

# Memorial Middle School

6th Grade Orientation  
2023



# Miss Minadeo is your 6th Grade Class Advisor!

She will work to organize your  
6th Grade field trip, class  
fundraisers, etc.

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## Your Class Advisor



\*If you're looking for Miss Minadeo, check room 114!

## Our Administration

**Mrs. Fasouletos**  
Principal

[kfasouletos@epps.org](mailto:kfasouletos@epps.org)

**Mr. Kowal**  
Assistant Principal

[tkowal@epps.org](mailto:tkowal@epps.org)

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."  
-John Quincy Adams





# School Security

Mr. Wartel

[wartel@epps.org](mailto:wartel@epps.org)

School Resource Officers

Officer Uttel

[muttel@epps.org](mailto:muttel@epps.org)

Officer Noll

[gnoll@epps.org](mailto:gnoll@epps.org)

- Located in hallways throughout the school
- Security and ensure student safety
- Report an issue
- If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable

# Athletics

Mr. Basile  
Athletic Director  
[dbasile@epps.org](mailto:dbasile@epps.org)



Welcome to the  
School Counselor's Corner



**Ms. Spataro**

School Counselor

6,7,8- Last Names A-L

[dspataro@epps.org](mailto:dspataro@epps.org)

**Ms. Fiorino**

School Counselor

6,7,8- Last Names M-Z

[lfiorino@epps.org](mailto:lfiorino@epps.org)

**Ms. McLoughlin**

School Social Worker

**Guidance Department**

# Wellness Counselor

## The Wellness Program



### What is Wellness?

Wellness is the act of practicing healthy habits on a daily basis to attain better physical and mental health outcomes, so that instead of simply surviving, you are **THRIVING!**

Making choices for your own wellness and well-being involves applying skills that are developed through knowledge and self-awareness, along with support from your community.



The school's Wellness Counselor can work with you to create and maintain a healthy life balance using the Well-Being Wheel. Check out the next page to meet the counselor!



Mrs. Gabel  
Wellness Counselor  
Middle/High School  
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## **Emergency Issues:**

- Someone is threatening you
- You feel unsafe
- Reporting: "If you see /hear something, say something!"
- If you are having dark thoughts or feelings
- If you want to hurt yourself or someone else

## **What should you do during school?**

- Talk to a trusted adult right away (teacher, counselor, School Security Officer)
- Email your Counselor, Assist. Principal, or Principal directly
- Don't Wait!!

## **What should you do outside of school?**

- Talk to a trusted adult right away (parent, neighbor, Police Officer)
- Call 911

**Reasons To See Your Counselor**



### **Non-Emergency Issues:**

- Schedule Changes
- Having difficulties with academics
- Study tips
- Having a conflict with a friend
- Changes/problems at home
- Talk about a problem
- Share good/exciting news
- Questions about school activities
- And many more!!

### **What should you do?**

-Make an appointment with your counselor

### **How To Make An**

### **Appointment:**

**Go to the Middle School**

**Website:**

**[Middle School Website](#)**

**Click “Guidance” Tab**

**Click Your Counselor’s Name**

**Click “Appointments” Tab**

**Fill Out Google Form**

**Reasons To See Your Counselor**



# School Nurses

Ms. Urban

[kurban@epps.org](mailto:kurban@epps.org)

All medications require a form and are administered by our school nurses in the nurse's' office.

\*Come visit us in the Media Center

**Mrs. Buffa** is our district's Educational Technology specialist. She will assist students with their Gmail account, Google Apps for Education, student portal, special projects, etc.



[buffa@epps.org](mailto:buffa@epps.org)

**Mrs. Alfonso** is our middle/high school media specialist. She will help students with all of their library/media needs.



[valfonso@epps.org](mailto:valfonso@epps.org)

**Educational Technology  
Specialist & Media Specialist**

# Optional Activities

## Our EP Sports

Girls Volleyball  
Fall Sport

Boys Basketball  
Winter Sport

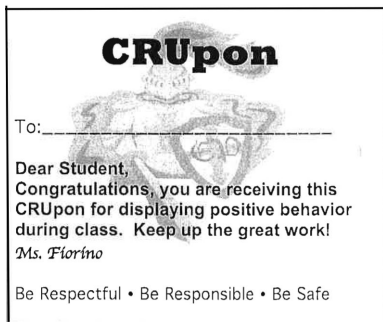
Girls Basketball  
Winter Sport

Co-Ed Track & Field  
Spring Sport



## EP Clubs

Book Club  
Creative Writing  
Crusader News  
Dance Club  
Environmental Club  
Finance Club  
Gaming Club  
Marching Band  
Mock Trial  
Musical Production  
Poetry Club  
Polish Club  
Volunteer Club  
Yearbook Committee  
Student Congress  
*& many more!*



# CRUpon System



## How it works:

When a teacher sees you behaving in a positive way, you may be rewarded with a CRUpon. Some examples of reasons you may earn CRUpuns include being respectful, following instructions, being on task, completing assignments, and any other positive aspect you are engaged in.

Two options to redeem CRUpuns:

Trade in 10 CRUpuns for an incentive. Students can go to the guidance office to see their counselor after school to trade in their CRUpuns.

Students can place their CRUpuns in the large Castle Box located in the main office where monthly drawings will occur and will be announced after morning announcements.



## PBSIS Prizes

### Choice 1: Collect 10 CRUpuns

Bring 10 CRUpuns to the guidance office to select your prize choice.

- ★ Dress Down Day  
*(No hoodies or ripped jeans. One-day notice required)*
- ★ One Free Night of No Homework  
*(excluding tests/quizzes that may be due)*
- ★ Sneak Peek Upcoming Assignment
- ★ Change Short Answer to Multiple Choice on Test/Quiz
- ★ 5 Extra credit points to use on one assignment/test

### Choice 2: MONTHLY DRAWINGS

Each month 5 to 10 students who have submitted CRUpuns will be randomly chosen and contacted to receive a prize.

- ★ Double Lunch Period
- ★ Drop lowest test/quiz grade
- ★ Add 5 points to a test/quiz grade below an 80
- ★ Choose a friend to receive a prize from this list
- ★ Give a friend a CRUpon for doing something positive

# A Typical School Day

- From **7:50 a.m. to 8:05 a.m.** students may go to their lockers, return library books, etc.
- Students are tardy after the **8:05 a.m.** bell (the beginning of your first period).
- Students have 5 minutes in between classes, to get to their next class.
- School dismissal is at **2:45 p.m.**



# Our 6th Grade Teachers

## ELA & Writing

Mr. Nuiver  
Ms. Arribi  
Ms. Pucella  
Ms. DiTrani  
Ms. Vitenson  
Mrs. Sutkowska-Gomez  
Mr. Press

## Spanish

Mrs. Soto  
Mrs. Trejo  
Ms. Rebelo

## Math

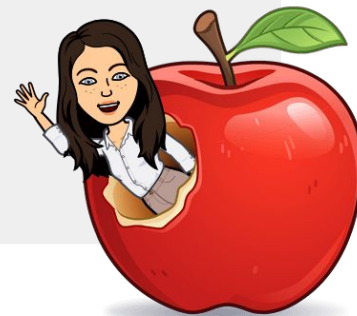
Ms. Illge  
Ms. Ham  
Mr. Pastori  
Mr. Press  
Ms. Zondlo

## Science

Mrs. Harris-Wisneski  
Ms. Hlinka  
Mrs. Martone  
Ms. Pucella  
Ms. Gennaro

## Social Studies

Ms. Gosk  
Mr. Lucibello  
Mr. Mulligan  
Mr. Griffin













# Parent & Student Portal

- The Parent Portal is for parent/guardian use.
  - It may contain important documents and information that the student portal **does not**.
  - This should be checked as often as possible.
- The Student Portal is for student use.
  - Should be checked daily to **access grades** and upcoming assignments.

\* Both Parent/Student Portals can be accessed by going to our school webpage [www.elmwoodparkschools.org](http://www.elmwoodparkschools.org). Both are located on the left under Quick Links.



Course Title	Course	Section	Teacher	Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	MP
 ART: GRADE 6	9001	04	<a href="#">L. Karros</a>	110				1-1		1 2 3 4
 PHYS ED GRADE 6	9006	01	<a href="#">D. Delle Fave</a>	Gym	1-1	1-1	1-1		1-1	1 3 4
 HEALTH GRADE 6	8996	01	<a href="#">D. Delle Fave</a>	001	1-1	1-1	1-1		1-1	2
 ELA 6 & Writing Lab Block	6200	01	<a href="#">M. Pucella</a>	502	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	1 2 3 4
 LUNCH: GRADE 6	0996	01	S. STAFF	Cafe	4A-4A	4A-4A	4A-4A	4A-4A	4A-4A	1 2 3 4
 COMPUTER SCIENCE: FUNDAMENTALS IN SCRATCH	3006	06	<a href="#">M. Harris-Wisneski</a>	109	4B-4B	4B-4B	4B-4B	4B-4B	4B-4B	1 2 3 4
 SCIENCE 6	6100	05	<a href="#">R. Hlinka</a>	121	5A-5B	5A-5B	5A-5B	5A-5B	5A-5B	1 2 3 4
 MATH 6	6600	06	<a href="#">D. Illge</a>	105	6-6	6-6	6-6	6-6	6-6	1 2 3 4
 SPANISH 6	6410	08	<a href="#">L. Gonzalez</a>	117	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	1 2 3 4
 GEOGRAPHY	6300	07	<a href="#">L. Fierro</a>	120	8-8	8-8	8-8	8-8	8-8	1 2 3 4

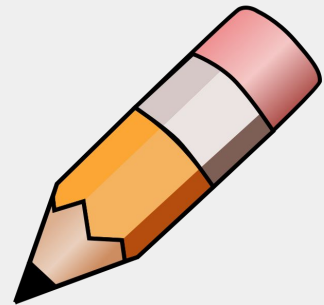
# Example Schedule

## 4A/ 4B

- Band
- Chorus
- Computer Science
- Foundations of ELA/Math

# Middle School Expectations

- Bring your charged chromebook every day. Your family will be contacted in August to come return your 5th grade chromebook for a 6th grade chromebook.
- Expect to have homework each night in most core classes.
  - Keep track of your homework with an agenda!
  - Write down your homework at the beginning of each class in your agenda.
- Advocate for yourself!
  - If you need help, **ASK!**
  - Check your email daily.
  - Check the student portal weekly.



# Suggested Supplies

- Homework Planner/Agenda
- Accordion Folder/Binders
- Highlighters
- Pens/pencils
- Sticky notes
- Notebooks/Color Coded for each class
- Earbuds/headphones





**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

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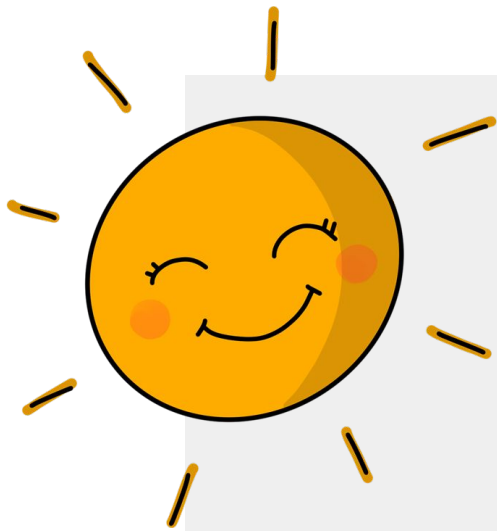
## Dress Code

Please see the [school website](#) for the complete dress code.

All students are expected to adhere to the school dress code.

### Uniform Basics:

- Red, White, or Gray Polo shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Khaki, Black, or Grey Skirts or Slacks ("Traditional Uniform" pants)
- No flip-flops, crocs, or slides



All summer work is **due the first week of school!**

You will be accessing your summer assignments through the school website.

For more information, check out the Middle School web page and click on Summer Assignments.

# Summer Assignments

Students in Memorial Middle School are recognized for their academic excellence, dependability, and citizenship.

**Principal's List** - Students must receive "A's" in all major subject areas, and a passing grade in all "Pass" / "Fail" Courses, as well as outstanding or satisfactory grades in citizenship.

**Honor Roll** - Students must receive a "B" or higher in all major subject areas, and a passing Grade in all "Pass" / "Fail" courses, as well as outstanding or satisfactory grades in citizenship.

**Student of the Month** - Teachers nominate Students of the Month through the Main Office. A committee of school personnel selects one student per grade level, per month.

# Student Recognition



# **Student Congress**

**President**

**Vice President**

**(Speaker)**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**