

Waynesville Middle School

Rising 6th Grade Parent Meetings

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6th Grade Mountaineer Camp – August 16, 2016 –

9:00 to 11:00 A.M. (Last Names A-L) & 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. (Last name M – Z)

Mountaineer Camp is a mini orientation offered to rising 6th graders the week before school starts. The following camp sessions should help 6th graders feel more comfortable with middle school experience: Discussion of Teacher Expectation, Locker/Lock Opening Practice, School Tours, Tips for Handling Conflicts, WMS Social Scene.

Parents are invited to stay for an informational meeting in the media center. Please contact Dr. Annette Husson at ahusson@haywood.k12.nc.us, or call 456-2403 with any questions. The camp is free of charge, and there is no need to formally sign up.

2016 - 2017 School Year Info

- 6th Grade **Orientation** - Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in the WMS gym.
- 6th Graders – **Schedule Pick-Up** - 5:00 P.M. in the cafeteria before the orientation begins.
- **School begins** - Monday, August 22, 2016 - Regular School Hours - 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- **Early dismissal** - 12:30 P.M. on August 22 and 23, 2016.

Sample 6th Grade Schedule

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| 1. Arrive to school before 7:50 A.M. and report to the gym. | 6. 1 st Encore- Physical Education |
| 2. 7:50 – Dismiss from gym to lockers/Jump Start Class | 7. 2 nd Encore- Folk Art |
| 3. Jump Start Reading | 8. Lunch – 12:25 – 1:00 |
| 4. 1 st Core-Math | 9. 3 rd Core- Science |
| 5. 2 nd Core- Language Arts | 10. 4 th Core- Social Studies |

Day-to-Day Specifics

Students have to manage lockers, class changes, bathroom breaks, and a variety of other transitional activities.

- **Lockers and locks** will be assigned to students by their homeroom teacher or first core teacher at **NO CHARGE**. Only Waynesville Middle School locks can be used, so please do not purchase your own.
- **Agenda books** help students with organization and assist with communication between parents and teachers.
 - Must be purchased at the beginning of school by all students at a cost of \$5.00.
 - Code of Conduct & other information are part of the agenda book and will be reviewed by the homeroom teacher at the beginning of school.
- **Current Lunch Price** - \$2.70 per day for full paying students; 40 cents per day for students with reduced lunch price
 - Breakfast (offered daily) - \$1.30 for full paying students; FREE for reduced and free lunch students

If you have further questions, please contact Vicki Messer, Cafeteria Manager at 456-2404.

Social Life at Middle School

Dances – Approximately three per year - Dance attendance is a privilege earned through good attendance, good behavior, and NO school debt

Activities – 6th graders can participate in Battle of the Books, Envirothon, Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Chess Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Olympiad, Sportsman club Team Reward Trips, Running Club

Registration

Course selection sheets were given to students the day they visited the middle school in April. At this point, students & parents should have completed the information for next year's courses and returned it to students' fifth grade teachers. If not, this process should be completed immediately. Elementary schools will automatically transfer sixth graders' records to the middle school.

Transportation

Through information sent home at the beginning of the school year, parents will indicate how their children will be transported to and from school. If transportation changes are necessary after school begins, parents must voice the change in writing take it to the main office.

Attendance

Haywood County Schools expect students to be present and punctual to school each day. A student is allowed no more than 15 absences (excused or unexcused) in a school year. School Board Policy, A-5, V-B for grades 6, 7, and 8 states: five tardies and/or early checkouts equal one lawful absence. Be reminded the school day begins at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.

What can parents/guardians do to help their children with the transition to middle school?

- Have ongoing conversations with your children.
- Help keep your child organized and up-to-date with homework and class assignments.
- Set academic goals.
- Communicate and work with the school to solve problems.
- Help with time management and problem solving.
- Communicate with school personnel.
- Regulate the use of technology.

New Immunization Requirement for Rising 7th Grade Students

A booster dose of Tdap and Meningococcal conjugate (MCV) vaccines are required for all children enrolled in public school before entering 7th grade. Tdap is a combination of three vaccines that provide protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). The law went into effect July 21, 2014 and impacts all students beginning with the 2015-16 school year. If you have questions or concerns regarding this new requirement, please contact Kelly Hicks, WMS nurse, at 456-2403.