

Dr. John Long Middle School

Home of the
Longhorns!



Administration & School Counselors

- Principal : Christine Wolff
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- School Counselors: Christina Prince (8th), Tim Hall (8th), Jane Dobres (7th), Erin Truong (6th)
- Academic Teams: Wranglers, Mustangs, Silver Stars, Eagles, Dreamcatchers

Tonight's Areas of Interest

- Core Subject Area Information
- Elective Class Information
- JLMS Dress Code
- Middle School Overview
- Middle School Promotion Requirements
 - Students will be coming to a 5th grade Pep Rally on Tuesday, May 17th during the school day and will take a tour of the campus
 - Students and Parents will pick up schedules on **Registration Day, Tuesday, August 9th**, and will be able to walk the campus to follow their class schedule

Middle School Promotion Requirements

Florida Statute 1003.4156 dictates specific requirements for middle grades promotion, including the successful completion of three courses in four core subject areas (Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science). Successful completion of these courses require the earning of a grade of “D” or higher.

Students must also complete one course in career and education planning to be completed in 7th or 8th grade.

Students cannot be promoted to high school until they pass these courses. If they do not pass them during the regular school day/year, they must complete the courses during the Extended School Day program, during the summer, or in place of taking an elective course.

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Longhorn Dress Code

WARNING: The District School Board of Pasco County has determined that failure to follow these guidelines will result in disciplinary action!



Students shall wear modest clothing. Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikinis, tank tops, leggings, jeggings, sleepwear including pajamas, spandex clothing, (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreation activities) are not appropriate for school.



Students may wear shorts and skirts as long as they are **no more than 4" above the knee.** The Same rule applies to jeans with holes, leggings and dresses.



Students' clothing shall be worn appropriately with **pants worn securely at the waist** and with **no abdomen/back, side skin or underwear exposed.**



Blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit. **Muscle shirts, tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, and strapless tops or see through tops are not acceptable.** Tank Tops underneath see through or lace shirts are not permitted



Tops must be long enough **to clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in** during the course of normal movement throughout the school day. NO underwear should be exposed.



Students shall not wear hats or head coverings on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities by the Principal.



Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. **Slippers are not acceptable.**



Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body or clothing which are **offensive to good taste** or the maintenance of decorum, or which **advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs,** or which identify them as members of secret antisocial groups or gangs shall not be worn to school or school functions. Facial piercing (nose, mouth, lip, tongue and eyebrow) are not appropriate at Dr. John Long Middle School.



Wallet chains or dog collars shall not be permitted.

The Principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance. The Principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. **The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.**

Special Note: A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. The student will receive a letter documenting the infraction. A discipline referral will be processed and ISS will be given to students who receive four violation letters.

JLMS Dress Code

Do's

Tops:

Do wear modest clothing that keeps the focus on learning!



Do wear shirts with appropriate messages!



Bottoms:

Do wear your pants securely fastened around your waist!



Don'ts

Tops:

Don't wear clothes that show your belly or lower back!



Don't wear tops with spaghetti straps, tops that are strapless, or tanktops!



Bottoms:

Don't wear shorts & skirts that are 4 inches or more above the knee!



Don't wear pajamas to school!



Don't wear tight sweat pants! Don't wear holes in jeans without leggings underneath!

Footwear:

Do wear shoes that protect your feet!



Footwear:

Don't wear slippers!



***ELECTRONIC DEVICES, ESPECIALLY CELL PHONES, HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DISRUPT THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST REMAIN OFF AND UNACTIVATED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. STUDENTS WITH ELECTRONIC DEVICES, INCLUDING CELL PHONES, THAT ARE TURNED ON/OR IN USE DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY, WILL HAVE THE DEVICE CONFISCATED!**

What does a 6th Grade schedule look like?

(6 periods each day)

/Language Arts

/Math

/Science

/World History

/Reading or Research

/1 Elective

General Information

- Changing classes – 4 minutes passing
- No walking in lines
- No lockers
- Courtyard time
- Bells – start of school and dismissal
- DRESS CODE!!

Lunches

- \$3.00 -Use your 6 digit student #.
- 6th grade lunches are either 12:04-12:34 or 12:34-1:04
- 30 minutes each
- Courtyard time after lunch
- No assigned seats and opportunities to eat outside

Tools for Middle School Success

- eSembler
- CANVAS
- Planner/Photo of board
- Organization - Clean out backpack once a week.
- Make time for homework and prepare the night before.
- Develop good study habits.
- Choose your friends wisely-friends who build you up!
- Get involved in JLMS activities...

STARTING MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A BIG STEP!

- Plenty of opportunity to meet new people, develop new skills and interests, and start thinking about future goals.
- You may have feelings of: excitement, nervousness, or sadness. Just be yourself!

PARENTS

An important thing to remember as you navigate the sometimes choppy waters of middle school years:

- You are your child's anchor. Your influence, advice, values, and just being available to listen and provide a pat on the back are more important than ever. Communication is key!

How Can You Get Involved?

/CLUBS:

(Clubs vary from year to year.)

/PEP RALLIES

/BOOK FAIR

/DANCES

/ATTEND SPORTING EVENTS

/AND MORE....

Electronic Devices/Social Media

- BYOD – Bring Your Own Device – Instructional/Educational
- Facebook, Twitter, Kik, ooVoo, Instagram, Snap Chat, Vine to name a few!
- Monitor your child's electronic devices
- www.common sense media.org

Next steps...

- Please take a few moments to visit our gym for important information from the following subject areas/departments:

/ MATH

/ Student resources for math skills
coming to the website soon

/ LANGUAGE ARTS

/ Summer reading info

/ SCIENCE

/ SOCIAL STUDIES

/ READING

/ BAND

/ ORCHESTRA

/ CHORUS

/ GUIDANCE

/ PE

/ SUMMER CAMPS



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