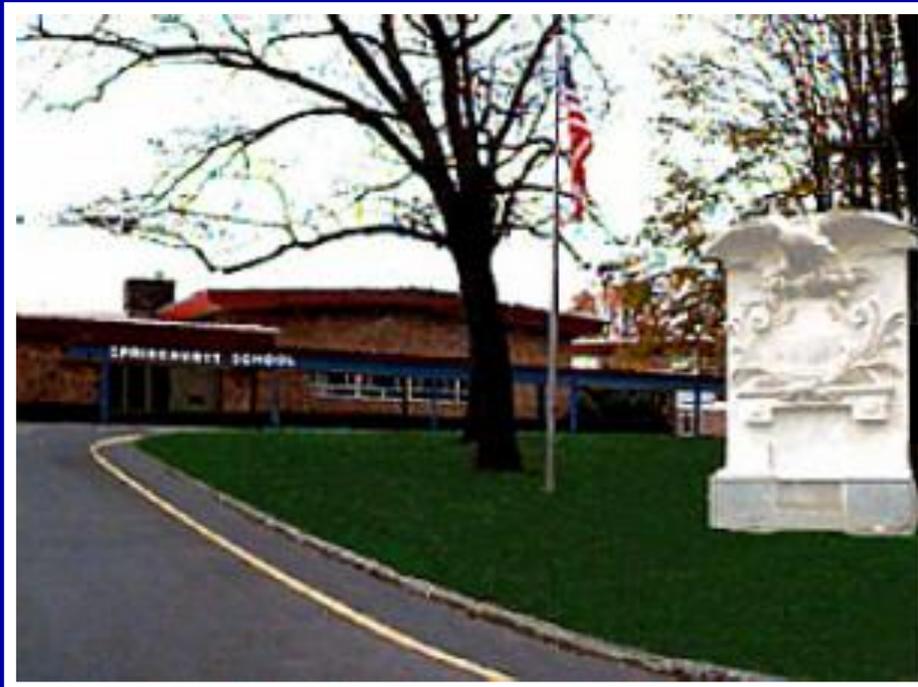


Welcome to 6th Grade Transition Presentation!

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Welcome to Middle School, the Transition Years!



Welcome to DFMS!

Meet our Administrators



**Patrick Mussolini,
Principal**



**Anne Pecunia,
Assistant Principal**

Top 6 Things You Need to Know About 6th Grade

Claudia Ducic and Edward Feller
Language & Literature Teachers



- **#6 - We're More than Just Academics!** We have extracurricular activities for all kinds of interests. Some clubs include No Place For Hate, Math Olympiad, DI, Student Government, Anime, and the DFMS Online Newspaper. We look forward to having musicals, orchestra and band performances, and dances back again soon!



- **#5 – No Cell Phones Required** DFMS provides each child with a Chromebook and Internet access in the classroom. They will be allowed to take their Chromebooks home during the school year. Cell phones should be safely stored and silenced in students' backpacks during the day.



- **#4 - We're into Responsible Technology Use** We use Google Classroom to help students learn to manage their assignments and classroom materials. And there's Parent Portal so parents can see and monitor their child's progress.

Top 6 Things You Need to Know About 6th Grade

- **#3 - We've Traded Lockers for Backpacks This Year.** To keep our hallways less crowded and for everyone's safety, students will use a backpack to hold all their school supplies as they travel to their classes throughout the day.
- **#2- Homework Happens** Homework is a regular part of MS life and counts as part of their grade. Students will be expected to use both an agenda book and the Google Classroom TO DO list to foster good organizational habits and classroom accountability.
- **#1-It's Going to be a Great Year!** We're looking forward to getting to know your children. There's so much for them to learn and do!





School Counseling Services

Our Counseling Support Team includes:

School Counselor, Sandra Hacker * School Psychologist, Julissa Marcano *
School Social Worker, Sheila Kusi-Asare * Guidance Administrative Assistant,
Denise Cunningham

School counselors provide class lessons on social development, small groups and meet with students individually.

Call me if you have concerns relating to your child's:

- School performance
- Behavior
- Organization
- Friendships or issues with peers
- General questions



**KEEP
CALM**
AND SEE YOUR
**SCHOOL
COUNSELOR**



6th Grade students
choose their Music
classes! Did yours?

Scheduling

2 day schedule: A/C and B/D

Exploratory Classes meet p.9:

- Design
- Visual Art
- Health
- Digital Design

Music Classes meet p.6:

- Chorus, Instrumental Music
(Band), Orchestra

School begins at 8:12 am daily
and ends at 3:20 M, T, Th, F
and 2:20 W

Period / Time	Sample 6th Grade Schedule
Per. 1 8:12	Individuals & Societies (Social Studies)
Per. 2 9:00	Math
Per. 3 9:48	Study Skills (study skills, organization, digital citizenship, Character Strong)
Per. 4 10:36	Science
Per. 5 11:24	Lunch
Per. 6 12:12	Music A/C Day / PE B/D Day
Per. 7 1:00	Lang. Acquisition Carousel
Per. 8 1:48	Language & Literature (English)
Per. 9 2:36	Design A/C Day / Visual Art B/D Day

Middle Years Program

Presented by: Jennifer Hickey
I&S Teacher, MYP Coordinator



- One of 708 schools in the United States to offer the Middle Years Program (MYP)
- We are a model school for MYP
- The MYP supports the physical, mental and social characteristics of adolescent learners

Middle Years Program

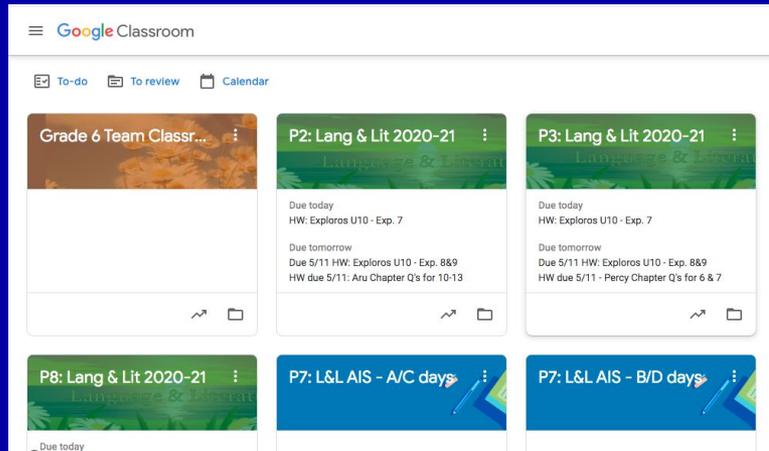
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- International mindedness
- Propose solutions to real world scenarios and global issues
- Responsible local and global citizens
- Interdisciplinary learning to foster connections, build skills and deepen understanding
- Develop critical, reflective and flexible thinking skills

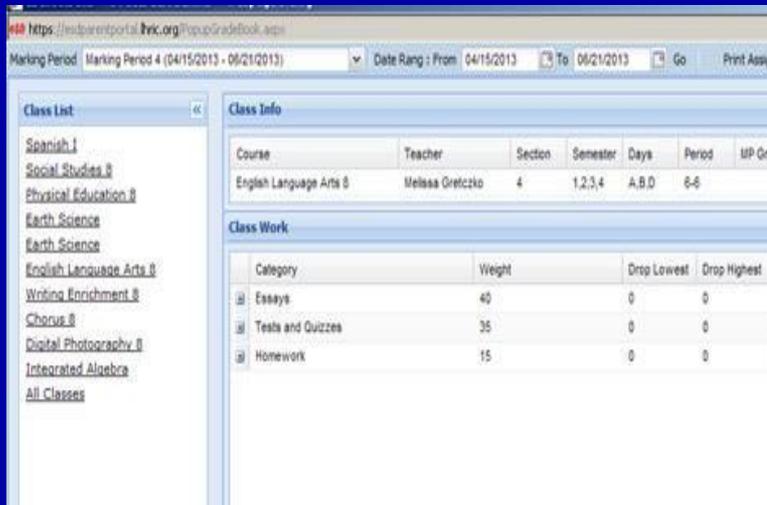
Home-School Communication

Julianne Laverty, Math Teacher



- Google Classroom and agenda book for information on homework, tests, quizzes, projects, important dates, etc.

- Email (teacher's lastnamefirst initial@dfsd.org)



- eSchool Parent Portal (access to Gradebook, Progress Reports, Report Cards, Attendance and Health and Class Schedules)

Language Acquisition

Presented by: Maria Piparo

Our Language Acquisition Teachers:

Marcia Heffler, Danielle Huyter,

Stephanie Gonzalez, and

Maria Piparo

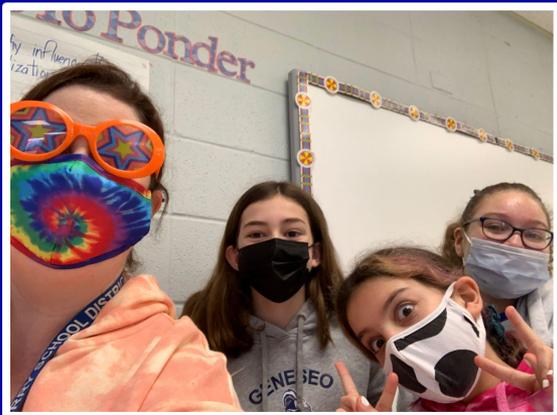


Special Education

Presented by: Lisa Alfonzetti Special Education Teacher



6th Graders Taking a Tour



Theme Days

- At the MS your child may, or may not be scheduled in a co-taught class. If in a co-taught class, they would be part of a class taught by both a special educator and general education teacher, who work collaboratively to plan instruction that meets the needs of all students.
- Your child may also have a class called, "Resource Room" that either meets daily, or every-other-day, depending on the need. In this setting, academic concepts are pre-taught and re-taught. Students also work to strengthen skills that address specific goals indicated on the child's Individualized Education Plan.
- If your child has an Individualized Education Plan, or IEP, they will be assigned a case manager, who will serve as your point person. The case manager will oversee the implementation of your child's IEP.

Support for Sixth Graders

Mike Hanley - Science Teacher

Middle School Staff



6th Grade Team

Extra Curricular Activities & The Sixth Grade Perspective:



GIRLS WHO CODE

Advisor: Mrs. Colon,
colonl@dfsd.org

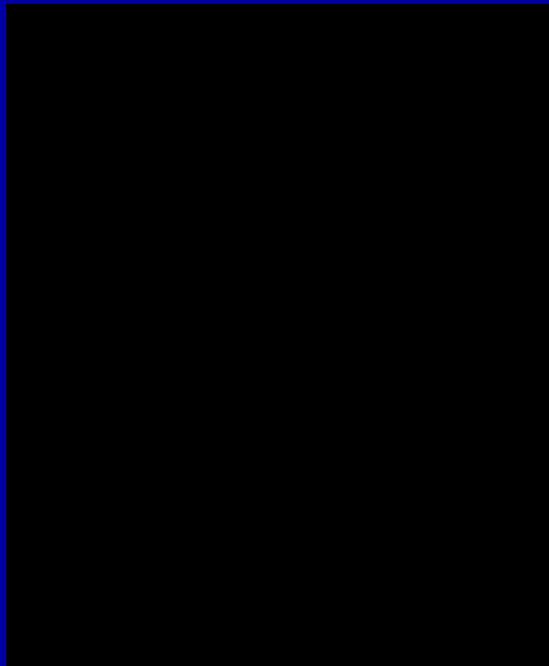
- **What:** Join the movement to inspire, educate & equip young girls with the computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. Let's close the gender gap & change the image of what a programmer looks like & does. We will build character and coding skills as we learn, plan, build and celebrate together to create a project that you care about.
- **When:** Every other Friday 2:30 - 3:15
- **Where:** Virtual and in room m104.



American Sign Language Club



Advisor: Ms. Tsha Gregory
What: Learn basic sign language skills
When: Thursday's 3:30-4:20pm
Where: Google Meet



Student Government

Advisor: Mrs. Tobey
 E-mail: Tobeyn@dfsd.org

What we do:

- Help promote school spirit.
- Plan Field Day.
- Plan and organize school-wide activities.
- Plan and organize community service projects.
- Meet with school administration on school-wide issues.

When: Wednesday mornings @ 7:40 am
Where: M211

Online Newspaper Club

Advisor: Mr. Feller, fellere@dfsd.org

- **What we do:** Write about, take pictures, film, etc., events that pertain to our school and where we live and **publish them on dfmsnewspaper.com**
- **When:** Monday mornings @ 7:45am.
- **Where:** Virtually - Google Meets (Look for Classroom Invite!)

A Parent's Perspective



Lena Croteau

Christine Cabello

PTSA

Presented by:

Jennifer Doyle

PTSA Vice President

