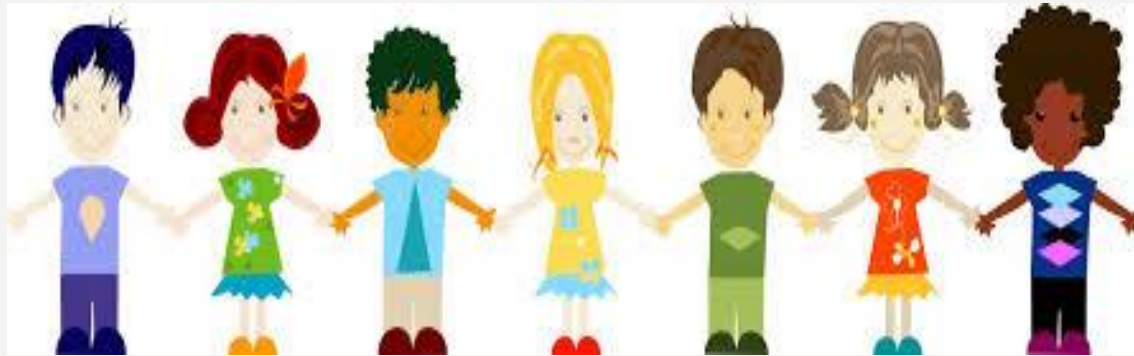


WELCOME TO HACKETTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Class of 2024



TODAY'S AGENDA

- 9:10-9:30 Welcome to Hackettstown Middle School (Auditorium) with Mr. Thompson
- 9:35-9:45 Tiger Tunes Presentation with Mrs. Grzywacz
- 9:50-10:00 Band Presentation with Mr. Freeman
- 10:05-10:25 Tour of Middle School with 7th Graders
- 10:30-11:30 Initiation Games on Blacktop / Old Gym (Rain) with Mrs. Brotzman & 7th Graders
- 11:30 Hatchery Hill & Willow Grove Walk to the Front of the Building to Board Their Buses and Return to Their Buildings

HMS AND ITS RICH TRADITION

- HMS was built in 1875
- Originally a K-12 building
- Became a K-8 building in 1959
- HH & WG were built in the late 1960s and early 1970s making HMS a 5-8 Middle School
- Currently has grades 5-8 and approximately 410 students
- Think about what has happened since 1875 and all this building has been through – you get to become part of its rich tradition this September!

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

- HMS scored in the 83rd percentile in NJ for English Language Arts scores on PARCC
- For comparison sakes:
 - GMMS 56th
 - Warren Hills 60th
 - Allamuchy 66th

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

- We look at education as an opportunity
- Provide students with choice (Band and/or Chorus, Clubs, etc.)
- JFK – “What can I do???”
- Take advantage of the opportunity before you
- Challenge students and maintain high expectations
- Build independence and responsibility – they are connected!
- Our goal is to foster 21st century processes focused on critical thinking, literacy, and problem solving

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

- Be respectful
- Be honest and take responsibility
- Be kind – kindness matters!
- Learn from your mistakes
- Get to school on time and only be absent when it's absolutely necessary
- Be a positive reflection on yourself, your family, and your school
- Give it your best!

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Breakfast Club	7:30-8:00
Report to school	8:00
Line Up	8:10
Homeroom	8:15 - 8:20
8 Period Day	40 minute classes



REGULAR SCHEDULE

4 Periods	Science, S.S., Math, & ELA
1 Period	Rotating Block (21 st Century Skills)
1 Period	SOAR (Strengthening Our Academic Readiness)
2 Periods	Encore Cycles (Art, Spanish, PE, Music, Computers, and Character Education)
Lunch	11:15-11:45 (Lunch and Recess)



CYCLES

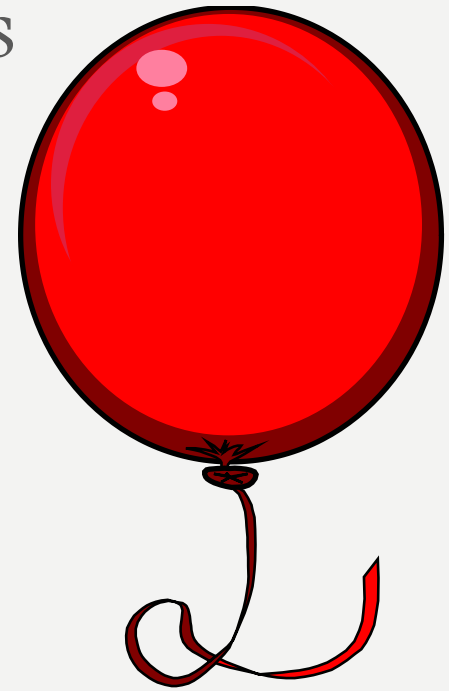
- Art
- General Music
 - (Chorus/Band)
- Computers
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Character Education



OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT

INCLUDE:

- Engaging Learning Experiences
- Student Choice
- Friendships
- After School Clubs
- Student Council



COMMUNICATION

- What's your responsibility as a parent of a middle schooler?
- Tiger's Lair on the web
- RealTime (online grades)
- Middle School website
- See your teachers
- Agenda books



AGENDA BOOKS

- Similar to one used in grade 4
- Has the handbook inside
- Just like a textbook
- Keeps students organized
- Use it every day
- Use for correspondence with teachers



WHAT I REALLY NEED TO KNOW

- First day of school Tuesday, September 6th
- Mr. Beyer – Assistant Principal, Mrs. LaPlante – School Nurse, Secretaries – Mrs. Klaver & Mrs. McDade, Guidance – Mrs. Varina & Mrs. Brotzman, Grade 5 Team – Mrs. Andrusin, Mrs. Castelomendes, Ms. Gericke, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Whitehead, Encore Teachers, Custodians - Mr. Fluche & Mr. Banghart
- Location of the 5th grade door (Be there by 8:00)
- Keep your child's mind sharp over the summer
- Schedule and homeroom
- Back to School Night (September 22nd at 7:00 pm)
- Be positive – it's infectious!

COMMON QUESTIONS

- What homeroom will your child be in?
- Can your child ride his/her bike to school?
- Is there a dress code?
- Does your child have to change for gym?
- Can your child buy lunch?
- Do we have lockers?
- Will my child be with the older kids?
- Remember...MS staff are parents too!



QUESTIONS ???

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO
KNOW ABOUT OUR MIDDLE
SCHOOL?

