



**STEM SCHOOL**  
**HIGHLANDS RANCH**  
*Never Stop Innovating*

# Move up to Middle School Day

5th grade presentation  
March 31, 2023

# Middle School Leadership Team

Mrs. Ridder - Middle School Director

Mr. Patel - Dean of Students

Mrs. Kovalesky - Executive Director

Dr. Jistine Harrison - Director of Student Support

# Daily Schedule

- Block schedule - Four 90-minute classes per day
- Blue/Gold/Silver days
- M/W - Blue
- T/Th - Gold
- Friday - Silver - skinny schedule - all classes
- Access Period - Two times per week
- Five minute passing periods
- Lunch - 30 minutes

# Office Hours/Study Hall

- All teachers hold office hours once or twice a week
- All middle schoolers will have an Access Period:
  - complete homework
  - collaborate with peers on assignments
  - attend office hours
  - make up tests and assignments
  - ask for help
  - get organized.

## Field Trips

- 6th Grade - Keystone Science Camp
- 7th Grade - Seacamp in San Diego
- 8th grade - Boston

# Use of Computers in Middle School

- Bring your computer to school charged and ready to go.
- At school, your computer will be used for school purposes only.
- We have high expectations for appropriate use of devices throughout the day and there are consequences for inappropriate use.
- Through a Digital Citizenship program presentation through our DCSD Sheriff, there are opportunities for further education about this subject.

# Homework Expectations

- How much can you expect? No more than 20 minutes per class
- Can you get it done during the school day? Yes, if you use your time.
- How can you manage it? Canvas has a TO DO LIST where students can manage all of their classes and assignments
- How can parents help? They can be observers in Canvas or log in as the student to see what assignments are due as well as grades.
- If you have any questions whatsoever about homework assignments, what should you do? ASK your teacher in person or via email.

# Community Expectations

- Using proper language in the class, halls, restrooms, lunchroom, and outside
- Work hard at being kind, respectful, empathetic, and honest
- Look out for one another
- Understand that each student is different and respecting those differences
- Realize that we all make mistakes and that they are part of our growth



# Lockers

All sixth graders who wish to have a locker can sign up for one.

# Communication

- Always contact your teacher first
- Talk to your teacher in person, in class, during Access, or office hours
- Email your teacher
- Formal
  - Back to School Night for families
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences

# Cell Phone Policy



**NO CELL PHONES**

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- Cell phones are NOT allowed in the classroom.
- All phones must be placed in the class phone pocket before you enter the classroom.
- Phones may not be taken out unless you have the permission of your teacher for a specific reason.

# Spartan Launch

Please be on the lookout for Spartan Launch to take place the first week of August.

# Today's Schedule

Period 6 - 11:25-12:40 - Gym- Overview and clubs

Period 7 - 12:45 - 1:25 - Attend class with buddy

Period 8 - 1:30 - 2:10 - Attend class with buddy

Period 9 - Return to your ES Classroom

# 6th Grade Clubs and Activities

## Ms. FitzRoy - Enrichment Coordinator

[Click here for details](#)

**Basketball**

**BEST Robotics**

**Brain Bowl**

**Broadcasting Club**

**CyberPatriot**

**Dungeons and Dragons**

**Fashion Club**

**Fencing**

**Girls Persist**

**Literary Magazine**

**Math Counts**

**Science Olympiad**

**SteMed Jr (Medical Club)**

**STEM Communications Club**

**Student Government**

**Theatre - Tech Crew**

**TSA (Technology Student Association)**

**Theater – Improv and Sketch Comedy Club**