

# **Williamsburg Middle School**

**Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade!  
2020-2021**



# GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Unfortunately, the school closure due to Covid-19 kept us from being able to have our usual orientation visits and summer tours. We hope the following information is helpful, and please know that **THINGS CAN CHANGE!** This info is as of May 2020, with the assumption that we WILL open in the Fall. Please stay tuned for any updates as they come.

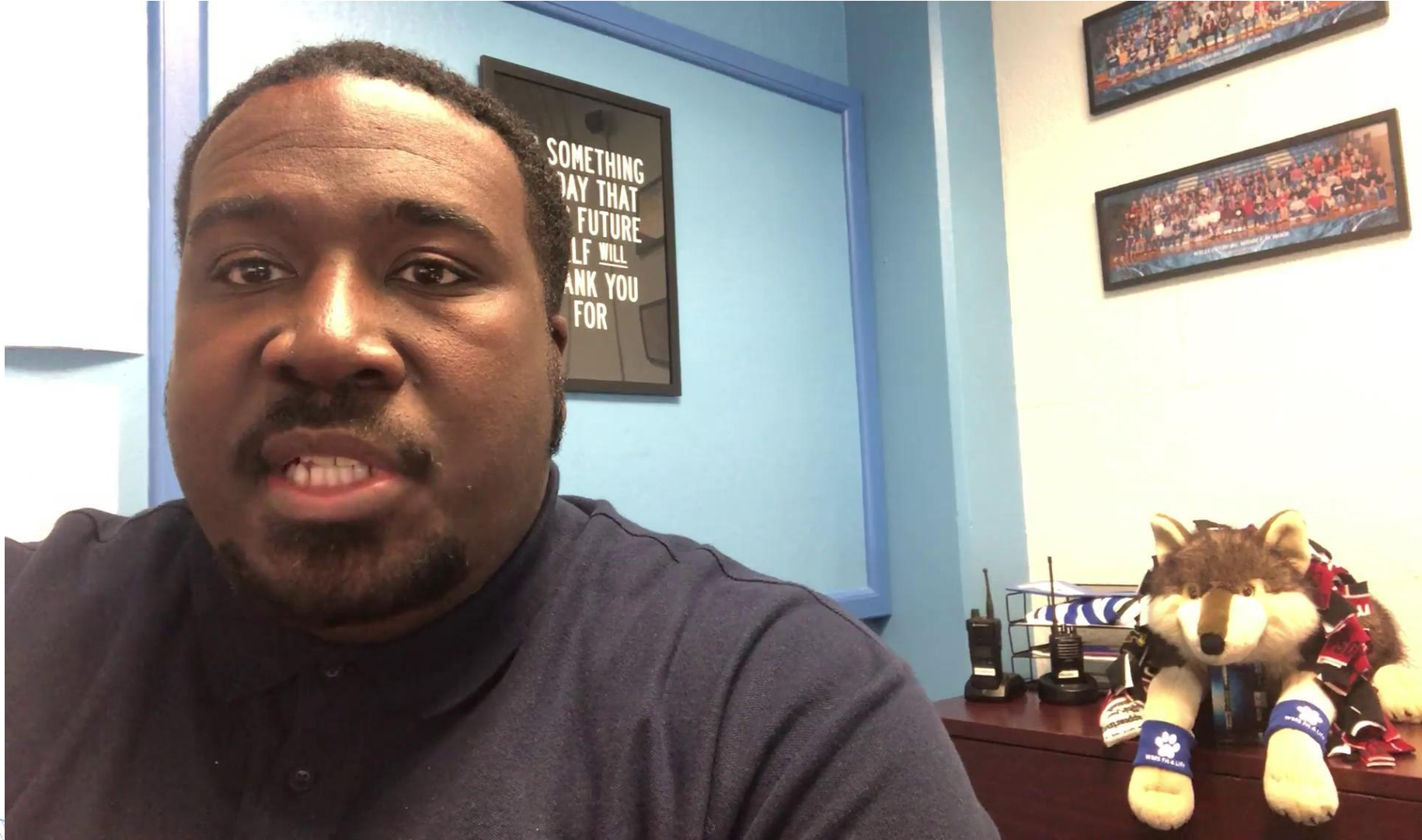


# Welcome, Wolves!

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# Welcome from Principal



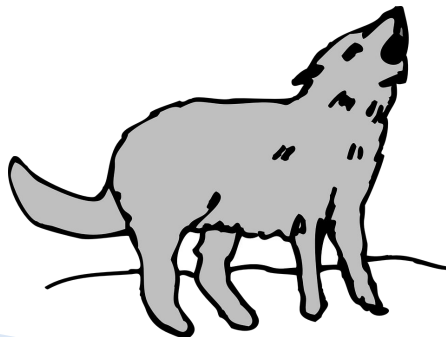
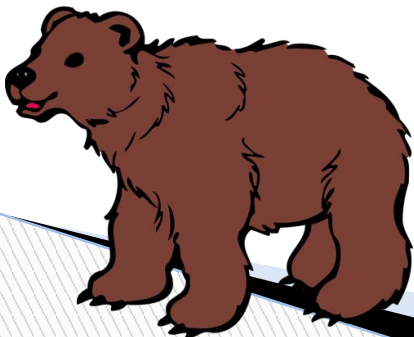
# PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION

- Being a middle school student will change your schedule:
  - Kids arrive around 7:35
  - Lunch is early
  - Fewer early release days
  - Check-In, PM only
  - After school opportunities



# TEAMS

- ▣ There are 3 teams in 6th grade
  - Grizzlies, Coyotes, and Panthers
- ▣ Teams are balanced so all abilities are on all teams
- ▣ Students on a team share the same core teachers (with a few exceptions)
- ▣ Don't worry though, you can still see your friends on different teams!!



# 6th Grade Block Schedule

A DAY	B DAY
locker visit	locker visit
TA (homeroom)	TA (homeroom)
BLOCK 1 A	BLOCK 2 B
BLOCK 3 A	BLOCK 4 B
locker visit	locker visit
LUNCH	LUNCH
locker visit	locker visit
WOLF TIME	WOLF TIME
5TH PERIOD	5TH PERIOD
locker visit	locker visit
BLOCK 7 A	BLOCK 6 B

# WOLF TIME

- 30 minute flexible block for intervention/enrichment
- Individual student needs can be addressed
- Flex teachers available for support





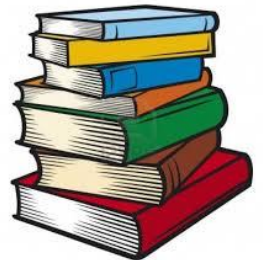
# CLASSES

## ▣ 6<sup>TH</sup> grade students have 5 core classes:

- US History, Civics and Economics to 1865
- English
- Science
- Math
- Reading (full year class)

**or**

- Reading/Transitional Spanish (semester classes)
  - Must demonstrate proficiency in grade level reading



# ELECTIVES AND PE

- All students take Health & PE
  - Either Block 6 or 7, all year
  - One quarter in Health
- Elective choice
  - Music
    - Band, orchestra, or chorus
  - Exploratory wheel



# EXPLORATORY ROTATION

**Exploratory rotations are 7-8 weeks and may include:**

- Visual Arts
- Theatre Arts
- Family and Consumer Science
- Keyboarding
- Journalism



# **A Message From Ms. Hogwood, our Activities Coordinator**

<https://vimeo.com/342741492>





# AFTER SCHOOL

- ACT II Classes
  - May include theatre, art, technology
- More information on the WMS website under the Activities/Programs Tab:

<https://williamsburg.apsva.us/>

**GET INVOLVED!!**



# SPORTS AT WILLIAMSBURG

## **Intramurals:**

- ▣ Do not require a physical
- ▣ Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during ASP 2
- ▣ Drop in, no tryouts

## **Interscholastic:**

- ▣ Students MUST have a current physical on file with the Activities Coordinator (dated after May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- ▣ Most sports require tryouts



# Meet your counselor, Ms. Brenckle



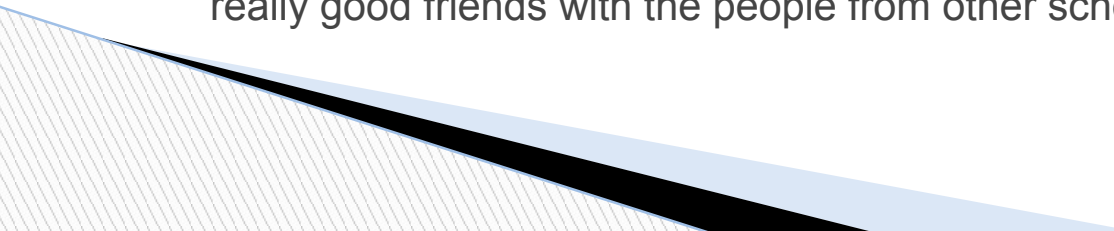
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# ADVICE FROM FORMER 6TH GRADERS

- ❑ What helped me the most being a new WMS student was that I learned to be more independent
- ❑ One thing I wish I knew was: the school isn't as big as it looks. The upper floor is just a square, and all of the classrooms are labeled. Also, pretty much anyone you ask will help you
- ❑ I was worried about homework when I first got to WMS but then I realized it's not as much as I thought!
- ❑ What helped me the most as a new student at WMS was that for the first few weeks teachers were standing outside their classrooms helping you in the hallways
- ❑ One thing I wish I knew about 6th grade before I started was that even if you are on a different team than your friends it doesn't mean you will never see each other. I sat with my friends and one of them was a coyote
- ❑ What helped me the most as a new student at WMS was the counselors and my friends. If something was wrong. I could go talk to them and they would help me work it out
- ❑ I wish I knew how fun and supportive the teachers were. I love middle school, I love how free I am. Watching middle school movies I thought, "wow that's kinda scary," but it's not at all

# ADVICE CONTINUED...

- ❑ Starting 6th grade I was worried that I would get bullied but actually everyone is really nice
  - ❑ Starting 6th grade, I was worried about all the new people that were going to be there, but I learned that the people there are very nice, and I made a lot of new friends
  - ❑ One thing that I was scared about was switching classes and my locker, but you get used to it after the first few days
  - ❑ If I could do sixth grade again I would have joined a club because I feel like that's something that's really fun to do
  - ❑ If I could do 6th grade again I would make sure that I kept up with assignments and not to procrastinate. I honestly gave myself fake due dates so I could do it before it is actually due
  - ❑ Starting 6th grade I was worried about people not liking me but actually everyone is so nice and they will make you feel so good about yourself
  - ❑ One unexpected positive thing about 6th grade was all the new people and friends I made. I not only grew closer to my previous friends and fellow classmates, I became really good friends with the people from other schools!
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# LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?

- Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) in the Counseling portion of the WMS website
- To see a description of the classes offered by APS, please visit the Middle School Program Of Studies
  - [English](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
  - [Amharic](#)
  - [Arabic](#)
  - [Mongolian](#)



# STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Please submit your questions using [this form](#), and a member of the WMS Counseling team will respond via email

