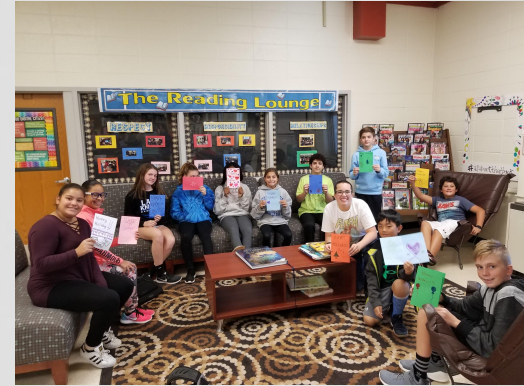


Welcome to Elwood Middle School!



6th Grade Parent
Orientation
April 3, 2019

Goals of the Evening

- ❖ Meet the Team
- ❖ Middle Level Philosophy
- ❖ Teaming at the MS
- ❖ The School Day
- ❖ Core Extension
- ❖ KORT
- ❖ People here to assist you
- ❖ Chromebooks
- ❖ Important Information
- ❖ Transitioning to MS



Meet the Team



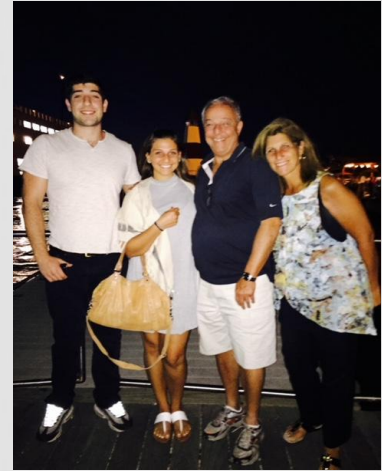
Dr. Sapienza,
Principal



Mrs. Valle,
Assistant Principal



Mr. Schwartz,
School Counselor



Ms. Lederer,
School Counselor

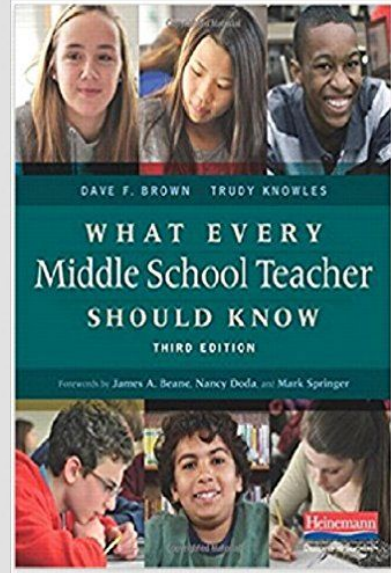
Middle School years are GREAT years!

- ❖ Getting connected!
- ❖ Teaming
- ❖ Clubs
- ❖ Chromebooks
- ❖ School Counselors
- ❖ New Experiences
- ❖ Fun and relevant curriculum
- ❖ Changing classes
- ❖ 9 period day
- ❖ Enrichment Opportunities



Middle Level Philosophy

- ❖ Understanding the unique developmental time of adolescents
 - Physical changes
 - Brain Development
 - Social and emotional needs
 - Search for Identity
- ❖ Effective Middle Schools
 - Team
 - Create caring, safe learning environment
 - Relevant Curriculum
 - Interdisciplinary learning
 - Flexible Scheduling
 - Advisory Program



Teaming at EMS

- ❖ Create a smaller learning communities to create meaningful relationships and purposeful learning
- ❖ Teams consist of the English, Math, Science and Social Studies teachers
- ❖ Teams Change from Year to Year
- ❖ Students are not teamed during lunch and all specials are periods
- ❖ Offer consistent communication with teachers (websites, assignment calendars, extra help schedules, team meetings)



[Teaming in action!](#)

KORT

- ❖ Small group of students, multigrade, meet with a staff member once of month.
- ❖ Monthly activities address:
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - School Connectedness
 - Building Community
 - Acceptance
 - Team building



EMS 9 Period Day

- ❖ Team academic periods are 1, 2, 6, 7 (English, Math, Science and Social Studies)
- ❖ Lunch is period 4
- ❖ Core Extension is period 5*
- ❖ Periods 3, 8, 9 are special area classes:
 - Art
 - Family and Consumer Science (FACS)
 - Music
 - Technology
 - PE
 - 6th Grade Seminar



	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1	Social Studies					
2	Math					
3	Music	PE	Music	PE	Music	PE
4	Lunch					
5	CE MATH	CE ELA	CE MATH	CE Science	CE ELA	CE SS
6	English					
7	Science					
8	FACS	ART	FACS	ART	FACS	ART
9	Tech	6th Grade Seminar	Tech	6th Grade Seminar	Tech	6th Grade Seminar

Core Extension

Core Extension Activities

English CE: Reinforce concepts taught in English, poetry writing, current events, debate activities, creation of book trailers and StoryBoards, Interdisciplinary units, everyday edits, creative writing, studying short stories, targeted instructional support, Academic Interventions Services

Math CE: graphing Skills, coordinate Plane Battleship, designing 100 grid pictures using percents, decimals, fractions, Digital Breakout Boxes, supplemental work for 6th grade curriculum, creation of Interactive notebook flippables, targeted instructional support, Academic Interventions Services

Science CE: Student interest research projects, Legends of Learning: digital games, Shark Tank inventions, forensics labs/activities, cancer research projects, Google Expeditions, states of matter with stop animation, atoms and elements activity and concept mapping, Carbon Footprint reduction

Social Studies CE Google Expeditions, Mummified Project, map skills, primary versus secondary sources, current event connections, What does it mean to be an American? Project, exploring diversity in America, historical picture book walks, debates, targeting skills for new regents exams at the high school level,, Humanitarian Projects.

Chromebooks

- ❖ All middle school students receive a brand new Acer Chromebook with a protective carrying case for educational use
- ❖ Make sure the Chromebook is charged every night and brought to school every day
- ❖ You may use your chromebook, 24/7, anytime, anywhere. Please care for it as you would your own computer
- ❖ Elwood Google account gives you access to all of the school's programs and your own google drive where all of you work files, projects and notes.
- ❖ Chromebook Central
- ❖ Accidental Breakage Insurance : Approximately \$27 for a full year, including the summer



Counseling Center

- ❖ Guidance Team:
 - 2 School Counselors
 - 1 School Psychologist, Mrs. Mir
 - 1 Social Worker, Mrs. Dejesus
- ❖ First line of support
- ❖ Conflict Resolution
- ❖ Scheduling
- ❖ Classroom Lessons
- ❖ Individual and Group Counseling
- ❖ Coordination with outside services/programs
- ❖ Working Papers
- ❖ [Guidance Website](#)



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Support Systems

- ❖ Teachers - Extra Help
- ❖ Counseling Center
- ❖ Secretarial Staff
- ❖ Nurse
- ❖ Administration
- ❖ Team Meetings
- ❖ [EMS Website](#)



Digital Footprint

- ❖ A collection of all of your online activity
- ❖ Your digital footprint can impact your:
 - real life reputation and image
 - admission to college
 - employment opportunities
 - relationships with parents, teachers, and friends.
 - possible school related response
- ❖ Be careful about posting and texting information about yourself or others
- ❖ Remember when you are posting on social media sites, it is most likely revealing your EXACT location
- ❖ Advise your children to block people who have sent negative messages or pictures
- ❖ [Sharing Safely on Social Media](#)



Transition Process

- ❖ Parent Orientation
- ❖ 5th Grade Student Orientation (May 8th)
- ❖ Teachers/Staff Boyd Visits
- ❖ Staff Articulation
- ❖ August 27, Open House by team
 - 9am-10am Blue Team
 - 10am-11am White Team
 - Chromebook Distribution
 - Building open the rest of the day
- ❖ First Day of School, September 4
- ❖ [Supply List](#)



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Items for Information

- ❖ Start Time: 8:19-3:02
- ❖ August Information on the parent portal
 - Schedule
 - Bus Route and pick up time
 - Locker and Combination
 - Agenda (distributed at August orientation)
- ❖ Early Morning Bus Routes
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Join as many clubs as you would like and can start any time of year
- ❖ Sports begins for students in 7th grade
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