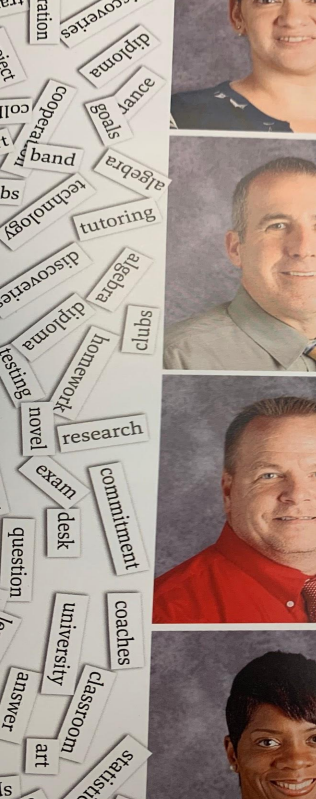


WELCOME, PARENTS OF EWING FIFTH GRADERS



To a Preview of
FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL
2023-2024





Principal

Dr.
Hanna

Assistant Principal

Mr.
Dwyer

Assistant Principal

Mr.
Sheplock

Dean of Students

Mrs.
Freeman

Administration

Administration



Agenda

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

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.

Adapted in part from This We Believe by the National Middle School Association

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



LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

- Money may be kept on account
- More Choices
- Team Seating
- Students can sit where they like



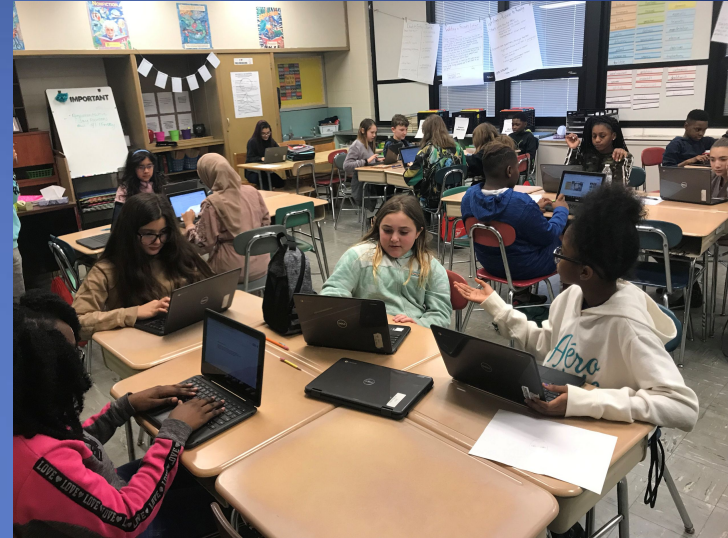
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- 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



WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

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



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 for core classes within a 7 period day
- For 6th grade there is blend of required and student-selected enrichments
- Honors level classes for Math and ELA
- 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 (88 min)	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
EXP WORLD LANG						MP1		C123
FIN LIT		7		B		MP 2		C122
EXPLORING ART		7		B		2		D16

Enrichment Offerings

Course offerings for the 2023-2024 year have not been finalized.

6th Grade

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

**Required Courses for all 6th grade students

Special Education Offerings

- Inclusion
- Resource
- Special Class Program
- Multiple Disabilities
- Life Skills

If you would like more information on any offering please contact District Supervisors of Special Education:

- Maria Petsos mpetsos@ewingboe.org
- Dave Hauserman
dhauserman@ewingboe.org

5th Grade Student Orientation

- Student Orientation dates to be determined after testing.
- After the 5th grade visits, the students will be provided a Google form link to select their enrichment preferences.
- 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



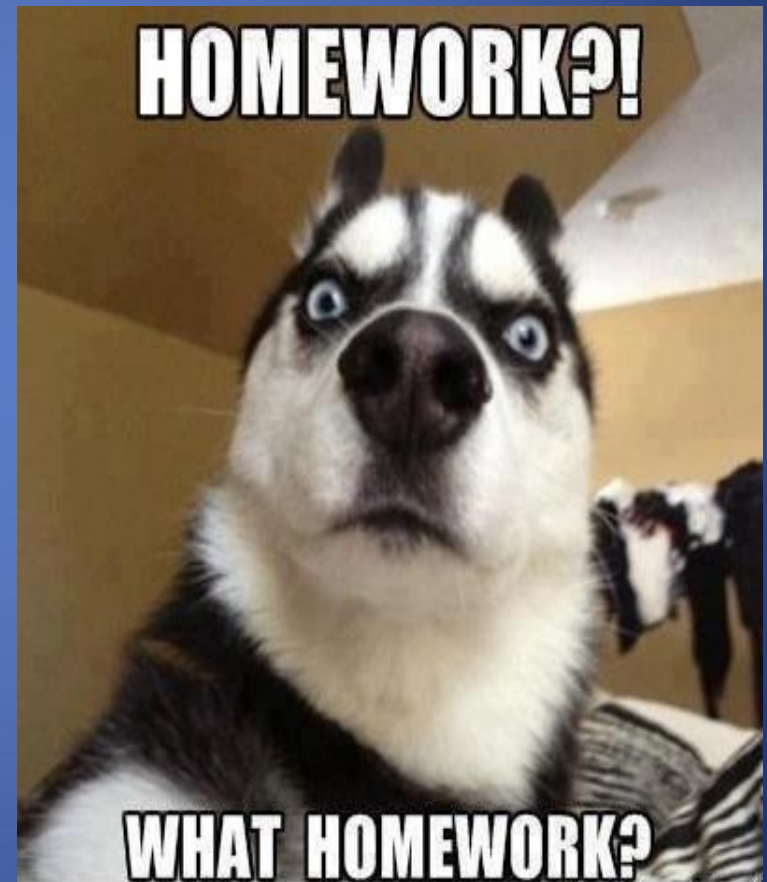
Organization = Success

- 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
- ❖ 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)
- Musical Productions
 - 2015 - Annie
 - 2016 - Wizard of Oz
 - 2017- Little Mermaid
 - 2018 - Aladdin
 - 2019 - Shrek
 - 2022 - Frozen, Jr.
 - 2023 - Moana, Jr.
- Student Council
- TCNJ Tutoring
- FNO(Failure Not an Option)
- GAME Club
- Science Bowl
- Fitness Club
- SOAR Club
- Project Unify
- PBIS Video Announcements

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

FALL

- Soccer (boys and girls)
- 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)

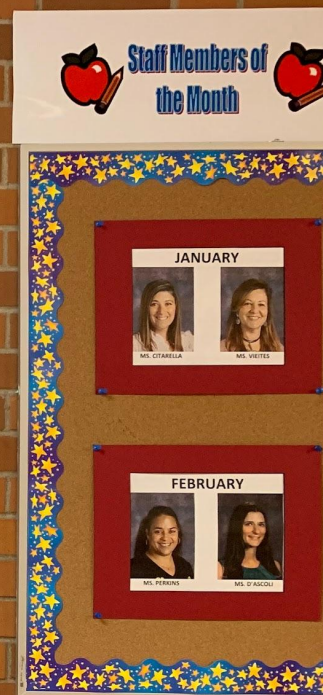
TRANSPORTATION

- 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



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

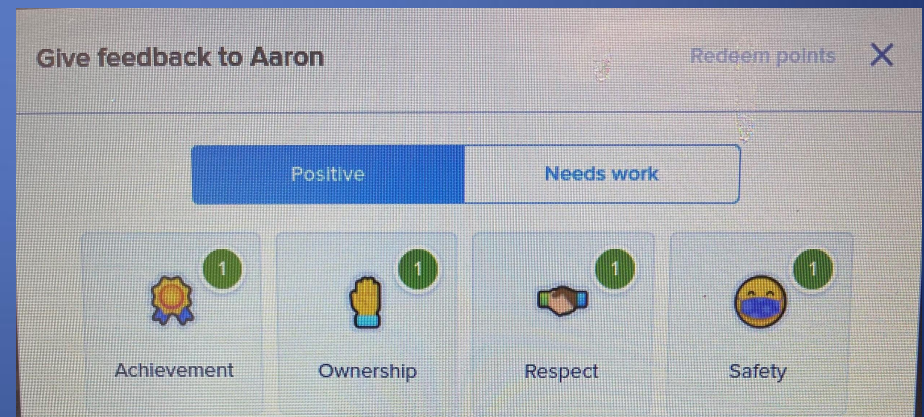




Positive Behavior Support Program aimed at increasing a positive school climate by:

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

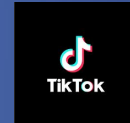
Virtual **SOAR** Points & Raffle





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
Efreeman@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 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 fundraising projects
- Monthly meetings
- FPA information desk
- 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