

Welcome Parents!

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Great Meadows Middle School
Class of 2021

Introduction

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Mr. Marmolejos - Principal

Mrs. McDonagh - Assistant Principal

Ms. Kilbourn - School Counselor

Mrs. Wilson - Nurse

6th Grade Team:

Mrs. Amundsen - Team Leader- S.E.

Mr. Feliu - Social Studies

Mrs. Miller - Science

Mrs. Hull - ELA

Mrs. Hornyak - Math

Mrs. Teixeira - Spanish

ENCORE Team:

Mr. Bechtel - Phs. Ed

Mrs. Green - Phs. Ed

Mrs. Doty -Technology

Mrs. Revak - Music

Mrs. Bienus - Art

Ms. Fisher- Media Specialist

Buses



- Buses unload at 7:50 a.m.
- Student behavior on the bus is expected to be the same as in school.
- Behaviors distracting to the bus driver, rude or discourteous behavior will be addressed by the principal or asst. principal with the student.
- Drop off is by the gym entrance, students can enter at 7:50
- Pick up at end of day in gym lobby at 2:30
- All students should be in homeroom by 7:55

Lockers

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Students will all have their own lockers and locks. Please help them practice.

Standard Master combo lock

Any issues about the lockers, please contact me or Mrs. McDonagh

Schedule

- Students will rotate between 4 core classes
 - ELA, Math, Social Studies & Science
- Physical education or health is held everyday
 - 15 day rotation between gym and health
 - All students are required to change for gym class
 - There are no lockers in the changing room, students are discouraged from bringing any valuables into the locker room
- Students will rotate between additional ENCORE courses:
 - World Language and Technology- required
 - Art, Performing Arts and Instrumental Music (electives)
 - Chorus- during SMART (elective)

RealTime

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- Check your child's progress & homework
- Teacher websites- with information on courses taught
- Internet resources & activities
- Class calendar with assignments, HW, project and test/quiz dates
- Google Classroom for assignments, projects and necessary documents

Parents in the Office

Reporting to the Office:

- School security is extremely high.
- Parents are allowed access to the building from 8-10 a.m. If you are planning on coming to the building, please call in advance.
- All visitors must sign in at vestibule. Always show ID

Signing In and Out Policy:

- Any students who are late must sign in with the reason why.
- If picking a student up early, please send a note in morning and remember to sign out when you pick them up.

Clubs, Activities & Academic Support

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Drama Club

Fitness Club

Intramural Basketball

Volleyball

NASA Build It!

Coding Club

Homework Club

Cooking Club

Art Club

Golf

Chess Club

TV Studio Club

Saturday Tutoring
SLC

Step Ahead
Yearbook Club

Student Council

School Rules & Policies

Mrs. McDonagh

Absences & Tardies

Absentee Policy:

Students absent for any reason are responsible to make up the work they missed. Any student who is absent due to a religious holiday shall not be deprived of any awards or eligibility for an award. Students will be allowed to make up tests/quizzes or assignments due to absences.

Tardy Policy:

Students must be on time for school. Please read the handbook distributed in September for a full list of disciplinary policies and expectations.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are not allowed to be used during the day.

There is a BYOD policy but no longer needed with 1:1 Chromebooks.

Please monitor your child's activities- Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc., etc., etc.

Hall Passes & Lateness

- Students will be switching for all classes.
- Students will be allowed to go to their lockers every 2 classes.
- If students are in the hall, they are expected to have a hall pass (agenda book signed by teacher).

Food & Beverage Policy

- All items served in school meet federal and state regulations.
- Students are not allowed to bring in any energy drinks: Monster, Red Bull, Rock Star, etc.
- No glass containers are allowed.
- Students are not allowed to share food items for health and safety concerns.
- We ask that if you are packing food or snacks for your children, please limit items that have a high sugar content.

Dress Code

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Laces tied. Hard bottom sandals only.
- No hats or bandanas
- Skirts and shorts- 5 inches above the knee
- Clothing that is torn, cut, ripped- 5 inches above the knee
- No clothing with vulgar, profane, and double-meaning pictures or slogans
- Leggings/Spandex- Shirt must reach the thighs
- No exposed undergarments
- No see-through clothing
- Temperature is below 45 degrees- jacket or sweatshirt required to go outside.

Medical Information & Policy

Nurse Wilson

Calling in Absences

If a student is going to be absent for any reason (illness or vacation) or is going to be late you must call or email the school nurse and report your child as absent. (Prior to 8am)

908 637-4349 x 206

cwilson@gmrds.com

If we do not receive a phone call, we will call you to ensure your child's safety.

Medication



All medications need to have an order from the doctor and be signed off by parents to be administered at school. Forms can be found on school website under Nurse's office.

Students are not allowed to transport medication to school must be brought in by an adult. Exceptions are Asthma inhalers and Epi-pens.

All medication must be given to the school nurse student's are not allowed to keep any meds in their lockers.

Sports Physicals

Any student participating in an intra-mural sport will need a Sports Physical. All sections need to be filled out. Forms can be found on school website.

Physicals are good for 365 days. If you aren't sure if your child is going to play a sport but you have a checkup over the summer, have form filled out.

Please abide by all deadlines.

Gym Excuses

- Parents may write excuse for a child good for one class.
- School nurse may excuse for 1 or 2 days due to injury or illness
- All further excuses must be written by your MD.
 - Medical excuses should have start and release dates.
- Students with medical excuse for gym will also be excluded from recess.
- All students with medical notes will need a return to play order from the doctor.

Immunizations



All students, as per state and federal law, are required to be immunized against a variety of viruses and/or diseases.

Two vaccines: Tdap and Meningococcal are both due prior to the first day of school, unless students 11th birthday is after September. In that case a letter signed by the doctor with the date of the appointment needs to be provided.

Parents must provide documentation showing your child has been immunized.

Food Allergies

Please alert School Nurse if your student has a life threatening food allergy.

GMMS does not have Allergy Free tables in cafeteria, unless requested by parent in writing.

Student can carry epi-pen or store it in Health Office

School does have teacher delegates that can administer epi-pen in case the student or nurse are unable to.

Doctor and parent signed forms due to School Nurse by first day of school.

School Climate & Support

Ms. Kilbourn

Middle School Transition

- Middle School is a big transition. Children to Teenagers.
- Becoming individuals, seek talents.
- Discovering where they fit in, social expectations vs individuality.
- How to help
 - Open Communication
 - Social Media
 - Some anxiety or worries are typical
 - Promote Self-Advocating
 - Organization Skills
 - Utilize Resource
 - RealTime
 - Agenda Book
 - Homework Help

Counseling Services

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
 - 4-8 kids, variety of topics
- Mediation/Conflict Resolution
- Please communicate any issues with us so we can support your child.

Character Education

- 6 monthly lessons
- Rotate between classes
- Bully Busting Curriculum
 - Recognizing bullying & normal conflict
 - Recognizing passive, aggressive and assertive behavior
 - Using “I” messages
 - Telling vs Tattling
 - Bystander strategies
 - Conflict resolution steps
- Other Character Ed. as needed.

HIB



Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying

- *Any gesture, written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents, that is reasonably perceived as being motivated by any actual or perceived characteristic and has an impact on the school day.*
 - Examples- Weight, sexual orientation, race, religion
- Reporting and Investigation procedures
- Student training at the start of the year.

I&RS

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Intervention and Referral Services

- Identify students who are struggling academically.
- Develop plan to address struggles.
- Documentation of support.

Miscellaneous

- **Newsletter: read for all important updates**
- **Questions?**
- **Thank you for coming!**

Contact Info

Middle School 908-637-4349

www.gmrtd.com

Mr. Marmolejos-	Principal	Ext 204
Mrs. McDonagh-	Asst. Principal	Ext 205
Mrs. Wilson-	School Nurse	Ext 206
Ms. Kilbourn-	School Counselor	Ext 254
Main Office-	Mrs. D'Aconti	Ext 200