- Mrs. Burrough  
-Math

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# SPECIAL EDUCATION AND R.A.T.S.

➤ **Special Education:** Mrs. Wike, Mrs. Clugston, Mrs. Federspiel

➤ **ENL:** Mrs. Olvera

➤ **Related Arts Teachers (R.A.T.S.):**

- Mrs. Bushee- Health/PE
- Mr. Herr- Physical Education
- Mr. England- Physical Education
- Mr. Teeple- Choir, Music
- Mrs. Hesterman- Physical Education
- Mrs. Roush- Health
- Mrs. Asplund- Art
- Mrs. Miller- Band
- Mrs. Richman- Intro to Computers

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# Which course is right for my child?

- Students follow an eight-period day (44 minutes)

*Every sixth grade student will have study hall*

- High-Ability Courses
- Band/Choir (No rotations)
- Arts Rotation

Exp	Trm	Crs-Sec	Course Name	Teacher	Room	Enroll	Leave
1(A)	22-23	3150-19	Reading 6	Figgins, Brittany	A105	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
2(A)	22-23	6610-11	Math 6	Burrough, Dawn	A111	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
3(A)	22-23	9600-29	P.E./Health 6	England, Zack	D125 Gym	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
4(A)	22-23	3160-13	Language Arts 6	Figgins, Brittany	A105	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
5(A)	22-23	7600-26	Science 6	Elliott, Heather	A113	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
6(A)	22-23	8600-25	Soc. Studies 6	Hawkins, Thomas	A104	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
7(A)	22-23	150-2	Study Hall 6	Burrough, Dawn	A111	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
8(A)	Q1	1069-10	Art 6	Bridges, Haley	300	08/11/2022	10/12/2022
8(A)	Q2	1666-2	General Music 6	Teeple, Gary	A115	10/12/2022	01/05/2023
8(A)	Q3	2465-6	Intro to Computers 6	Munger, Amanda	C115	01/05/2023	03/15/2023
8(A)	Q4	8900-4	Geography	Yackley, Stephen	C111	03/15/2023	05/27/2023

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1(A)	22-23	3168-2	Accel Reading 6	Mee, Kelley	A110	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
2(A)	22-23	8600-19	Soc. Studies 6	Hawkins, Thomas	A104	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
3(A)	22-23	7600-24	Science 6	Elliott, Heather	A113	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
4(A)	22-23	6620-8	Accel Math 6	Burrough, Dawn	A111	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
5(A)	22-23	1560-5	Band 6	Miller, Kristine	215	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
6(A)	22-23	3167-4	Accel Language Arts 6	Mee, Kelley	A110	08/11/2022	05/27/2023
7(A)	22-23	150-13	Study Hall 6	Figgins, Brittany	A105	09/02/2022	05/27/2023
8(A)	22-23	9600-35	P.E./Health 6	England, Zack	D125 Gym	08/11/2022	05/27/2023



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# CANVAS

# and PowerSchool

- Canvas: The NACS learning management system (LMS)
- Acts as an extension between the classroom and home
- Students/Parents: Check here for class content, announcements, study materials, and to view the homework calendar
- New parents to NACS: Sign up for PowerSchool (Receive notifications about daily/weekly grades/attendance to help your child turn in assignments on time.)
- Can download Canvas and PowerSchool App to access class content as well

# WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

## Responsibility and Organization Tips

- Keep locker clean and organized (No Trapper Keepers)
- Folder/Binder according to teacher request
- Tape class schedule to a homework folder
- Come to class prepared (See displayed white boards/class instructions)
- Use Study Hall time wisely and utilize opportunity to get help from other teachers (No games not assigned by teachers)
- Fill out daily planner using the Canvas Calendar
- Turn in assignments on time

# Meet Our Guidance Counselors

Marlene Knispel

Sara Conner

Julie Goetz

# Registering for Classes

## 1. Paper Form

- a. Choose Math/Language Arts/ One elective
- b. Signature

## Language Arts

\_\_\_ Lang Arts 6 (3160) 2 semesters

\_\_\_ Accelerated Lang Arts/ Reading 6 (3167, 3168) 2 semesters

Qualifying students must meet at least one of the following criteria PLUS have teacher initials.

\_\_\_ Qualifying Spring NWEA RIT Score >85th percentile in  
Language Arts or Reading

\_\_\_ Qualifying CogAt Score- Verbal Battery  
(greater than or equal to 95%)

PLUS: \_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher initials (based on classroom  
observation)

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2. Online Registration

## Navigation

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## Welcome to the Maple Creek Middle School Class Registration System for 2023-2024

Welcome to registration. As a 6th grade student you will have certain classes you are required to take. You will then have the choice to pick 1 option from a list of electives. Be sure to read the information below each course to make sure you meet the requirements for that course!

[View course requests](#)**Grade 6 Required Classes**

These 5 classes are required for all grade 6 students.

Number of requests to generate : 1

**Study Hall/ Enrichment**

0153 - 0 credits

**Science 6**

7600 - 0 credits

**Soc. Studies 6**

8600 - 0 credits

**Civics 6**

8603 - 0 credits

**P.E./Health 6**

9600 - 0 credits

**Grade 6 Language Arts/Reading Options**

Please choose one Language Arts option. You MUST have the required NWEA score in BOTH Language Arts AND Reading (= or >85%) or CogAt Verbal Battery score = or >95% PLUS recommendation from this year's LA teacher to choose Accelerated Language Arts 6.

Click the edit button to request a course ➡



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	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	📋 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accel Language Arts 6	3167		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Language Arts 6	3160		0		

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay



6th Grade Electives

Click the edit button to request a course ➡



Choose 1 elective. (If you auditioned for MC Singers and were selected, please choose Choir 6 as an elective.) The Rotation Elective includes 4 of the following courses: Art, Intro to Computers, Sports & Leisure, General Music and Geography. (New courses may be added as applicable. Final enrollment will be determined by course and teacher availability.)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Enrichment Yr Gr6	1099		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band 6	1560		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concert Choir	1675		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gr 6 Elective Rotation 1	0163		0		



and were selected, please choose one or more as an elective.) The Rotation Elective includes 4 of the following courses: Art, Intro to Computers, Sports & Leisure, General Music and Geography. (New courses may be added as applicable. Final enrollment will be determined by course and teacher availability.)

Number of requests to generate : 1

### Additional Requests

Click the edit button to request a course ➡



Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.

Requires at least 0 credit hours.

Requesting 0 credit hours.

Requesting 0 additional credit hours.



Submit

# **Class Registration will show 8 classes:**

1. Language Arts
2. Reading
3. Math
4. Social Studies & Civics
5. Science
6. PE/Health
7. Study Hall/Enrichment
8. Elective Choice will show here

# New Adventures

- New schedule
- More teachers
- Challenging curriculum
- New rules
- More things to organize and prioritize
- More independence AND responsibility
- More choices - friends, activities, sports

# How can families help?

- Be patient
- Be supportive and reassuring
- Listen
- Ask questions
- Highlight the positives
- Show your confidence in their abilities!

# How can families help?

- Help them get organized at school
  - Locker
  - Organizer/Planner
  - PowerSchool and Canvas
  - Communicate with teachers
- Help them get organized at home
  - Study routine
  - Sleep routine



## A Parent's Response to Student Anxiety

Thursday, May 4  
6:00-7:00 PM

Hosted by MCMS Counselors  
Guest Speaker:  
Kim Fish, LCSW, RPTS-S

Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend a presentation regarding how parents can help children prepare for the transition to middle school. The following will be discussed:

- What is anxiety
- Anxiety vs stress
- How to respond to anxiety
- When and where to find help



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# Health & PE

- Monday during fall semester
- Topics covered include:
  - Anxiety
  - Communication
  - Grit/Perseverance
- Not therapy



**Feel free to email or call with  
questions**

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Sara.Conner@nacs.k12.in.us

Julie.Goetz@nacs.k12.in.us

260-338-0802

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

1. At this time you may circulate to talk with the teachers, or walk around the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing to view classrooms.
2. We are looking forward to a GREAT school year!