

WELCOME,
PARENTS OF EWING FIFTH GRADERS





To a Preview of
FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022-2023




FMS Leadership Team




Principal

Dr.
Hanna




Assistant Principal

Mr.
Dwyer



Assistant Principal

Mr.
Sheplock



Dean of Students

Mrs.
Freeman

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Agenda

- Mission/Transition
- Curriculum/Schedule
- Counseling Department
- Clubs/Sports
- Transportation
- PBIS/SOAR/Class DOJO
- School Information/FPA

OUR MISSION

- As members of the Fisher Family, we expect all stakeholders, including students, staff, families and community, to be responsible and accountable for the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of the unique middle level learner.



How Will Our Mission be Accomplished?



- It will be accomplished by creating a culture that includes:
 - Highly qualified educators who value working with this age group and are prepared to do so.
 - A challenging and relevant curriculum.
 - Students and teachers who are engaged in active learning.
 - Multiple learning and teaching approaches that respond to our diverse population.
 - A focus on technology and its integration in the classroom.
 - High expectations for every member of the Fisher Family.
 - An inviting, supportive, and safe environment.
 - School, family, and community partnerships.
 - Multi-faceted counseling and support services that foster health, wellness, and safety.
 - Respect and acceptance of the whole school community through positive interactions by all members of the Fisher Family.

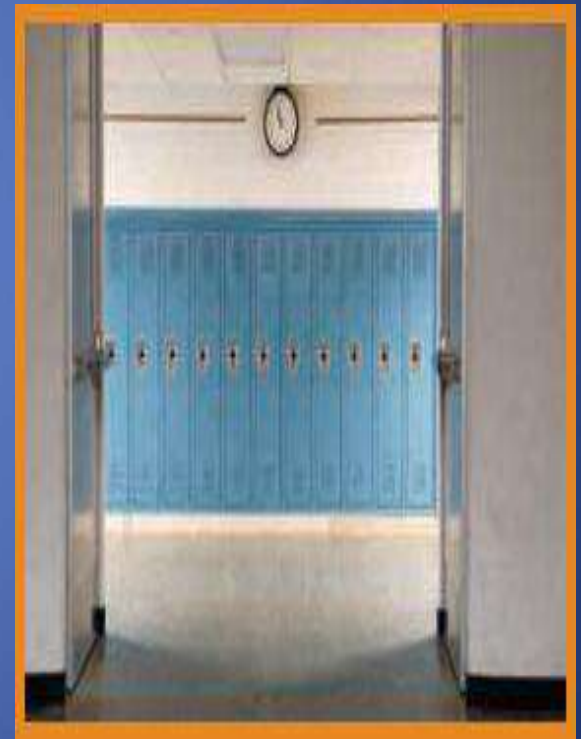
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HOW IS SIXTH GRADE DIFFERENT FROM FIFTH GRADE?

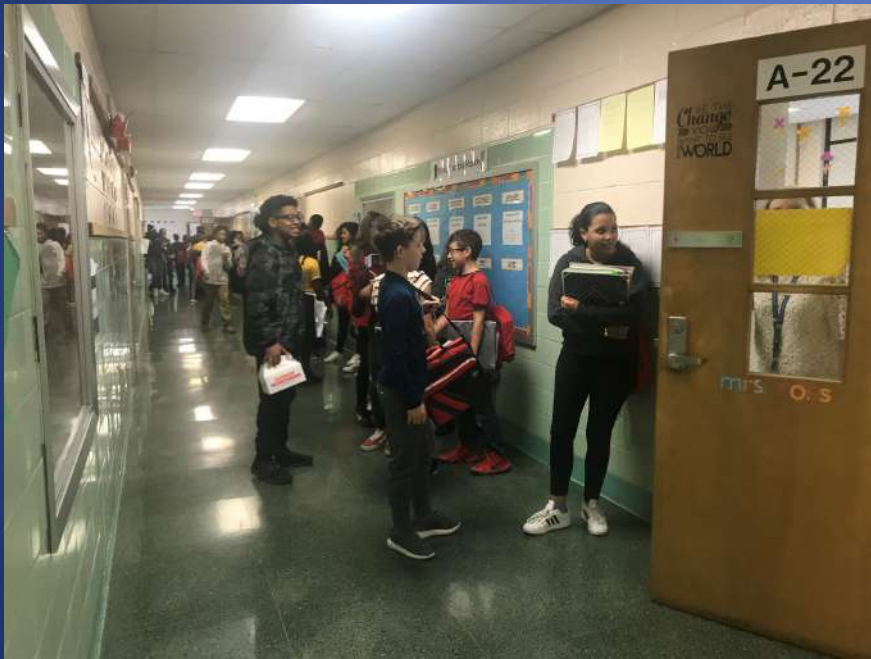


Fisher Middle School Hours of Operation

- School Hours are from 8:05 - 3:05
- Morning Announcements begin at 8:25
- Breakfast Program Offered from 8:05 - 8:20
- No Extended Day Program (EDP)
- Boys and Girls Club



CHANGE CLASSES



WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- BUILD ACADEMIC STRENGTH
- DEVELOP SOCIAL SKILLS
- NURTURE EMOTIONAL GROWTH
- INSTILL RESPONSIBILITY



LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

- Money may be kept on account
- More Choices
- Team Seating
- Ryan's Garden
- Lobby Seating



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Change every day
 - Athletic shirt/T-shirt
 - Sneakers
 - Athletic shorts or pants
 - Non classroom attire
- Combination lock
- Clean clothing at the end of each week



Reminders...

- Bring charged Chromebooks daily
- ID's must be worn throughout the day
- Turnstiles



CURRICULUM

CORE COURSES

Language Arts

- Humanities: Accelerated Course
- Tier Support
- Tentative Summer Reading Packets

Mathematics

- Honors: Accelerated Course
- Tier Support
- Tentative Summer Math Packets

Science

Social Studies

Physical Education and Health



Overview of Schedule

- Daily homeroom period
- Daily Physical Education class
- Daily enrichment class following an alternate day schedule (A Day/B Day)
- Grade level lunch periods
- Block schedule of core classes within a 7 period day
- Student-selected enrichments
- Support for struggling students



TIME	6 TH GRADE
8:25-8:32	HR
8:32-9:15	PD 1 -- ACAD (1)
9:17-10:00	PD 2 -- ACAD (1)
10:02-10:45	PD 3 -- PE/E
10:47-11:22	PD 4A -- ACAD (2)
11:24-11:59	PD 4B -- LUNCH
12:01-12:15	PD 4C -- ACAD (2)
12:15-12:50	PD 4D -- ACAD (2)
12:52-1:35	PD 5 -- ACAD (3)
1:37-2:20	PD 6 -- ACAD (3)
2:22-3:05	PD 7 -- PE/E

Sample Grade 6 Student Schedule

Student: John Smith

Team: 6A

Course	Period	Days	Semester	Room
HOMEROOM	HR	MTWTH	FY	A4
ELA (HUM)	1,2	MTWTH	FY	A4
PE	3	MTWTH	FY	GYM
MATH	4A	MTWTH	FY	A7
LUNCH	4B	MTWTH	FY	CAFÉ A
MATH	4C	MTWTH	FY	A7
MATH	4D	MTWTH	FY	A7
SOCIAL STUDIES	5, 6	MTWTH	1	A8
SCIENCE	5, 6	MTWTH	2	A6
BAND	7	A	FY	BAND
EXPLORING SPANISH	7	B	1	A21
EXPLORING ART	7	B	2	D16

Enrichment Offerings

Course offerings for the 2022-2023 year have not been finalized.

6th Grade

- Exploring Art
- Exploring World Language
- Digital and Media Literacy
- Coding I
- Healthy Living
- Music Technology
- Exploring Musical Theatre
- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Musical Theatre
- Guitar I
- Financial Literacy

5th Grade Student Orientation

- Student Orientation dates to be determined after testing.
- After the 5th grade visits, they will be provided a Google form to select their enrichment selections.
- Additional tours can be scheduled during the summer by contacting the main office.



SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Consultation

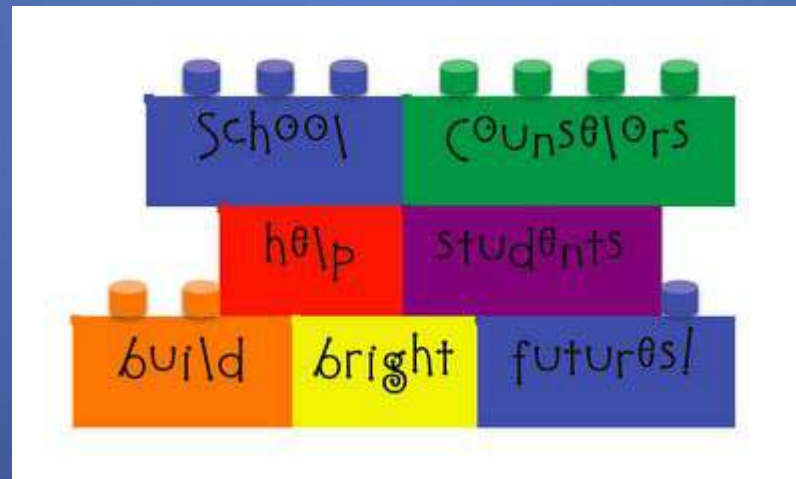
Crisis Intervention

Coordination

Mediation

Counseling

Groups



Grades

Scheduling

Lunch Bunch

Advice

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

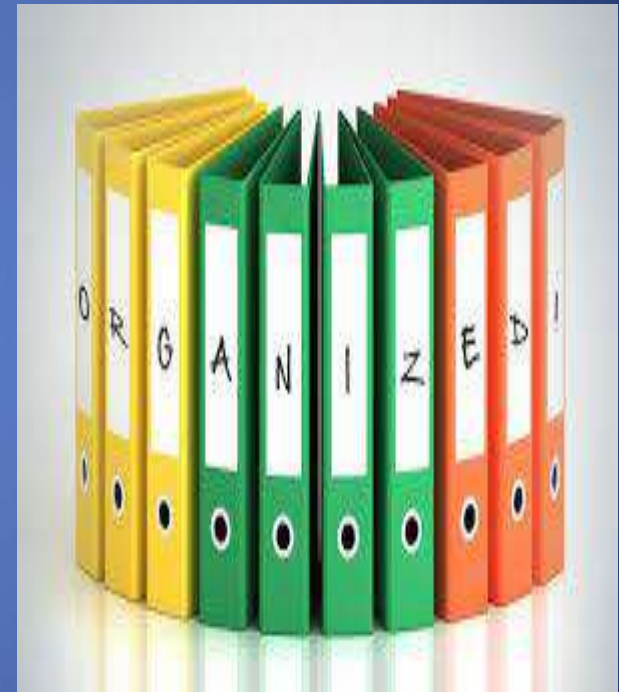
What is Social Emotional Learning? It is a process through which human beings acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions.

- ❖ School Counselor will come into the classroom (in person or virtual) and talk about social emotional topics, such as:
 - Organization
 - Building Self Esteem
 - Self Regulation
 - Conflict Resolution



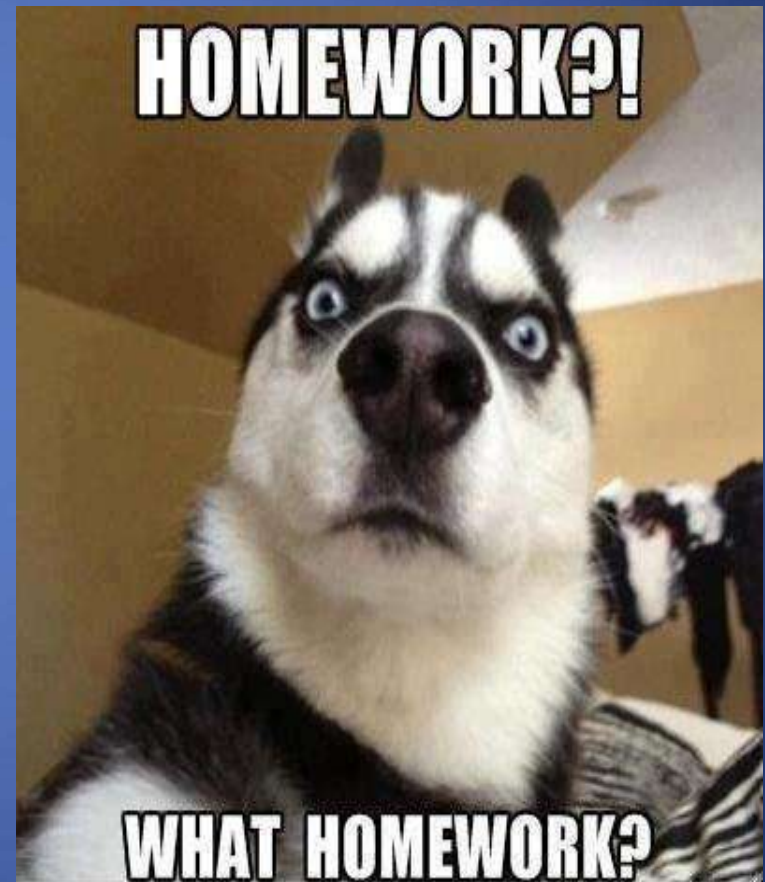
Organization = Success

- Use agenda book
- Use Canvas
- Keep locker and binders neat
- Make time for homework
- Divide big projects into smaller ones
- Prepare the night before



HOMework

- LINKED TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- CANVAS
- HOMEWORK CLUB
- FNO
- TCNJ Tutoring



Common Concerns as Students Transition

- Finding way around
- Locker/combo issues
- Mixing with older students
- Choosing sports and/or clubs
- More homework
- Classes are more challenging
- Lunchroom
- No classes with friends
- Getting into trouble (ISS, OSS)
- Peer pressure
- More teachers



Student Assistance Counselor (SAC)

Mrs. Amison, A-26

Student Assistant Counselor attends to the non academic needs of students, this includes but not limited to:

- ❖ Substance abuse
- ❖ Mental health
- ❖ Social and family issues
- ❖ Anxiety
- ❖ And much more...

Prevention and Intervention Platform Include:

- ❖ Counseling
- ❖ Group Counseling
- ❖ Classroom Lessons
- ❖ School Wide Initiatives



A Student Assistance Counselor is **CONFIDENTIAL** for students and families to help guide them towards a healthy and happy lifestyle:

- ★ Students, parents, teachers or staff may refer a student
- ★ Students may utilize the SAC at any time



Lamison@ewingboe.org or 609-538-9800 X3145

CLUBS, SPORTS, & TRANSPORTATION



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Homework Club
- Art Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Stage Band (tryouts required)
- World Cultures Club
- Musical Productions
 - 2015 - Annie
 - 2016 - Wizard of Oz
 - 2017- Little Mermaid
 - 2018 - Aladdin
 - 2019 - Shrek
 - 2022 - Frozen, Jr.
- Student Council
- TCNJ Tutoring
- FNO(Failure Not an Option)
- GAME Club
- Science Bowl
- Bowling Club
- Fitness Club
- SOAR Club
- Project Unify
- PBIS Video Announcements
- PRIDE Club

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

FALL

- Soccer (boys and girls)
- Field Hockey
- Cross Country

WINTER

- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Wrestling (Co-ed)
- Cheerleading

SPRING

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track (Co-ed)



- Athletic Participation Forms are now completed through Genesis.
- After July 1st , Fall sport participants should be able to access Genesis for the Athletic Participation Forms.
- A physical is good for one calendar year
- 70% average needed to participate (eligibility)

TRANSPORTATION

- Bus Passes
- Drop Off
(after 8:05
AM)& Pick
Up(3:05 PM)
- Bus Boards
- Late Buses



Students of the Month

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
SOARING TO THEIR
HIGHEST POTENTIAL

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Staff Members of the Month

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Fisher Middle School

Ewing, NJ



Recognition Assembly

Principal's Honor Roll (A)

Honor Roll (A/B)

Good Citizenship Award

Improvement Award

Student of the Month





Positive Behavior Support Program aimed at increasing a positive school climate by:

- Engaging the academic learner
- Encouraging acts of safe, respectful & responsible behaviors

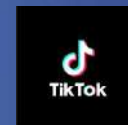
Virtual **SOAR** Points & Raffle





Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying

- Includes ANY gesture, or
- ANY written, verbal or physical act, or
- ANY electronic communication



- Can be a single incident or series of incidents that targets a specific or distinguished characteristic(s)

(609) 538-9800 Ext 3105

Efremian@ewingboe.org

Canvas



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If an act of HIB is done off school property and or not during school hours BUT it DISRUPTS the school day, it will be investigated and consequences may occur!!!!

EWING WEBSITE (FMS)

<http://www.ewing.k12.nj.us/Domain/123>

- Genesis (<https://parents.ewingboe.org/genesis/parents?gohome=true>)
 - district database management system
 - parent access to grades access to report cards
- Daily Bulletin
- Virtual backpack
- Headlines
- School Calendar
- Canvas/Agenda Book
- School Updates



School Messenger

Used for:

- Emergencies
- Bus updates
- Deadline reminders
- Sport cancellations
- Alerts to important information
- FPA information

FISHER ATTENDANCE OFFICE

EXT. 3106

- **Absence**

- An absence is only excused when a Doctor's note is provided to the attendance office.
- Warning letters are sent out from the attendance office when a student accumulates 4, 8, and 10 absences.
- The District may take legal action upon the 10th absence.

- **Tardy**

- A tardy is only excused when a Doctor's note is provided to the attendance office.
- Warning letters are sent out from the attendance office when a student accumulates 5, 10, and 15 tardies.
- The District may take legal action upon the 15th tardy.

TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL

CALL (609)538-9800:



- Main Office/Administration Ext. 3100
- Counseling Dept Ext. 3110
- Child Study Team Ext. 3130
- Attendance Office Ext. 3106
- School Security Coordinator Ext. 3167
- Nurse Ext. 3125
- Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) Ext. 3145

FISHER PARENT ASSOCIATION (FPA)

- Volunteer and support for Fisher activities
- Coordinate school projects
- Monthly meetings
- FPA information
- fisherfpa@gmail.com



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **Immunizations** needed by 1st day of school for students 11 years old or older, entering grade 6.
 - Tdap
 - Meningococcal
- Fall sports physicals needed by 1st day of school
- Schedules and bus passes will be on Genesis in August
- Your child will have a great year at FMS



Questions



- Student-led tours after questions