Course Information Night
Thursday, February 11, 2016
Welcome to Kenmore!

Principal
Dr. John Word

Assistant Principal
Dr. Betty Spencer

Assistant Principal and 6th Grade Administrator
Mr. David McBride

Director of Counseling Services
Ms. Caitlin Rose

6th Grade Counselor
Mr. Louis Villafane
Sixth Grade and Transitioning into Middle School

- MS. AMY JUENGST, VISIONARY TEAM LEADER
- MS. JENNIFER CAMPBELL, INNOVATOR TEAM LEADER
Transitions

- Kenmore Community
- First Day & Week
  - Establishing routines, EXCEL, Organization
- Block Scheduling
  - 90 minute blocks & 43 minute anchor class
- Technology
  - 1:1, Google Classroom, iTunes U
- Homework
- Activities
  - Clubs, Sports, ASSC
### Block Scheduling

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<td>12:51 - 2:24 (Kenmore's Periods 7, 8) Core 4</td>
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ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Counselor stays with you all 3 years.

- INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING
- CLASSROOM GUIDANCE
  - Educational Planning and Course Selection
  - Naviance- College and Career Planning
  - Bullying, Teasing and Harassment Prevention
- CHARACTER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
- ORIENTATION AND TRANSITION ACTIVITIES
- PARENT-TEACHER-TEAM CONFERENCES
- CONSULTATION AND REFERRAL, CRISIS INTERVENTION
- FOCUS ON ACADEMICS, POST-SECONDARY PLANNING, AND SOCIO-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Course Selection Meetings at the Elementary Schools

- Tuesday, February 16th - Friday, February 26th

- Each Elementary School is assigned a day where a Middle School Counselor from each Middle School visits to talk to the students who will attend their respective schools

- Middle school counselors talk to 5th graders about transitioning to Middle School and help students fill out their Course Request Forms (CRFs)
For use by school staff only:
Return to counselor by: _____________
Student IEP: _____________

Arlington Public Schools
Kenmore Middle School
2016-17
Grade 6 Course Request Form (CRF)

Student Name: ______________________________________________________
Student Number: ______________________________________________________

This Course Request Form (CRF) allows a student and his/her family to make course selections for the following year. All Grade 6 students are required to take the following core courses: English, math, science, social studies, and health and physical education. Additional core courses may also be required based upon specific program in which the student is enrolled. Descriptions of all courses can be found in the Middle School Program of Studies.

Select only ONE overall program by checking the appropriate box □

□ Grade 6 Program:
- Grade 6 English (11109/10045)
- Grade 6 American Studies (12354/10047)
- Grade 6 Science (14105/10048)
- Math (Students will be recommended by their math teacher for a specific math course prior to the end of the school year. A letter noting the recommended course will be sent home to families before final assignment is made.)

CHOOSE ONE:
□ Grade 6 Health and Physical Education (17110/17650)
□ Health and Physical Education/Dance 6 (Full Year) (17111)

□ High Intensity Language Training Program:
Students enrolled in the High Intensity Language Training Program (HILT) are grouped by English language proficiency into HILT A, HILT B, HILTEX A and HILTEX B. Recommendations for math courses are made by staff. Parents will be notified of the recommendations before a final assignment is made.

□ HILT A (Level 1)
- HILT A English (10786)
- HILT A Reading (10787)
- HILT A Science (10780)
- HILT A History to 1865 (10800)
- Math Instructional Level: _______
- Health and Physical Education (17126/17110)

□ HILT B (Level 2)
- HILT B English (10790)
- HILT B Reading (10791)
- HILT B Science (10781)
- HILT B History to 1865 (10800)
- Math Instructional Level: _______
- Health and Physical Education (17126/17110)

□ HILTEX A (Level 3)
- HILTEX A English (10796)
- HILTEX A Reading (10794)
- US History to 1865 (12354)
- Science (14105)
- Math Instructional Level: _______
- Health and Physical Education (17110)

□ HILTEX B (Level 4)
- HILTEX B English (10799)
- HILTEX B Reading (10797)
- US History to 1865 (12354)
- Science (14105)
- Math Instructional Level: _______
- Health and Physical Education (17110)

□ Reading for all Grade 6 students:
Choose one of the following options for Grade 6 Reading:
- Reading (Full year) (11106/10006)
- Reading (Semester) (11108/Introduction to Spanish (Semester) (15501)
- Reading (Semester) (11108/Transitional Spanish (Semester) (15510)
- Reading (Semester) (11108)/Spanish for Fluent Speakers (Semester) (15503)

This form is updated annually by the APS Department of Instruction and distributed through school Counseling Offices. Please see your school counselor or the Program of Studies for additional course information.

OVER for elective offerings

□
While all Grade 6 students are required to take a core curriculum, students also have the opportunity to select electives. In the chart below, please mark your child's selections by checking the boxes, paying close attention to the instructions listed at the top. Elective course offerings depend on sufficient student enrollment. Therefore, please indicate alternate choices.

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<th>Electives: Choose one (1) full year elective</th>
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<tr>
<td>☐ Exploration Rotation/Wheel (19000) Exploration of various elective areas</td>
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<td>☐ Showtime (11402) Chorus and Theater Arts, Production-based class</td>
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<td>☐ Tech Ed Exploration (19000) Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, &amp; Math (STEAM)</td>
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<td>☐ Beginning/Intermediate Band (19201) (new to instrument or 1 year of experience)</td>
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<td>☐ Advanced Band (19228)*Permission of instructor only (2 years of experience)</td>
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<td>☐ Beginning Orchestra (19237) (new to instrument or 1 year of experience)</td>
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<td>☐ Intermediate Orchestra (19242) (2+ years of experience)</td>
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Students may be recommended by staff to the following full-year courses:

- ☐ Core Plus (Staff Recommendation)
- ☐ Math Strategies 6 (Staff Recommendation)

Alternate(s): ____________________________

ACT II Classes - Please indicate your choices for ACT II, Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:35-4:15. ACT II Classes are run according to student interest. Priority of enrollment is given to 8th graders, then 7th graders, and then 6th graders.

Semester 1:

- ☐ A11392 Theater Arts
- ☐ 19252 Instrumental Music: Beginning Piano
- ☐ A19040 Visual Arts
- ☐ A16507 Digital Input Technologies
- ☐ A18464 Technical Education: Inventions and Innovations
- ☐ A18208 Family and Consumer Science: Teen Living

Semester 2:

- ☐ A11393 Theater Arts-Drama
- ☐ 19252 Instrumental Music: Beginning Piano
- ☐ 19239 Jazz Band
- ☐ A19041 Visual Arts
- ☐ A18464 Technical Education: Inventions and Innovations

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________
Arlington Public Schools
MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES
2016-2017

GUNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
2700 South Lang Street
Arlington, VA 22206
(703) 228-6900

KENMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL
200 South Carlin Springs Road
Arlington, VA 22204
(703) 228-6800

SWANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
5800 North Washington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22205
(703) 228-5500

THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
125 South Old Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22204
(703) 228-5900

WILLIAMSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL
3600 North Harrison Street
Arlington, VA 22207
(703) 228-5450

El Programa de Estudios de las Escuelas Secundarias está disponible en español en todas las oficinas de consejería de las Escuelas Públicas de Arlington o en el sitio web: www.apsva.us
Other Middle School Transition Activities

- Middle School Orientations for Elementary students
  Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th
- Meet and Greet Night
  Thursday, September 1st

DONT FORGET!
Summer Counselor Chats

- Various times available during the months of July and August (look for flyer in the mail late June)
Math Coach
Ms. Corinne Magee
Suggested APS Middle School Mathematics Pathways 2015-2016

Math Courses offered in Grade 6

Math 6

Math 7

Math 8

Math Courses offered in Grade 7

Algebra I

Math 8 for Seventh Graders

Algebra I, Intensified

Math Courses offered in Grade 8

Geometry, Intensified

Math 7 for Sixth Graders

Algebra I, Intensified

At all grade levels, there are additional “Math Strategies” courses available as electives for students who would benefit from assistance to meet grade-level proficiency.
Arts & Communications Technology Focus Coordinator & Instructional Lead Teacher

Ms. Shauna Dyer
6th Grade Elective Choices
(one period, choose one)

- Instrumental Music
- Exploration
- ShowTime
- STEAM
Instrumental Music
(Year-long Program)

• Band
• Orchestra
Advantages of Instrumental Program:

1. Instruction everyday

2. Increased number of performance opportunities. (*Fall, Winter, Spring Concerts, Assessment, Pyramid Concerts, Marching Band Showcase, Small Ensembles, Silent Auction.*)

3. Spring Trip and Competition

4. Large Ensemble Experience
6th Grade Band
6th Grade  Beginning Orchestra
6th Grade Advanced Orchestra
Exploration

- Provides opportunity to explore elective areas.
- Approximately 5 weeks in each area.
Areas of Exploration

- Technology Education
- Keyboarding
- Chorus
- Visual Arts
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Theatre Arts
Technology Education
Keyboarding
Chorus
Visual Arts
Family and Consumer Sciences
Theatre Arts
ShowTime

- Chorus
- Theatre Arts

Goal: Create collaborative productions, one musical in the spring
Chorus
Theatre Arts
Integrated science, technology, art and math class for 6th graders.

- Project-Based learning
- Students learn and apply science, technology, art and math to various projects.
6th Grade Elective Choices

- Instrumental Music
- ShowTime
- Exploration
- STEAM
ACT II
(Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:30-4:15 p.m.)

- Open Studio Art (2 Semesters)
- Digital Input Technologies (2 Semester)
- Theatre Production (2 Semesters)
- Beginning Piano (2 Semesters)
- Big Kickin’ Band (1 Semester) Spring
- Family and Consumer Science: Teen Living (1 Semester) Spring
- Technical Education (1 Semester)
ACT II Facts

1. Graded class that appears on your child’s report card.
2. Attendance is mandatory.
3. Priority given to 8th, 7th and then 6th grade.
4. Request class on CRF.
5. ACT II notification-late August.
Sports Calendar

Tennis=September/October
Diving=September/October
Girls Soccer=October/November
Boys Soccer= September/October
Girls Basketball= January and February
Boys Basketball=November/December
Wrestling= January and February
Swim= February, March, April
Track = April and May
Cheerleading = All Year
Dance PE
Semester Spanish Classes

1. **Introduction to Spanish and Reading** - This course is designed to provide exposure to the Spanish language.

2. **Transitional Spanish and Reading** - This course is designed as the 6th grade sequence to the FLES Spanish language program.

3. **Spanish for Fluent Speakers and Reading** - This course is designed for students who have native or near native oral fluency but have not yet mastered reading and writing skills.
STUDENT PANEL – QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
We will conclude tonight’s event with tours of the building.

Thank you for coming out tonight!

Kenmore Middle School
Arts and Communications
Technology Focus