



Welcome to
Bell Creek Middle School!

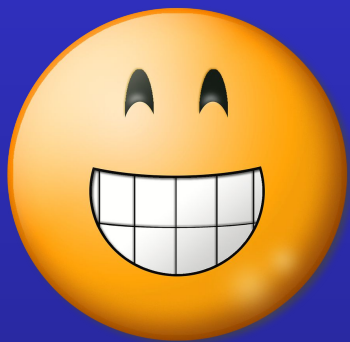
**BCMS . . . where we practice
these 3 behavior expectations:**

Be Safe

Be Kind

Be Respectful

Are you ready for Middle School?



BCMS Facts



- Grades 6, 7, 8
- About 300 students in sixth grade
- Our 6th grade class is made up of students from Cold Harbor, Mechanicsville, Battlefield and Laurel Meadow elementary schools (and a few from other Hanover elementary schools, other districts, or even other states).

Our Administration

- Meet Mr. Sanders, our Principal!



- And introducing our 2 Assistant Principals, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Tuck.

Mrs. Bigby-Johnson
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Tuck
Assistant Principal



Our 6th Grade

- Sixth grade team classrooms are located along one hallway.
- Mrs. Graves is the 6th Grade Senior Teacher, the grade level administrator, and Mrs. Hevener will be your counselor for all 3 years of middle school! They both have offices located in the 6th grade hall.

Mrs. Graves
Senior Teacher



Mrs. Hevener
School Counselor



6th Grade TEAMS

Trendsetters

Achievers

Groundbreakers

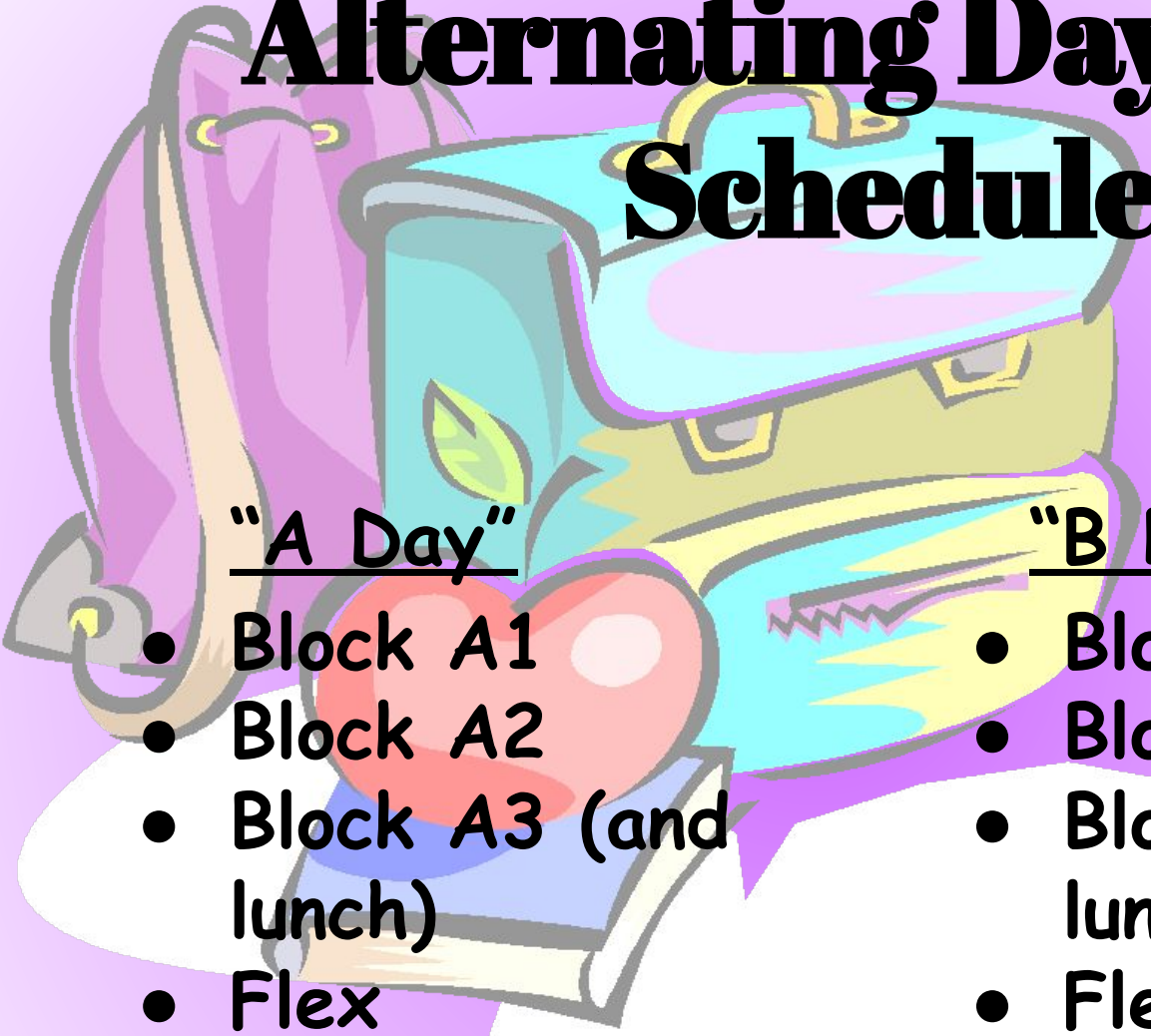
What is so special about teams?

- You share 4 teachers with everyone else on your team.
- Team classrooms are located in clusters so you won't have far to go from one class to the next!
- Teams have their own special parties (team socials), and they take their own field trips.

LOCKERS!

- 99% of our students no longer use lockers.
- You will use your bookbag to carry what you need with you each day.
- If you find that you do need a locker, talk to Mrs. Graves, your grade level senior teacher. We give lockers to students on an *as needed* basis.

Alternating Day Block Schedule



"A Day"

- Block A1
- Block A2
- Block A3 (and lunch)
- Flex
- Block A4

"B Day"

- Block B1
- Block B2
- Block B3 (and lunch)
- Flex
- Block B4

Our school day: 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Required Classes (5)

- Language Arts (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks)
- Math - Math 6, Math 7 or Math 7/8 (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks)
- General Science
- U.S. History
- Health/PE
- Electives (2 Blocks)
 - option 1 - 2 year-long
 - option 2 - 1 year long and 2 semesters
 - option 3 - 4 semesters



Elective Options



Year-long

- Exploratory
- Band
- Chorus
- Strings
- Math PLUS
- Project Literacy
- G/T Resource
- IEP Resource
- World Language Explorations
- World Language (high school credit)

Semester

- Art 6
- Forensics
- Keyboarding
- Digital Applications
- Make It Your Business
- Theater Arts 6
- Applied STEM Investigations
- Environmental Science
- Math PLUS
- Project Literacy
- G/T Resource

Flex = Flexible Schedule!

- Flex is every day after 3rd block and is about 35 minutes in length.
- Flex is a study hall for you to get homework or make-up work completed, ask teachers for help, retake a test or quiz, read your book, etc.
- It is also a time when we have monthly clubs, SEL and character lessons, team meetings, and grade level assemblies.
- Your flex teacher will be one of your team teachers or an elective or PE teacher assigned to your team.

HOMework???



- Yes, we give homework!
- You will most likely have anywhere from 20-40 minutes each night, but you will have flex (like a study hall) every day where you can work on homework, so you could go home having finished it!
- Homework is practice and most of your core content teachers will assign it each class.
- All of your classwork and homework assignments will be posted in Schoology in each teacher's course.
- **SUPER IMPORTANT: Students should do homework the night it is assigned!** That way if you need help or more time, you have an extra day for most of your classes. (Math & Language Arts meet every day.)

Health and PE (Gym!)

YES

- You have the option to change into athletic clothes that you would bring from home.
- You do have to run.
- You will have fun!



NO

- You do not have to have a gym suit.
- You will not run all period long.
- You do not have PE every day; it meets every other day.

NOTE: Some days you will have Health.

Get Involved in Clubs!

We have approximately 40 clubs for 6th graders. Here are just a few!

SCA

Drama

Board Games

Chess

Scrapbook

Coloring

Walk & Talk

World Cultures

Rubik's Cube

Sign Language

Anime Drawing

Fitness

Animal Lovers

Fear Not

Recycling

Yoga

(Clubs meet once a month during Flex)





Other Activities

- Intramurals
- Chorus, Band, Strings Concerts
- Reading Olympians
- Forensics Competition, Spelling Bee
- Writing Contests (PTA Reflections, Patriot's Pen)
- School Plays, Talent Show
- Dances



Sports



Fall and Winter
cheerleading

Fall

girls' basketball
football
boys' soccer
girls' tennis

Winter

boys' basketball
gymnastics
wrestling

Spring

baseball
girls' soccer
softball
boys' tennis
boys'/girls' track

Sports Eligibility



- Eligibility requires a current physical after May 1, 2023.
- Physical forms are available in our main office at BCMS and can also be found online.
- Eligibility also requires passing grades!

Transition Activities

- Staff presentation to 5th grade students
(December 2022)
- BCMS Rising Curriculum Night (December 7, 2022)
- Tour BCMS with your class! (late March/mid April)
- Digital Newsletter (Summer 2023)
- 6th Grade Bulldog Camp: Orientation,
Schedules, Tours, and More (August 21, 2023, the
first Day of School for 6th Grade ONLY)

JUST REMEMBER...

- *Everybody is NEW in sixth grade!*
- *Come ready to meet new friends!*
- *You have many people who will help you!*



YOU WILL HAVE FUN!