

HUBBLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

COMMON QUESTIONS OF INCOMING 6TH GRADERS

Q: What's all this stuff about "teams"?

A: Since there are approximately 300 students in each grade, teams give students a "school within a school". In sixth grade, three to five teachers are responsible for a team of 80-130 students. Students do not have to move long distances between classes, and teachers can get to know students well. Each team of teachers also meets to plan and to better address individual student's needs. There will be three teams at 6th grade level next year.

Q: Will I have a counselor in 6th grade?

A: Yes, Hubble has three guidance counselors. Each counselor works extensively with a particular grade and stays with the students for all three years at Hubble. The counselors' offices are located in the Student Services Office. Your counselor is Mrs. Sheila Thorse at 682-2183.

Q: Will I have a bus pass/I.D. card?

A: All students riding a school bus will be issued a bus pass. Students are required to have this pass in order to get on the bus. Lost passes can be replaced for \$3.00 or students can purchase a "temporary" pass for \$.50 in the Main Office before 2:45 p.m.

Q: Will I have a locker?

A: Yes, actually you will have two lockers - a hall locker for books, school supplies, and your coat, and a gym locker for your P.E. clothes. That means two locks and two locker combinations to remember. **DO NOT SHARE YOUR COMBINATION OR LOCKERS WITH YOUR FRIENDS.**

Q: Will I have a uniform for P.E.?

A: Yes, students will be required to change into a P.E. uniform in order to participate in physical education class. Uniforms can be purchased at the Sports Fan in the Danada West shopping center in Wheaton (\$15.00).

Q: Will I have recess?

A: No - there are no recess periods in middle school! Students participate in physical education every day for 45 minutes. In addition, students may participate in intramural sports after school hours.

Q: Will I have exploratory classes?

A: In sixth grade, students take the equivalent of 9 weeks of drama, art, music, and keyboarding. This class is referred to as IRA (Interrelated Arts). The first day of school, all IRA classes meet in the small auditorium.

Q: Can I listen to my IPOD or use my cell phone?

A: Not during the school day which starts when you enter the building. Please read the handbook as it has all the information you need about this and other areas of concern such as dress code, etc.

WHAT TO DO WHEN...

Problem/need

Absent (full or partial day)

Problem with a bully, or a problem on the bus.

Illness/injury (in school)

Appointment during school hours

Late to school

Appointment with counselor, psychologist, or social worker

Class schedule questions

Loss or theft of property

Problem with locker

Join a club or athletic team. Listen to the daily announcements for try-outs, intramurals and/or activity and/or meeting times.

Solution

Parents should call the Attendance Office the day you are absent. (682-2161)

Put a message in the bully buster box, come see a counselor, or tell your teacher. All of these solutions will be brought to the attention of the appropriate administrator.

Ask your classroom teacher for a pass to the nurse's office.

Have a parent call in and excuse you ahead of time. Your parent must sign you out when you leave and sign you in when you return.

Go to the Attendance/Main Office to sign in.

Go to the Student Services Office before or after school or during your lunch period. If your counselor is not available, you may ask to complete an appointment form.

See your counselor

Check in the Lost and Found in the Main Office. For books, check at the Lost and Found table. Go to Student Services to fill out a Theft Report Form. Keep valuables at home!

Report problem to the Main Office

HOMEWORK HOTLINE/EDLINE

The **Homework Hotline (963-1264)** is a phone-line service provided to all Hubble Middle School students. Students and/or parents may call the Homework Hotline to get daily assignments from their team of teachers. Some teachers also use Edline.org so check with individual teachers.

2007-08 Sixth Grade Counselor - Mrs. Thorse - 682-2183