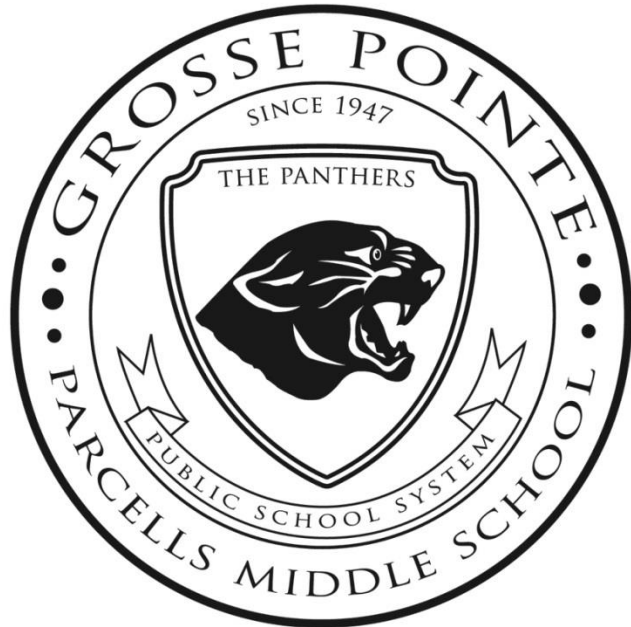


Welcome to Parcells Middle School!



THE PROCESS FOR REGISTRATION
and
TRANSITION INTO SIXTH GRADE

Parcells Middle School Administrators



Mr. Hartley
Principal



Mrs. Redlin
Assistant Principal

Parcells Middle School Counselors



Mrs. Radant
Counselor for students
with last names beginning
A through K.



Mrs. Palffy
Counselor for students
with last names beginning
L through Z.

Parcells Middle School Standards Of Excellence

- Respect-We are respectful of each other & our school
- Responsibility-We exhibit personal responsibility in meeting our obligations
- Self Discipline-We behave in a way that does not interfere with our own learning or that of others
- Integrity-We demonstrate honesty and ethical standards in decision making
- Personal Best-We give our best effort in school work and behavior

Overview of Middle School

- Great opportunity to meet new friends and take advantage of many wonderful opportunities in and out of the classroom.
- Having 6-8 teachers requires good organization and study habits.
 - Assignment Books, Lockers, ACE, Homework Calendar
- ACE is available on Mondays-Thursdays in B-2.
- Grades and GPA's are given recognition for student achievement and behavior/conduct is monitored and recorded through ONE PARCELLS.
- Assistance is always available from counselors, teachers and administration.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November and March. Progress is always available through Pinnacle.

ONE PARCELLS

Positive Behavior Support Program

- 40 minute class for ALL students and ALL staff, every Tuesday.
 - Staff works to teach and encourage responsible skills and behaviors.
- System of rewards and interventions for recognizing and rewarding positive behavior.
- Positive reinforcements include: pep rallies, assemblies, before or after school snack rewards, cafeteria privileges.
- Panther Power coupons, and year end field trips.
- Consequences for poor behavior include Options Room visits, lunch detention, after school detention, Friday School, and Suspension. Students receive Conduct and Work Habits numerical assessments quarterly.

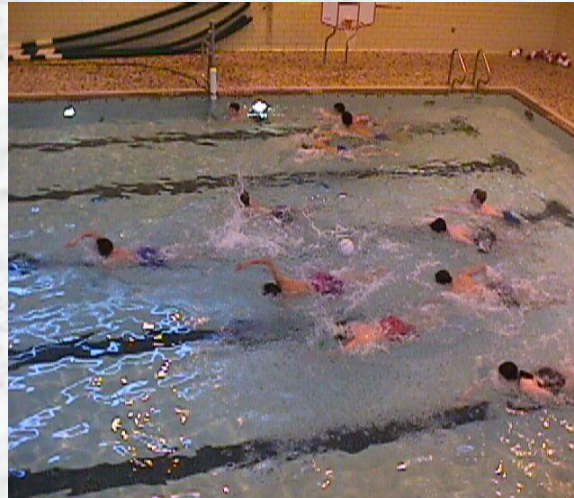
What are your "new" responsibilities?

- Lockers - gym and hallway
- Increased homework and testing
- Increased expectations and accountability
- Meeting deadlines
- Working independently
- Working cooperatively
- Time management
- Passing time
- Safety
- Respect for others



Middle School Mysteries

Hallways
Lockers
Pool
Locker Room
Lunchroom



How is lunch different?

- Lunch Period - 30 minutes + passing time
- Student Lunch - **\$3.00**
- A la carte - purchase individual items
- Snack Line
- Brown Bag
- Choose who you sit with
- Recess for about 10-15 minutes
 - ...if students are well-behaved and clean table

Extra-curricular activities for 6th graders

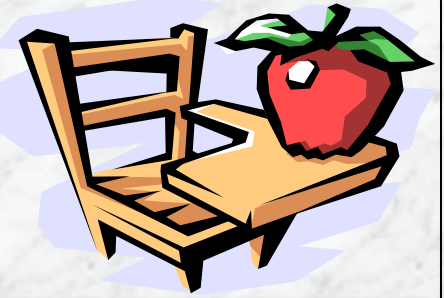
- **Intramural basketball**
- **Student Council representatives**
- **All school musical**
- **Drone Club**
- **Robotics Club - The Blown Fuses**
- **Running club**
- **Art club**
- **Social Studies Olympiad**
- **Strong Girls**
- **Other clubs and activities depending on student interest.* *Club fee required***

Future Opportunities

- National Junior Honor Society
- Social Studies Olympiad
- Washington DC trip (8th Grade)
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls
Volleyball & Basketball
- 7th & 8th grade Boys Basketball
- WPBC
- Spelling Bee
- Boys & Girls Track
- Wrestling
- Science - You Be The Chemist



Honor Roll Recognition (Grade Point Average)



- Academic Hall of Fame, 4.0 to 4.33
- Merit Honors, 3.5 to 3.99
- Academic Achievement, 3.0 to 3.49
- Counselor's Award, all 1's and 2's in conduct, and work habits
- Conduct Honor Roll, all 1's and 2's in conduct

Parent and Student Online Resources

- Middle School Program of Studies
 - Course Descriptions
- Student Handbook (Assignment Book)
 - General Info & Important dates
 - Code of Conduct
 - ONE Parcels/Behavior

- Parent Portal Tab

- Parent Portal:

- Report Card Grades
 - Cafeteria payments
 - Attendance
 - Transcripts
 - Schedules

- Pinnacle:

- Assignments & current grades in real time

The screenshot shows the website for Parcels Middle School. At the top, there is a green navigation bar with a search box and links for 'Sign In' and 'Register'. Below this is the school's logo and name, 'Parcels Middle School', along with its address and contact information. A secondary navigation bar contains tabs for 'Home', 'About Us', 'Activities', 'Athletics', 'Departments', 'MS Media Center', 'Staff Directory', 'Staff Websites', 'Parents', and 'Students'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Upcoming Events' listing activities like 'Girls Basketball Tryouts Day 1' and 'Boys Basketball VS Richards'; a photo of three students with a caption identifying 'Dr. Cathryn Armstrong, Principal' and 'Mr. Steven Wolf, Assistant Principal'; and 'Site Shortcuts' listing links to 'Annual Reports', 'Asbestos Activity Summary', 'Athletics', 'Club & Team Participation Fees', 'Directions to the School', 'English as a Second Language', 'Homework Assignments and Homework Help', and 'Internet Safety'.

Course Selection Process:

- **Complete course selection worksheet** at home and hand in to your teacher:
 - **Due date on bottom of worksheet: Friday January 20th**
- Read **6th Grade Transitions Booklet** and give to parents
- Read the **AVID** application and give to parents
- Program of Studies on our webpage.
- On-line registration dates and times:
 - **Mason - Tuesday, January 24th at 1:00 p.m.**
 - **Ferry - Thursday, January 26th at 12:30p.m.**
 - **Monteith - Thursday, January 26th at 9:00 a.m.**
 - **Poupard - Wednesday, January 25th at 9:00 a.m.**

Course Descriptions

Android or Apple

Classroom



Parcells Post

The student news site of Parcells Middle School

Upcoming Events

Today

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parcells Student Council @ Gleaners

3:25 PM - 4:15 PM Art Club Room 215

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Art Club in room 215

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Girls 7/8 Basketball Informational Meeting

Tomorrow

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Cheerleading Practice before Game

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Parcells Student Council Meeting

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM 7/8 Boys BB vs Kennedy Middle

Headlines & Features



Winter Coats Available at Parcells

Attention Parcells Parents/Guardians; Winter is fast approaching, and with it comes cold temperatures. If you find yourself or your family in need of a winter jacket please stop by the office to see Ms. Minette or Mrs. Kosmas during school business hours. Please stop by. We're here to help.

New Medication Policy

A completed medication form with parent and physician signatures is required for all medications including over the counter medication.

GPPS and Parcells Communication Information

Info on avoiding duplicate robocalls.

E-Alerts! Sign up and stay informed

School Traffic Drop Off & Pick Up Information

Traffic Drop Off and Pick Up Information

Lunchroom Procedure Reminder

Parents must bring forgotten student lunches directly to the office and not the cafeteria. Information regarding parent provided treats and forgotten lunches



Student Lost & Found and Locker Clean Out

Our student lost and found is located outside of the main office.

District Partnerships



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Enriching. Engaging. Inspiring our Future



ESL

- › Pinnacle, Parent & Student Connect

Bell Schedule

- › Homework Assignments and Homework Help
- › Submit to WPBC
- › Parent Teacher Conferences
- › Newsletters
- › Clinic and Volunteer Opportunities
- › Medication Authorization Form
- › 6th Grade A/B Cycle Day Schedule
- › Washington DC Trip
- › PARCELLS BAZAAR- DECEMBER 5, 2015
- › Pre-registration and Webstores

Curriculum

- › Middle School Program of Studies
- › Assessment Calendar
- › Performing Arts Calendar
- › Club & Team Participation Fees

Click on CURRICULUM for Middle School Course Descriptions



Core Course Requirements for All Students:

- ELA: Narrative (Fiction) 1 unit
- ELA: Informational (Non-Fiction) $\frac{1}{2}$ unit
Every other day, year-round
- Mathematics 1 unit
- Science 1 unit
- Social Studies 1 unit
- 6th grade computer skills $\frac{1}{4}$ unit

4 $\frac{3}{4}$ units total

Elective Classes

Choices:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| ✓ Art | 0.25 units |
| ✓ Lifeskills | 0.25 units |
| ✓ Industrial Technology | 0.25 units |
| ✓ Physical Education | 0.25 units |
| ✓ French Introduction | 0.50 units |
| ✓ Spanish Introduction | 0.50 units |
| ✓ Choir 6 | 0.50 units |
| ✓ Explorations in Drama 6 | 0.50 units |
| ✓ Instrumental Music | 0.50 units |

Total elective classes: 1.25 units



Spanish courses offered at Parcels



Why take a language in middle school? A few reasons:

- The younger you are, the easier it is to learn a language. Start now!
- Students who take Spanish 1 and 2 earn high school credit as middle schoolers. They can be done with their language graduation requirement (GPPS requires 2 years) before they even enter 9th grade.
- Students who take the introduction course, level 1, and then level 2 are on track to take AP Spanish as juniors or seniors. Doing well on the AP exam helps them place out of language requirements in college; they could save **thousands** of dollars in tuition by starting now.

So why Spanish?

Since 400 million people speak Spanish worldwide, it's becoming a major language for business. Knowing Spanish will help you find a job, travel, appreciate Hispanic culture, connect to U.S. history, and support you in learning other languages, too.

Does your child enjoy learning about the world? Is he or she interested in French culture? Want to get him/her on the fast-track to earning high school credit?

Take Intro to French for 6th graders!



- Year-long elective that meets every other day
- Basic elements of French language and culture
- Students who complete French I as 7th or 8th graders have the opportunity to earn high school credit.
- (Please note that students must complete Intro to French before taking French I).
- Food, crafts, games, and fun all year long!





3D Art



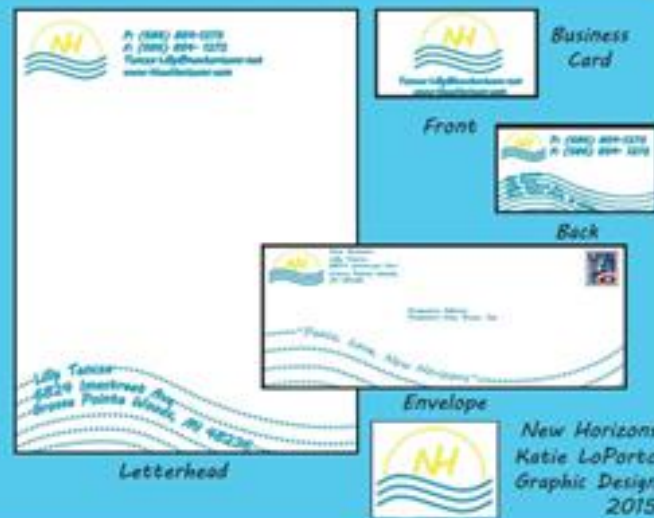
6th Grade Art



2D Art

ART

AT PARCELS



Graphic Design

6th Grade Technology

Mr. Matthew Kotes

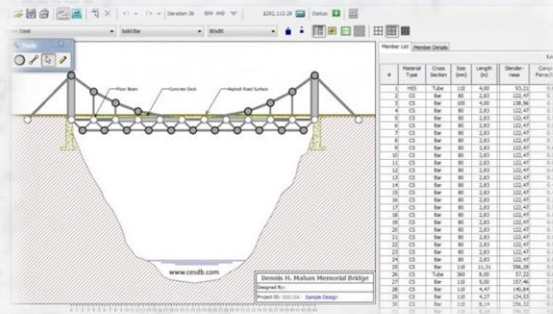
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Architectural Floor Plans

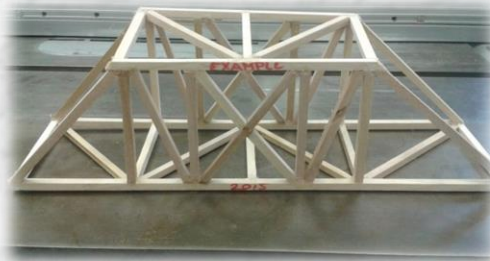
- Use a CAD Program to learn about the basics of floor plans and symbols
- Construct two (2) different houses
 - ✓ Tutorial
 - ✓ Personal



Bridge Builder w/ CAD



Model Wooden Bridge



Wooden Pen Stand

- Design and manufacture a pen stand out of wood
- Learn how to safely use a variety of machines and hand tools, such as...
 - ✓ Scroll Saw
 - ✓ Disc & Belt Sander
 - ✓ Rasp
 - ✓ Coping Saw



Other Elective Course Offerings

- Physical Education
 - Mrs. Gulick
- Performing Arts
 - Choir – Mrs. Saroli
 - Drama – Mr. Kifer
 - Instrumental Music –
Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Zogas,
Mr. Doss



AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

- AVID is a program for students who demonstrate that they are capable of completing a rigorous curriculum of Honors level courses but are currently falling short of their potential.
- AVID is an elective class that is focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading to help students strengthen skills that are needed in high school and college. It is a one hour daily elective.
- AVID requires an application process by any interested 5th grade student. This application is available on Parcels website and must be completed/signed and turned into Parcels main office by April 30th for consideration into the AVID elective.

Step 1:

Select your first choice elective courses by placing a 'P' (PRIMARY) next to the appropriate course numbers listed below.
Be sure your Primary choices add up to 1 ¼ units.

Step 2:

Select a 2nd set of elective course choices (ALTERNATES) by placing an 'A' next to the courses numbers listed below.
Be sure your Alternate choices add up to 1 ¼ units.+
(While every effort will be made to schedule your primary choices, placement in specific classes or courses cannot be guaranteed.)

Step 3:

Write PRIMARY and ALTERNATE choice elective courses in the Sample Worksheet (located on back of attached letter).

GRADE 6 ELECTIVE COURSESFull year courses (every other day)

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
_____ 04666	French Introduction 6	1/2
_____ 04667	Spanish Introduction 6	1/2
_____ 04672	Choir 6	1/2
_____ 04675	Explorations in Drama 6	1/2

Semester Courses (every other day)

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
_____ 04662	6 th Grade Art	1/4
_____ 04664	6 th Gr Lifeskills	1/4
_____ 04665	6 th Gr Technology	1/4
_____ 04668	6 th Gr Phys Ed	1/4

Instrumental Music

Please check the course number and instrument you play.

*Changing instruments requires teacher approval. (see below)

Orchestra 6 Band 6 (WW) Band 6 (BR) Percussion 6

_____ 06686 _____ 06687 _____ 06687 _____ 06684

Violin Flute Trumpet Percussion

Cello Clarinet Trombone

Viola Saxophone Baritone

Instrument Change Approval

This is a change from my 5th grade instrument

Current Music Teacher signature _____

*6th grade is the first year in which students are offered the opportunity to play French horn, oboe, percussion, saxophone, tuba, or string bass. Students interested in beginning one of these instruments in 6th grade are strongly encouraged to enroll in the 2012 summer school instrumental program prior to beginning 6th grade.

Number of Primary Units: (Should equal 1 ¼) _____

Number of Alternate Units: (Should equal 1 ¼) _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR FIFTH GRADE TEACHER

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Course Selection Sheet Reminders:

- Verify that boxes in both columns A and/or B total 1.25 electives
- Be sure your parents sign at the bottom of the registration sheet
- Return completed sheet to your 5th grade teacher for registration next week by **Friday January 20th!**



*We are excited to have you as
future Parcels Students!*



We are Parcels Panthers!