

WOODLAND PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Columbine Elementary Sixth Grade Handbook

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Welcome 6th Grade!

In this packet you will find some important information about our upcoming year. Please read through and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns. We anticipate an amazing year.

Home Connections:

- Friday Folders will come home every Friday and should return to school on Monday. With few exceptions, we will be sending home all important paperwork and graded school work on Fridays.
- Our weekly newsletters are sent through Infinite Campus messenger every Friday. Parents are encouraged to read the newsletters for important information and to stay up-to-date on curriculum taught in each content area. If you are not receiving newsletters, please reach out to the office staff to update your contact information.
- Math homework may be given as needed to reinforce math concepts.
- If your child consistently does not finish work during class time, class work may be sent home for completion.

Clubs and Enrichments:

- Students will have the opportunity to join clubs that will meet every Friday 8-8:45. These clubs will vary throughout the year and are facilitated by the 6th Grade Teachers and Specials Teachers.
- **Enrichments** will be taught every Friday, 2-2:45pm. The Enrichments will run for the entire quarter, and be graded. There will be four Enrichment classes offered each quarter.

HOMWORK

Philosophy:

- Every family desires successful school and life experiences for their children. During the school day, children learn and grow in a rigorous, academic environment. After school, children need time with family and friends, to play, relax, and exercise.
- Much research indicates that traditional homework completion does not greatly impact academic achievement at the elementary level in literacy,

science and social studies. Research does indicate that home and school environments provide the following indicators of academic and life success:

Practice:

- **However**, we feel that preparing our students for middle school and beyond requires skills to be taught and practiced. We will not be giving homework for homework's sake, but we will instead be giving weekly assignments in ELA and Math. They will be short assignments that build skills that will increase academic success.
- We believe that it is important to build time management skills and the responsibility of completing homework on time and returning it with neat handwriting-including math, correct spelling, and complete sentences.
 - Teachers will communicate current skill work in their weekly newsletters sent through Infinite Campus (including spelling, vocabulary, math). Parents are welcome to practice these skills at home.

Band:

- 6th Grade Band will be taught every Friday by Ms. Garcia. The first period is 8-8:45, and the second period is 8:45-9:30.
- We will alternate band times by quarter so that our students will have the opportunity to take part in Clubs and Study Hall. For example: in first quarter, woodwinds will be first period while the other students take part in Clubs. Brass will be second period while the other students have Study Hall.
- There will be an instrument rental night on Thursday, August 24th from 5pm – 7pm. This is the easiest opportunity to rent an instrument for your student and pick up needed supplies (reeds, oil, book and music stand).
- Save the Date: Your student will be involved in one band concert on May 14th at 6pm at the middle school. More information will be shared on a later date.

Contact Information:

- **Language Arts and Social Studies:** Mrs. Flesher rflesher@wpsdk12.org
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- **Band:** Ms. Garcia kgarcia@wpsdk12.org

Odds and Ends:

- Students will have a snack time in the afternoon because we have an early lunch.
- We encourage students to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- For birthday celebrations, we will be encouraging students to choose an alternative to treats. We have a selection of activities that we will give them. If treats are brought in, we ask that they come in at the beginning of the day to be given out when it will fit in with the homeroom teacher's schedule. Treats must be cut or packaged for individual consumption. It will not be a "party" but a small celebration.
- If there is any change to the normal pick-up procedure at the end of the day, please notify your homeroom teacher and the office in advance so we can safely account for all students at the end of the day.
- Field trips:
 - We will be going to Golden Bell on **September 13th**. More information will be coming soon.
 - We are still in the process of planning some other fun events for 6th Grade. We will be reaching out to parents to assist with these events when the time comes.