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**JAGUARS**

**WELCOME**

**Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School**

**Rising 6th Graders Parent Info Night**  
**March 8/9, 6:00pm**



**Joaquin Moraga**

# Welcome!

- Principal: Mike Plant
- Associate Principal: Aaron Jorgensen
- CORE Teacher: Leslie Muldoon
- Math Teacher: Brett Lorie
- Counselor: Gaby Alvarez
- PTA President: Sandra Wasicek
- MEF President: Ana Moon



## Important Dates in 2023

### **August 9:**

Student Class Schedules available online

### **August 14:**

WEB Day for Incoming 6th Graders 8:30AM to 12:00PM  
New 7th/8th Graders 11AM to 12PM

### **August 14:**

Jaguar Day - 12:00PM to 2:00 PM

### **August 15:**

First Day of School 8:30 AM



Welcome 5th  
graders!

Welcome PTA President Sandra Wasicek

*Sommes des jaguars* Мы Ягуары *We are jaguars* 우리는 재규어 *Chúng tôi là báo đốm* אנחנו יגוארים

我是美洲虎  
Biz jaguarlariz  
Ми-Ягуари



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*Siamo giaguari* 私たちはジャガーです *Wir sind jaguare* Бид бол жагарууд راولكاج نح Είμαστε τζάγκουαρ

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## Our PTA's Mission

# PTA's Mission for JMIS



At JM, we focus on **creating the best possible middle school experience** for all by:

- Making all members of our community **feel welcome**
- Fostering a **warm and inclusive environment**
- Strengthening the **sense of belonging and feeling included**

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## JAGUARS CARE

<b>Current</b>	Supports families going through financial hardship for: dance lessons & admission to PTA events
<b>By Fall 2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create meal trains for families needing support</li> <li>• Allow all students to have access to school boxes</li> </ul>
<b>2023/2024</b>	"JAGS Connect" - create platform to connect families with similar interests (dog walking, book club etc)

ART

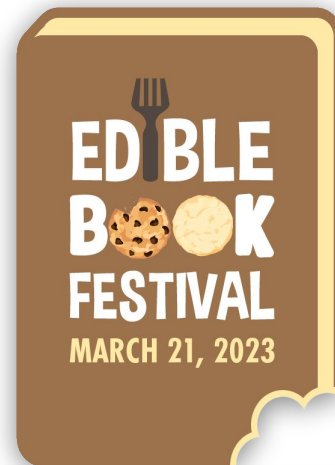
The best possible experience at JM..through ART



CREATIVE ARTS AND WRITING CONTEST 2023

LITERATURE + ART + MUSIC

YOU, ME  
+ 2023



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## DEI

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## The best possible experience at JM..through DEI Initiatives



## At Events



## IN PTA newsletters



## Cooperation with Moraga Library



## Towards Belonging Movie Nights

## EVENTS

# The best possible experience at JM..through **EVENTS**



**Spring Fling**



**Fall Carnival**



**8th Grade Graduation Party**



**Adult Socials at the Brewery**



**Dinners at JM School events**



**Grade level specific events**

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**We need YOU, because..**

**Join us!**

**JOIN OUR PTA -**

**Your voice counts!**

**SPREAD KINDNESS -**

**You are important!**

**ATTEND EVENTS -**

**You are welcome!**

**VOLUNTEER -**

**You make a difference!**

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Join us!

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We are Jaguars

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Somos jaguares

我们是美洲虎

## Welcome to JM 5th graders!



Siamo giaguari

Wir sind Jaguars

Nous sommes des jaguars

Dear 5th grade families,

Soon your student will graduate from 5th grade and become a Jaguar! The events below are great opportunities for students and families to get to know JM and the Jags community before the summer break. Save the dates!

- **Science Fair, 03/07 at 7pm:** Join us and have fun at the Science Fair! Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available to purchase.\*
- **Open House, 03/15 at 5:30pm:** Come visit classrooms, make sure to stop by in the library to buy a new favorite book at our well curated book fair and marvel at the artwork of our students for the 46th Creative Art and Writing Contest! At 5:30 we will serve pre-ordered dinner\* for families. Official Open House starts at 6:30pm! Pre-order with QR code below!
- **Welcome incoming 6th grade families, 03/30 at 5:30pm:** All students are invited to a free movie night at JM. Pre-ordered pizza and snacks will be available. Adults are invited to mingle and enjoy pre-ordered dinner.\* Stay tuned for more details!
- **Adult Social at Canyon Club Brewery, 04/25 at 4:30pm:** Join us for a drink or some social time at the Brewery! Event starts early so that JM staff can join us on their way home. 10% of all proceeds will be donated to our PTA!
- **Spring Fling, 05/04 at 5pm:** Help celebrate the last weeks of school with fun games, food and drinks!

We can't wait to welcome you on campus and please come say "hi!" In the meantime, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out at [president@jmpta.org](mailto:president@jmpta.org)!

Kind regards and Go Jags!

Sandra Wasicek & Amy Chen Yee  
PTA President New Family & Membership Liaison

Welcome video by  
Principal Mike Plant



Pre-order  
Dinner for 03/15



Follow us on 



\*Food is sold as a fundraiser for our PTA. Find out more details on 

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Chúng tôi là báo đốm

ما جگوار هستيم

אנחנו יגוארים

私たちはジャガーです

우리는 제규아

Thank you,  
Good bye!



QUJANAQ

SHUKRAN

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THANK YOU

GRAZIE

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DANKE

KIITOS

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DANGGE

KHÀWP KHUN

RAV TODOT

MERSI

BLAGODARYA

GMADLOBTH

OBRIGADO

Thank you for supporting our classrooms

# MEF

MORAGA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Welcome MEF President Ana Moon



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# MEEF

MORAGA EDUCATION FOUNDATION





## Welcome Associate Principal Aaron Jorgensen

### My Focus

- Safe to be Successful
- PBIS
- Attendance
- Good decisions

### Parent Focus

- Attend school events -  
Back to School Night,  
Open House, sporting  
events
- Be informed of PBIS  
policies
- Get involved
  - PTA, support MEF



# A Day in the Life of a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader

Welcome Core Teacher: Leslie Muldoon

- Core (2 ELA, 1 SS)
- Math
- Science
- PE
- Elective
  - Wheel
  - Band/Orchestra/Chorus
  - Learning Center
  - EL



# JM Block Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st 8:30 - 9:50	2nd 8:30 - 9:50	1st 8:30 - 9:15	1st 8:30 - 9:50	2nd 8:30 - 9:50
Brunch 9:50 - 10:00	Brunch 9:50-10:00	2nd 9:20 - 10:05	Brunch 9:50 - 10:00	Brunch 9:50-10:00
3rd 10:05 - 11:25	4th 10:05 - 11:25	3rd 10:10 - 10:55	3rd 10:05 - 11:25	4th 10:05 - 11:25
5th 11:30 - 12:50	Academy 11:30 - 12:15	Brunch 10:55 - 11:05	5th 11:30 - 12:50	Academy 11:30 - 12:15
Lunch 12:50 - 1:30	Lunch 12:15 - 12:50	4th 11:10 - 11:55	Lunch 12:50 - 1:30	Lunch 12:15 - 12:50
7th 1:35 - 2:55	6th 12:55 - 2:15	5th 12:00 - 12:45	7th 1:35 - 2:55	6th 12:55 - 2:15
Z period 2:59 - 3:49	ALL STUDENTS dismissed at 2:15 No Z period	Lunch 12:45 - 1:20	Z period 2:59 - 3:49	ALL STUDENT except Z period dismissed at 2:
		6th 1:25 - 2:10		Z Period 2:19 - 3:09
		7th 2:15 - 3:00		
	Teacher Collaboration 2:15 - 3:05	Z Period 3:04 - 3:54		Teacher Collaboration/Pr 2:15 - 3:05



# Sample Schedules

	AM Core		PM Core
1	Core		Band
2	Core		Science
3	Core		PE
4	Wheel		Math
5	Math		Core
6	Science		Core
7	PE		Core



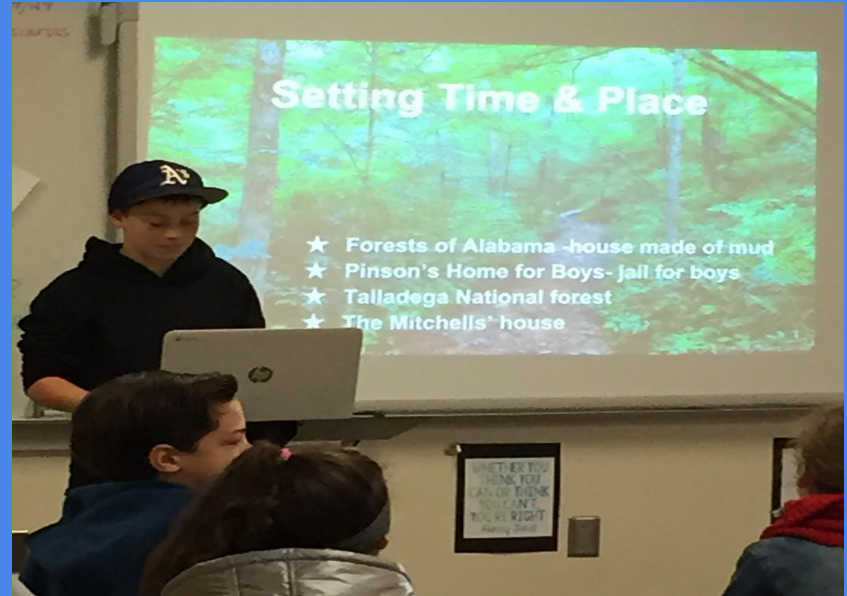
# Core Benefits

Home Base

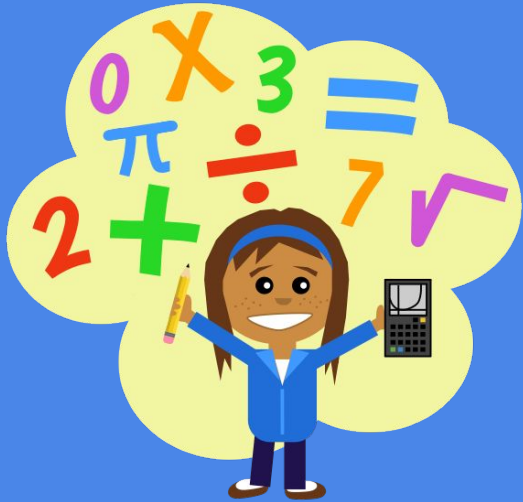
Community

Organization

- Binder
- Planner
- Long term Projects



# Math Teacher: Brett Lorie



## Joaquin Moraga Math Pathways

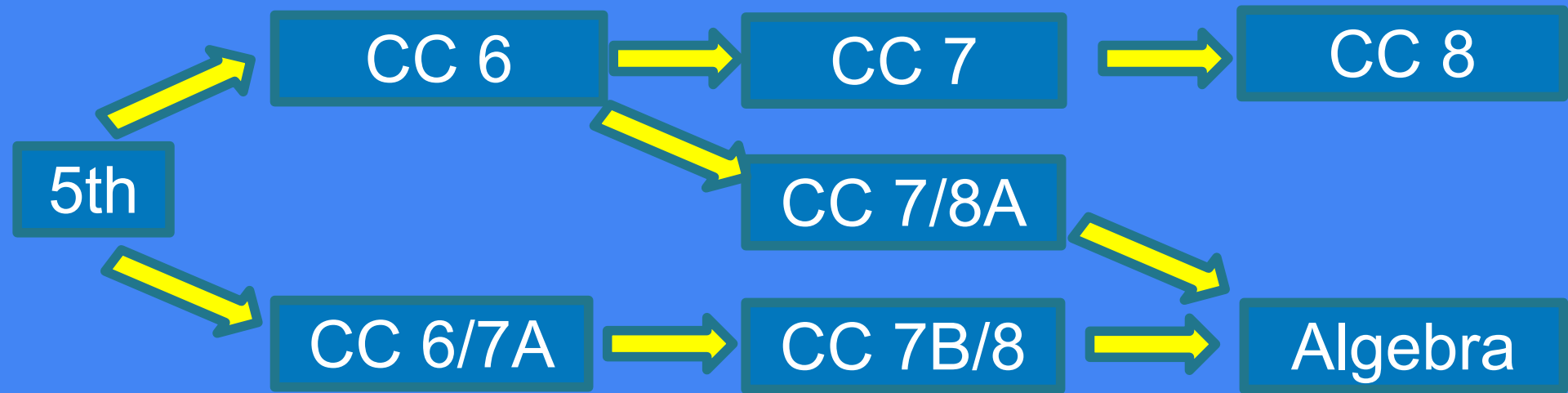


# Placement Criteria

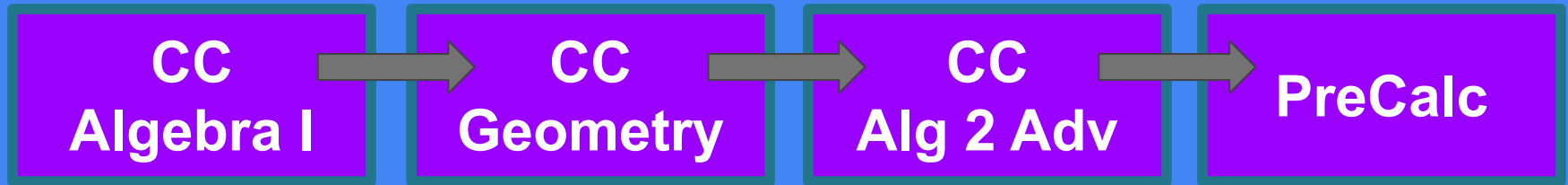
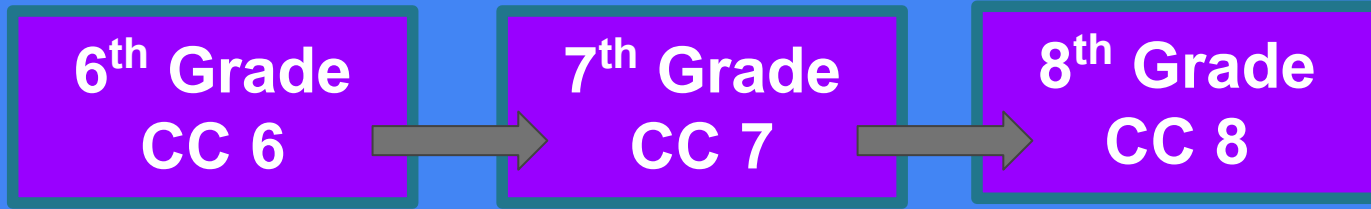
- Performance Task
  - SVMl MAC Assessments Grade 5
- Assessment of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Level Standards
- Overall Mathematical 'Habits of Mind'
- Goal is to place ALL students in a challenging class where they will be successful.



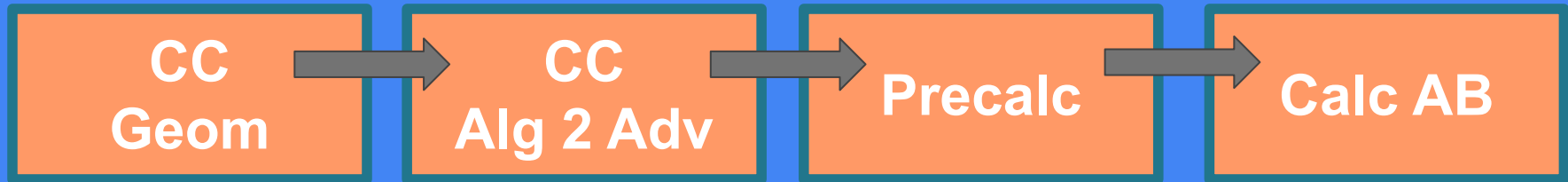
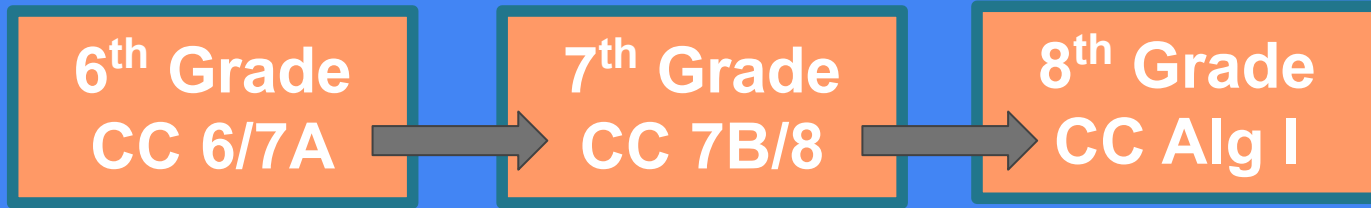
# Pathways



# JM Common Core Pathway Option



# JM Accelerated Common Core Pathway Option



# Notification Process

- Families will be notified of class placement in June.
- Reassessment of class placement is possible by contacting JM administration.
- Letter with placement and procedures will be sent to all students.
- Potential math intervention electives TBD



# Welcome Lead Counselor: Gaby Alvarez

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# Middle School Students' Developmental Needs

Middle School is an exciting yet challenging time for students, their parents and teachers. During this passage from childhood to adolescence, middle school students are characterized by a need to explore a variety of interests:

- High levels of activity coupled with frequent fatigue due to rapid growth
- A search for their own unique identity as they begin turning more frequently to peers rather than parents for ideas and affirmation
- Extreme sensitivity to the comments from others
- Heavy reliance on friends to provide comfort, understanding and approval.



# The Counseling Team Provides:

## **School Guidance Curriculum**

- Academic skills support organization, study and test-taking skills
- Peer relationships and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving, decision-making and conflict resolution

## **Individual Student Planning**

- Goal-setting / decision-making
- Academic planning
- Education in understanding of self, including strengths and challenges



# The Counseling Team Provides:

## **Responsive Services**

- Individual and small group counseling
- Individual/family/ school crisis intervention
- In-class counseling: Second Step /Digital Citizenship/ Beyond Differences

## **System Support**

- Professional development
- Consultation, collaboration and teaming



# The Counseling Team Collaborates with:

## Parents

- Parent information nights
- Communication/networking
- Academic planning programs
- Parent and family education
- One-on-one parent conferencing
- Resource referrals

## Teachers

- Assistance with students' academic plans
- Academic support, learning style assessment and education to help students succeed academically
- At-risk student identification and implementation of interventions to enhance success
- Parent communication/education



# The Counseling Team Collaborates with:

## **Administrators**

- School climate
- Behavioral management plans
- School-wide needs assessment
- Student data and results
- Student assistance team building

## **Students**

- Peer education
- Academic support
- School climate
- Leadership development



# A Few Useful Tips:

## **Use the student planner**

JM provides students with a planner at the beginning of the school year. We strongly suggest that parents require their child to record all homework assignments in the planner and then check it. Although we have the wonderful Schoolloop tool, students need to develop habits of calendaring and mindfulness.

## **Read course syllabi**

Parents should read each course syllabus. This will provide you with information about classroom policies and expectations and will provide a timeline for major projects and assignments.

## **Check homework/Schoolloop**

Parents should check to see that homework assignments are being completed in a timely fashion. If students would spend a little time every day on each class, that will save a great deal of stress and time the night before an assignment is due.

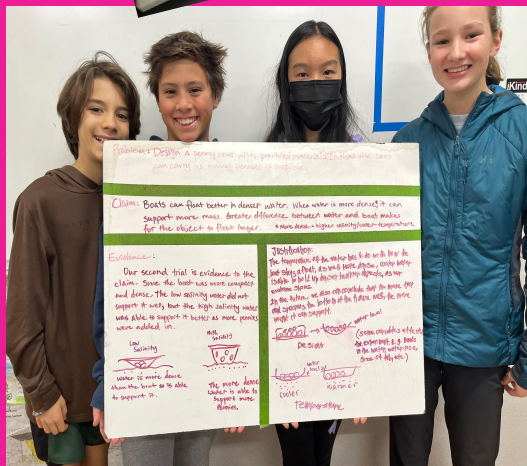
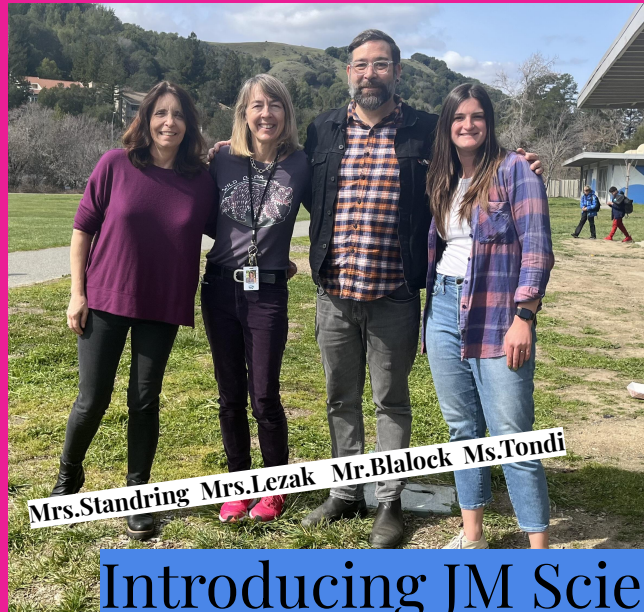
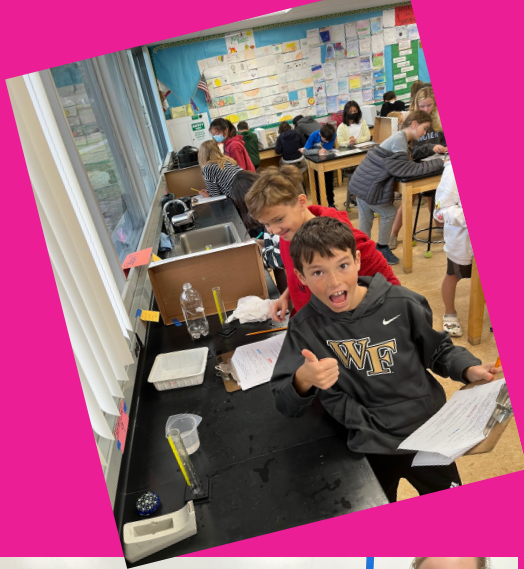
# A Few Useful Tips:

## **Designate a study time and place**

Work with your student to pick a time and place where school work may be completed each day. Many of our students stay in the library every day until 4:00 to begin, and many times finish their homework. This relieves a lot of stress when they get home, especially when there are extracurricular activities that need to be attended to.

## **Communicate, communicate, communicate**

Communicate with your student's teachers by phone or email. Introduce yourself to them at back-to-school nights and PTA meetings. Ask them to contact you if ever they have a question or concern. Communicate with your middle school student. Although they are growing up and peer relationships take a higher priority than family relationships, it is important that your student knows you are available to talk to them and listen.



# Introducing JM Science



# 6th Grade Science Core Concepts

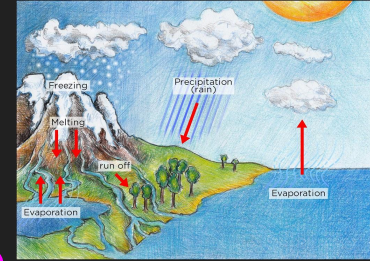
**Metric System- measurement, volume, surface area, density**

**Conservation of Energy/Energy transfer**



**Roles of Water in Earth's surface processes**

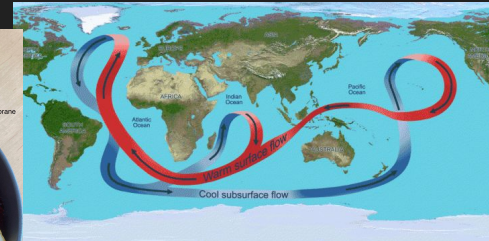
**Weather and Climate; Global Climate Change**



**Plant and Animal Cells**

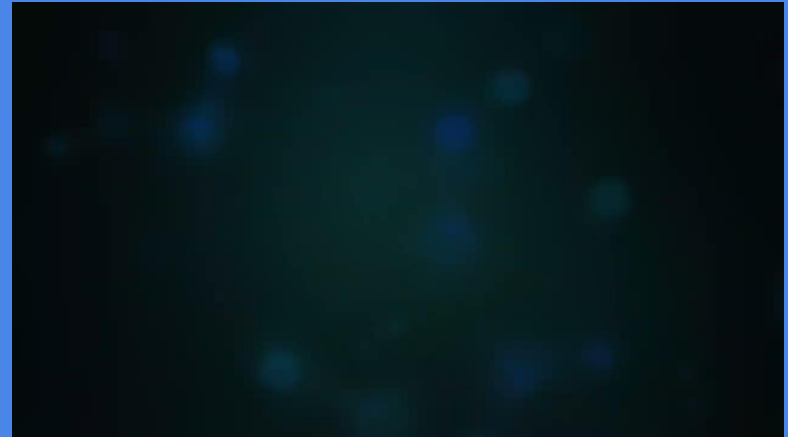
**Plant and Animal adaptations**

**Human Body Systems and Health**



# Physical Education

Physical Education is a year-long class for all grade levels. Students will learn lifelong skills and develop motor skills and movement patterns to enhance their physical performance. Additionally, the curriculum is designed around the components of fitness (aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular conditioning, and flexibility), state standards, and improving social skills and mental health.



# Music

Welcome Robert Todd

Band  
Orchestra  
Choir



# Wheel

**In 22-23, the Wheel incorporated:**

**Art**

**Computers**

**Earth Science**

**Food**

**Success Skills**

**Class rosters change regularly, as students move to a different spoke of the wheel, in order for students get to know a broad spectrum of their classmates.**



# COURSE OVERVIEW:

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Build a website!

Internet research skills!

History of computers!

How computers work: Binary Code, Boolean Logic, Circuits!

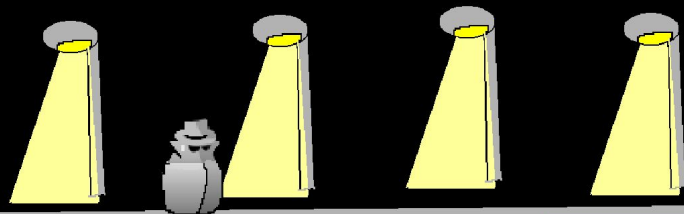
Simple programming using Scratch!

Build a basic video game! \_



# Computers\_

# JALAPENOS



Back

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# PIXELZ

# PLAY

Health 3

Points 0

GO TO THE PORTAL



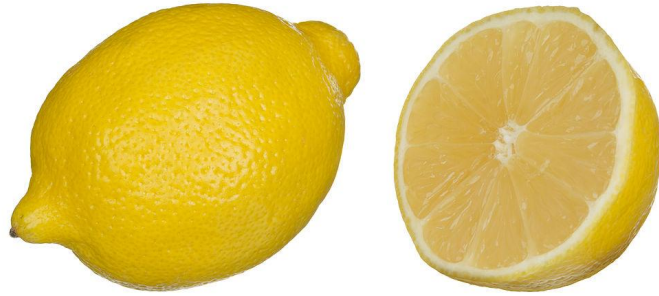
# EARTH STEWARDSHIP

- STEAM
- Project Based
- Physical work in the garden
- Connecting to nature





# Foods, glorious foods!



## WEEKLY ROUTINE:

- Aprons and washing hands, long hair tied back.
- Google Classroom will have all recipes and handouts.
- Kitchen teams - everyone has a job which rotates.
- Curriculum is hands on with weekly teacher demonstrations followed by 2-3 days in the kitchens cooking, cleaning up after cooking, and tasting what they have made. Ovens, stove and knife handling will be done with close supervision!

# Success Skills

## What we incorporate:

- Consider different learning styles
- Talk about prioritizing
- Goal setting
- Discuss and develop a growth mindset
- Avoid stress with time management
- Organize! Organize! Organize!
- Study skills
- No procrastinating!



## Each meeting we

- organize binders
- check planners - fill in if needed
- check Schoolloop
- support classroom teachers' curriculum

# Art

## 2-D and 3-D projects

**STEAM** - Making clay sculptures, for example, includes the topics of geology, engineering, design and chemistry. Wow!

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Good heavens! Pablo got an 'F' in art! . . . Well, I'm just going to go down to that school myself and meet this teacher face to face!"

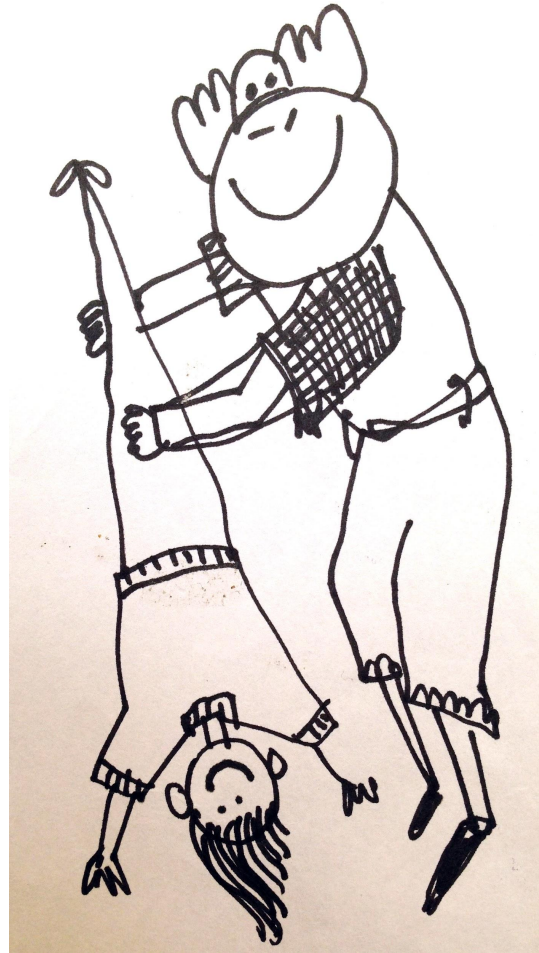
# Art -

## assorted projects

Other projects include:

- ❖ Lions Club Int'l Peace poster design
- ❖ Weavings
- ❖ Comic Strips
- ❖ Map Books/
- ❖ Printmaking
- ❖ Collaborations with Earth Stewardship class
- ❖ National Bookmark Exchange (Spring)

Exhibit opportunities in library  
and Creative Arts & Writing Contest (spring)



**Painting with children**

No child was harmed in the making of this drawing.



**Information about signing up for 'electives' on Aeries went out today on Parent Square.**

**Window closes Monday March 13th!**

**See you at Open House on Wednesday March 15th. (PTA welcome at 5:30pm, event starts at 6:30pm)**

**Note: This meeting will be recreated tomorrow, Thursday 3/9 on Zoom, starting at 6:00pm, tell a friend!**