



Welcome
to Miscoe,
Incoming grade 5 parents!



The Faces of the Office

OUR AWESOME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS!

(plus Paul Marshall and me)

Raphaela Peroba



Kim Lowther



Angela
Tinio



The Faces of Fifth Grade

OUR AWESOME TEACHERS!



Mrs. Montano



Mr. MacMurray



Mrs. Webster



Mrs. Rutkowski



Mrs. Crawford



Mrs. Lajoie



Mrs. Keenan



The Faces of School Counseling

OUR AWESOME
STUDENT SUPPORT
TEAM!



Mrs. Allen



Ms. Beauregard



Mrs. Grant

- 2 school counselors and Mrs. Grant, adjustment counselor
- *Kathleen Allen, Guidance Counselor, for your child*
- Available for all children
- Duties Include the following
 - Meeting and Greeting all children at the start of the year
 - Provide individual counseling
 - Groups – “Lunch bunches”
 - Parent contact-teacher referral
 - 504 Coordination
 - Mentoring Program

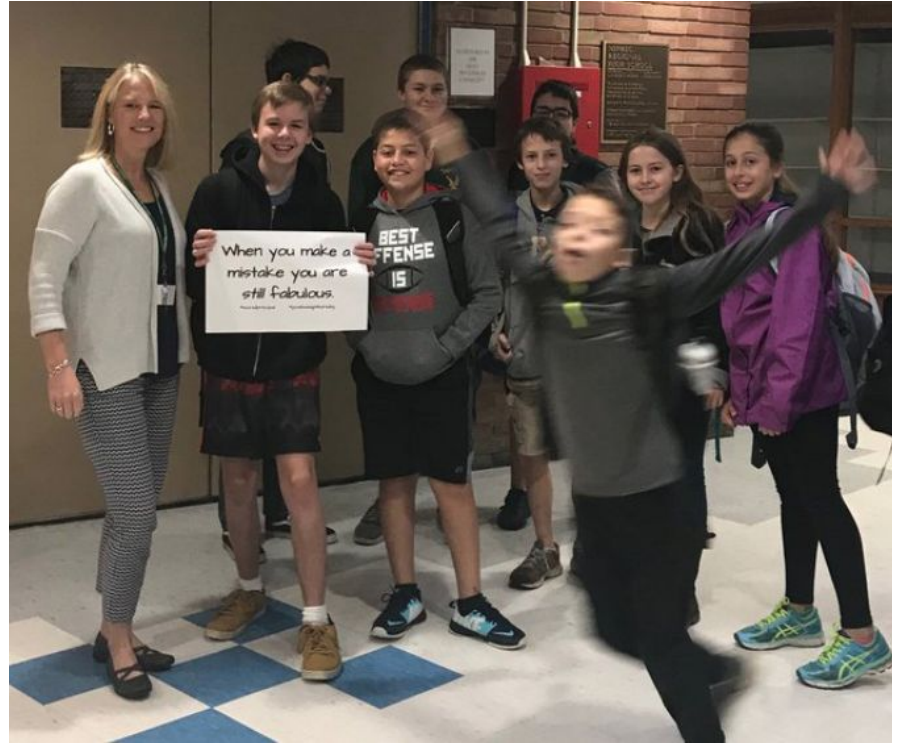


Our Vision


“The principle goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing **new** things, not simply **repeating** what other generations have done; men and women who are **creative, inventive** and **discoverers**, who can be **critical** and **verify**, and **not accept**, everything they are offered.”

~Jean Piaget

Why we LOVE middle school...



...it's the power of yet!



1. Middle schoolers' are capable of more sophisticated thinking than they were in elementary school.

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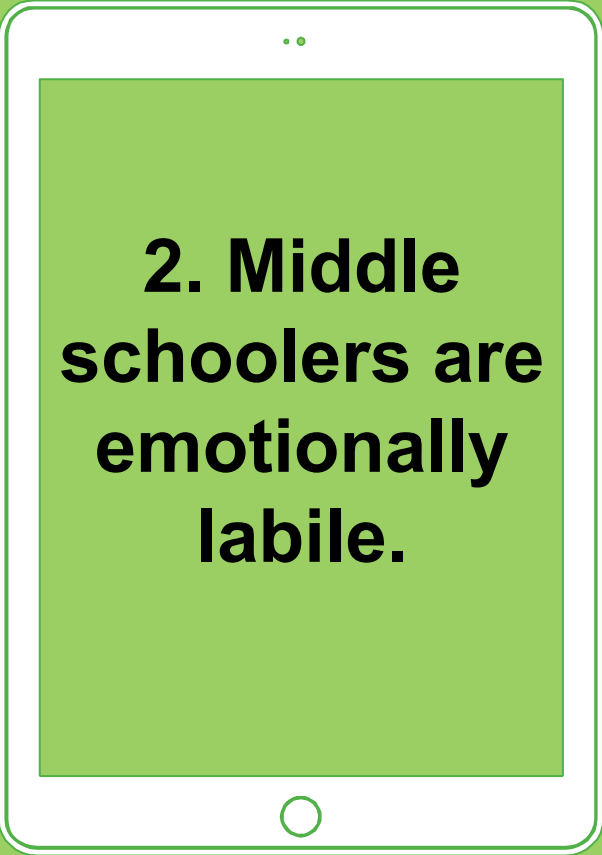
Three Reasons To Love Middle Schoolers By Nancy Darling Ph.D.

Middle schoolers get a bad rap - Posted Sep 11, 2012, Psychology Today © 2018 Sussex Publishers, LLC






Why we love
middle school...



**2. Middle
schoolers are
emotionally
labile.**





Why we love middle school...



**3. Middle
schoolers are
social
learners.**



A day in the life...



Two 2-person teams; one 3-person team

Mrs. Montano



Mr. MacMurray



Mrs. Crawford



Mrs. Keenan



Mrs. Lajoie



Mrs. Webster



Mrs. Rutkowski

Spanish
Immersion
team

Drop off and pick up procedures



Drop off

Drive toward the playground, turn around on the basketball court, and pull up to the side entrance nearest playground.

Pick Up

Same procedure unless you are dismissing your child early, when you can park in the visitor spot and come in to sign your child out.



Busses



- Mendon buses drop off and pick up in the Mendon bus circle on the left hand side of the building.
- Upton buses drop off and pick up in front of the building.
Please avoid the front of the building from 7:55-8:15 and 2:15-2:45
- Please encourage your child to take the bus!



**BUS
SAFETY**
It's a shared
RESPONSIBILITY

Doors Open 8:10

Classroom Hours:

8:25 AM –

2:32 PM

Half Day Hours:

8:25 AM –

11:30 AM



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"I purchased this great book on time management, but with my schedule I don't have the time to read it."

1:1 Learning



iPads will be issued to students by MURSD.

- School Owned
- No longer able to accommodate devices brought from home

Third-Party Insurance

- <https://www.securranty.com/MURSD-Warranty>

1:1 Learning Launch Meeting: September 2020

Specific Questions?

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Scheduling and Specials


- Art
- P.E.
- Wellness
- Technology
- World Culture
- General Music





Miscoe Schedule 2020-21

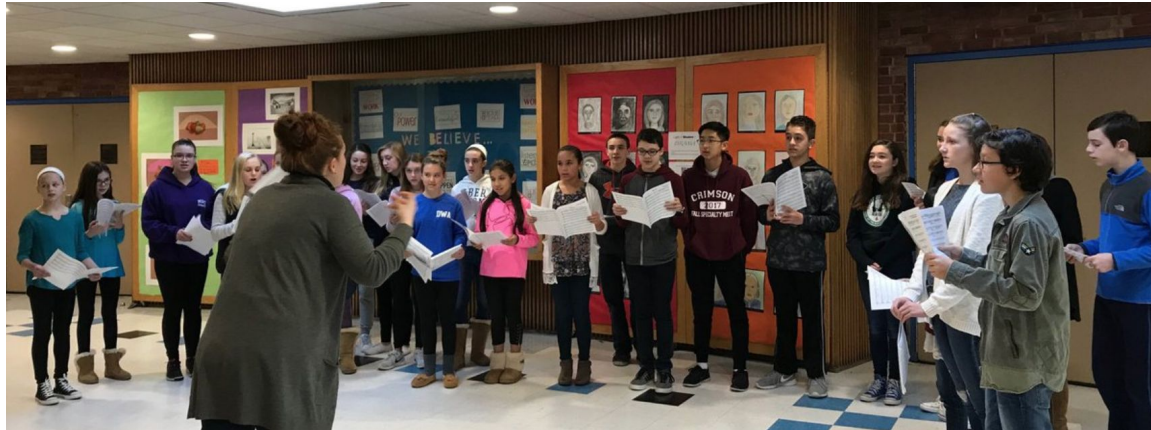
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Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 1
Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 1	Period 2
Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Period 5	Period 6	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Period 6	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5



Sample Miscoe Schedule - No band or chorus

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Special 3
2 Special 1	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Project Block	1 ELA
3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Special 3	1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness
4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Project Block	1 ELA	2 Special 1	3 Math
5 Science	6 Special 3	1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness	3 Math	4 Social Studies
6 Project Block	1 ELA	2 Special 1	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science

Electives: Band and Chorus



Sample Miscoe Schedule - Band or Chorus

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 ELA	2 Special 2	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	Band or chorus
2 PE/Wellness	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Project Block	1 ELA
3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Band or chorus	1 ELA	2 Special 2
4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Project Block	1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness	3 Math
5 Science	6 Band or chorus	1 ELA	2 Special 2	3 Math	4 Social Studies
6 Project Block	1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science

Sample Miscoe Schedule - Band AND Chorus

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 ELA	2 Band	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	chorus
2 PE/Wellness	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Project Block	1 ELA
3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 chorus	1 ELA	2 Band
4 Social Studies	5 Science	6 Project Block	1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness	3 Math
5 Science	6 chorus	1 ELA	2 Band	3 Math	4 Social Studies
6 Project Block	1 ELA	2 PE/Wellness	3 Math	4 Social Studies	5 Science



A look at Spanish Immersion

Lunch/Recess – 25/25

Why recess in middle school?

- ❖ Middle school kids are learning to socialize as adolescents. They need to try out various roles, and school is a safe environment.
- ❖ They need autonomy to learn to use unstructured time well.
- ❖ They are growing at different rates and are at various levels of development physically, mentally, and emotionally. They need to be able to try out their skills and their muscles and use their energy.
- ❖ The students get to relate to adults in informal settings.



Lunch – Recess logistics

- ❖ Miscoe Hill uses the same system that Clough and Memorial uses, a card swipe or ID entry system that can be accessed by parents.
- ❖ Lunch and recess will be 25 minutes each
- ❖ Our motto is “When in doubt, we’re going out!” Real feel 20 degrees or above and no precipitation means outdoor recess.



Enrichment

There's plenty of fun and learning to be had after school!

Classes run 4 sessions per year. Some past offerings:

American Sign Language, Art Club 5/6 & 7/8, Babysitting, Badminton, Bass Fishing, Design Squad, Dissection, Field Hockey, Get Outside and Draw, Wind Chimes & Sundials, Cooking, Acrylic Painting, Beginner Guitar, Board Games, Bowl Me Over w/Clay, Homework Clubs, Ice Fishing, Icky Sticky Science, Scarf Knitting, Run for Fun, Spanish Immersion Comics, Watercolor & more.





Miscoe Hill Youth Theater



Interscholastic Sports

- Mr. Scott Glassman, Advisor
- Fall-Cross Country (Grades 5-8), Girl's Volleyball (7/8), Soccer boys and girls (7/8), Field Hockey (6-8)
- Winter-Girls & Boys Basketball (Gr 7/8), Indoor Track (7/8)
- Spring-Softball, Baseball, Track & Field (7/8)
- New-online registration called "Family ID"
- Sports Booster help fund program
- Each sport is \$175



Nature's Classroom

COVID-19 may impact
this year's plans.

- A Nature's Classroom representative and grade 5 teachers do an info night at Miscoe.
- Payments can be made in two installments. Partial scholarships are available; please contact Ms. Beauregard if needed.
- Should we offer this experience this year, it will be coordinated by Mrs. Andrea Rutkowski.



Additional things to know (this will all be shared electronically as well):

- Homeroom placements will be on your child's June report card.
- Information on creating a Powerschool account
- Handbook accessible on our website
- Acceptable use policy is in the handbook
- From the nurse:
 - All students need an updated physical to enter 5th grade. (within the last 13 months)
 - This can be sent in over the summer or faxed to **508-634-1576**.



Screenings

- Required screenings for 5th grade are scoliosis and vision.

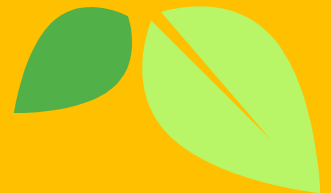
Medication

- All prescription medications must have a signed order by a physician or nurse practitioner. Students may have Tums, Tylenol or Ibuprofen with parent's permission. Students may not carry medicine into school and all medication must be kept in the nurse's office.



Important Dates

- Miscoe Admin Zoom with students - Week of June 15, Day TBD
- Popsicle Social - TBD - COVID-19 dependent
- First Day of School – It's after Labor Day this year - Tuesday, September 2, 2020
- Open House – TBD - COVID-19 dependent



Before you know
it...

Your fifth graders will be eighth graders, and you'll be asking where the time went. So, enjoy this crazy, awesome, wild ride we call middle school!



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Thanks!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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Please consider
attending Dr.
Maruszczak's Town
Hall Zoom session
Saturday morning!

