

welcome to
Elmwood Park
Memorial Middle
School



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Principal

Mrs. Corinne DiMartino

Assistant Principal

Mr. Leon Samuels



GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Jerry Dallessio

Guidance Counselor



Ms. Danielle Leva

Student Assistance Counselor



Mr. Dallessio and Ms. Leva are located in the Guidance Suite.

6TH GRADE TEACHERS



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Ms. Perez

Ms. Pucella

Ms. Sutkowska-Gomez

Mr. ten-Hoeve

Mrs. white

SCIENCE

Mrs. Harris-wisneski

Ms. Pucella

Mrs. Sterbinsky



SOCIAL STUDIES

Mrs. Longaker

Mr. Lucibello

Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Swayne

MATH

Mrs. Longaker

Mrs. Robinson

Ms. warren

Ms. Williams



SPANISH

Mrs. Soto

Ms. Trjo

6TH GRADE CLASS ADVISORS

Mrs. Buffa and Mrs. Longaker are your 6th grade class advisors. They are in charge of the class trip, catalog sales, snack sales, etc. If you have any fundraising ideas for our class, let us know.



Mrs. Buffa is in the Media Center office and Mrs. Longaker is in Room 501

buffa@epps.org

plongaker@epps.org

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST & MEDIA SPECIALIST

Mrs. Buffa is our district's Educational Technology specialist. She can help you with your Gmail account, Google Apps for Education, student portal, special projects, etc.



buffa@epps.org



Come visit us in the Media Center

Mrs. Alfonso is our middle/high school media specialist. She can help you with all of your library/media needs.

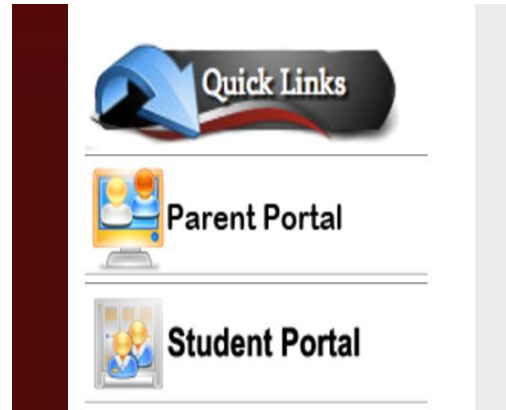


valfonso@epps.org

PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL

- The Parent Portal is for parent/guardian use. It may contain important documents and information that the student portal does not. This should be checked as often as possible.
- The Student Portal is for student use and should be checked daily

* Both Parent/Student Portals can be accessed by going to our school webpage www.elmwoodparkschools.org. Both are located on the left under Quick Links.



DAILY SCHEDULE

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th periods - students attend language arts, math, science social studies classes, and Spanish.
- 4th period - Students attend lunch, instrumental lessons, skills classes, etc. (as per students' individual schedules)
- Students will rotate gym, health, and art classes each marking period.



LUNCH/CAFETERIA



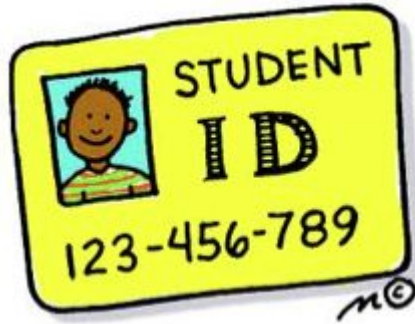
Sixth grade students will go to lunch 4th period for 4A lunch or 4B lunch beginning at at 10:40 a.m.

Student identification cards can be used to pay for breakfast and lunch.

Students must have a pass to go to the Media center or Technology office during lunch.



STUDENT ID CARDS



- Students must wear their id cards in school at all times.
- Students must present their id cards to: buy lunch, for technology office issues, check out books in the media center, etc.

MUSIC



- Music is a scheduled class during the school day.
- There is no after school commitment with the exception of 3 concerts (December, March, June).
- Music takes the place of Study Skills in the schedule. Instead of going to Study Skills and then lunch, music students go to band and then lunch.
- Music is a graded class. It shows up on the report card with a grade like all other classes.
- Music students will have regularly scheduled individual or small group lessons during the school day.
- All students currently participating in the 5th grade music program will be signed up for the 6th grade music program.
- Students wanting to drop music must put in a request with guidance at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Students who are not currently participating in the 5th grade music program but may be interested in joining in 6th grade will need to set up an audition with Ms. Burke and Mr. Bender.
- Any students with questions, comments or concerns may see Ms. Burke during their regular lesson time.



MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...



- New responsibilities
- Lockers
- Changing classes
- Numerous teachers
- More homework



MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...



- Specialized instruction
- Highly qualified content teachers
- Specialized related arts teachers
- Cooperative learning

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...



- Expanded extra-curriculum
- Clubs (Book Club, Band, Color Guard, Student Congress, Yearbook, Crusader Chronicles Newsletter, Musical production, 6th grade Class, Digital Media, Dance Club, and Comic Book Club)
- Athletics



MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...



A time for you to develop more responsibility and a strong work ethic.

A time to learn to get along with many others, respect differences, and settle problems in a mature manner.

MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...

- A year of adjustment
- Some will make the jump quickly and easily.
- others may have more difficulty.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHERE DO I GO WHEN I GET TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING?



Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders go directly to the middle school gym every morning. Students should not arrive before 7:30 a.m.

WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL BEGIN AND END?

- Students are dismissed from the middle school gym at 7:50 a.m.
- From 7:55 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. students may go to their lockers, return library books, etc.
- Students are tardy after the 8:05 a.m. bell.
- School dismissal is 2:45 p.m.



WHERE DO I GO AFTER DISMISSAL?



When the bell rings at 2:45 p.m., students may exit the building to go home. If students are being picked up, try to exit the 1st wing by the auditorium.

WILL I HAVE HOMEWORK EACH NIGHT?

Expect to have more homework than in fifth grade Monday through Friday in all core classes.

Students should use an accordion folder to keep from losing their homework.

Homework assignments will be posted on the student/parent portals daily.





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GRADING POLICY

A = 93 - 100

B = 85 - 92

C = 77 - 84

D = 70 - 76

F = 69 and below



A+

WHAT DO I DO IF I CAN'T LOG INTO THE PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL?

If parents/guardians can not log into the student portal, please contact Mrs. Buffa at buffa@epps.org.

Students may visit Mrs. Buffa in the Media Center office before/after/during school for assistance and login information or email her at buffa@epps.org.



Welcome to the Elmwood Park Student Portal

Information on the upcoming school year will be made available on September 1st.

To view your grades, fines, discipline records, etc, please log in to the student portal on the left.

Your code is your **1345studentID** (e.g: Student ID 123456 would be 1345123456). This never changes and will always be how you log in.

For new students, your password will be your Student ID number. Once you log in you can change it to whatever you like.

User Name/Portal Code	
Password	
<input type="button" value="Sign in"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Remember Me	

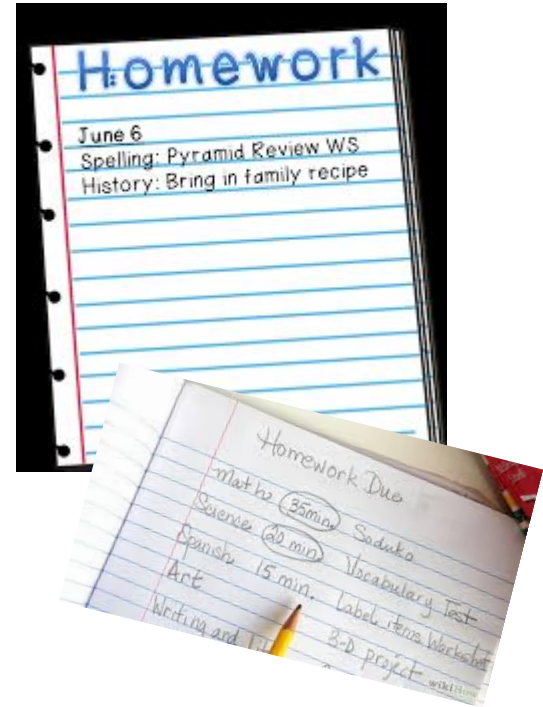
[Forgot Password?](#)

If you have any questions about the Student Portal, or any other technology related inquiry, please don't hesitate to email helpdesk@epps.org. If you have questions regarding scheduling, please contact guidance@epps.org.

STAY ORGANIZED...WRITE DOWN YOUR HOMEWORK IN EACH CLASS

Students are to copy assignments exactly as written on assignment boards upon entering each class.

Parents should check homework on the parent portal nightly.



WHAT SCHOOL SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

- Homework Pad/Agenda
- Accordion Folder
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Wooden lead pencils or mechanical pencils (#2 pencils)
- Pens
- Index Cards
- Notebooks
- 3 subject notebook for Spanish



* Please note that "rolling" book bags/carriers with wheels will not fit into lockers and cannot be kept in the classrooms.

WILL I RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE?

Students will be utilizing Chromebooks within the classrooms and will not be issued individual devices.

Students will also utilize the computer labs within the school.

Students will also have access to GAFE.



Google Apps for Education



CAN I CALL HOME DURING THE DAY?

Students may call their parents during the day on the phones in the office only.

Cell phones are not to be used at school during the day.

Students found using a cell phone will have it confiscated. A parent/guardian is required to pick up the device after school in the main office.



WHAT IF I NEED MEDICINE?



All medications require a form and are administered by our middle/high school nurses, **Mrs. Mulligan** or **Mrs. Stark**, in the nurses' office.

Mrs. Mulligan

kmulligan@epps.org

Mrs. Stark

stark@epps.org

WHEN WILL I BE ISSUED A LOCKER?



* Do not purchase your own lock.
The school will issue you a lock.

Lockers and locks will be issued ASAP as routines are established.

Students will not be required to carry too many books until lockers are issued.

Practice opening a lock before school starts in September. Guides/video are available on the middle school webpage to help you.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?



Please see the [school website](#) for the complete dress code.

All students are expected to adhere to the school dress code.

WHEN CAN I GET EXTRA HELP?

Extra help is available Tuesday through Thursday from 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. and on Fridays from 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Just let your teacher know that you will be staying.



Don't forget about your
summer work!



All summer work is **due the first week of school**. For more information, check out the Middle School web page and click on Summer Assignments under Quick Links on the left, or to pick up a packet from the office, please visit or call the Middle School office at 201-796-8700, ext. 2823.



Crusaders

Keep the pride
alive.