



WELCOME!

Crittenden's Incoming 6th Grade Information Night

For 2024-2025 school year

Norms

- Please mute yourself when not speaking.
- Please jot down your questions.
- We will answer questions at the end.
- Email us if you have a question later.

Mrs. Flores-Aikey (Principal) afloresaikey@mvwsd.org

Ms. Thompson (Assistant Principal) jthompson@mvwsd.org



- This meeting will be recorded
- Spanish translation is available.
 - **Interpretation** is available for this meeting. All participants: please choose either English or Spanish in the Zoom options.

Welcome to Crittenden!

Annie Flores-Aikey
Principal

Julie Thompson
Assistant Principal

Susie Morales
School Community Engagement Facilitator

Ronald Vargas
At Risk Intervention Supervisor

Carolyn Chang, Counselor

Steve Chesley, PE/Grade
Level Lead

Tapan Dave, History/AD

Arlene Miyata, Music Dept.

Crittenden Office Staff and what we do

School Counselor

Carolyn Chang at cchang@mvwsd.org

- Academic Schedules
- Social Emotional support
- Crisis Support
- 504s
- Collaboration with mental health agencies
- Support High School Transition

School Community Engagement Facilitator

Susie Morales - smorales@mvwsd.org

- Community Engagement
- Student Academic Monitoring
- Family support through programs and resources
- Provide opportunities and increase family involvement
- Support to promote the value and appreciation of school diversity

At Risk Intervention Supervisor

Mr. Ronald Vargas (Bilingual) rovargas@mvwsd.org

- Helps with overall student climate
- Student check-ins
- Discipline
- Monitors student progress



PAWSitive Panthers!

Practice Responsibility
Achieve Your Goals
Work Together
Be Safe

It is our goal to recognize students for their good work and to reinforce those behaviors that contribute to a positive learning community.

We offer Positive Panther tickets, and hold bi-weekly drawings that reward students for being fabulous!

| Monday | | | |
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| Announc. | 8:25 AM | 8:31 AM | 0hr 06 min |
| Per 1 | 8:31 AM | 9:12 AM | 0hr 41 min |
| Per 2 | 9:16 AM | 9:57 AM | 0hr 41 min |
| Per 3 | 10:01 AM | 10:42 AM | 0hr 41 min |
| Break | 10:42 AM | 10:55 AM | 0hr 13 min |
| Per 4 | 10:59 AM | 11:40 AM | 0hr 41 min |
| Per 5 | 11:44 AM | 12:25 PM | 0hr 41 min |
| Lunch | 12:25 PM | 1:05 PM | 0hr 40 min |
| Per 6 | 1:09 PM | 1:50 PM | 0hr 41 min |
| Per 7 | 1:54 PM | 2:35 PM | 0hr 41 min |
| Per 8 | 2:39 PM | 3:20 PM | 0hr 41 min |

Monday schedule is an 8 period day.

Other days drop 2 classes, so students have each class 4/week

Core Subjects

Language Arts

Social Studies

Science

Mathematics

Physical Education

Students have up to 3 electives
NO lockers so book bags needed.



6th Grade Language Arts

Curriculum

- Texts include selections from StudySync, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen, and one small group student choice novel.

What to expect

- Homework- Students will be required to read nightly for 20 minutes as well as complete in-class reading and writing assignments.
- Writing genres include narrative, informative, and argumentative.

Hints for success

- Read, read, read! Parents, have frequent discussions with your students about what they are reading.
- Always take opportunities to rewrite or redo assignments not done to proficiency

6th Grade Social Studies

Curriculum Overview

- Students will be exploring the civilizations of the ancient world.

What to expect

- Using multiple forms of primary and secondary sources to analyze civilizations and historical events.
- Emphasis on critical thinking, reading, & writing

Hints for success

- Stay organized- have a safe place to save your papers
- Keep up with classwork and homework

6th Grade Science

Curriculum Overview

Integrated science main units:

- Scientific Skills
- Cells
- Human Body and Genetics
- Thermal Energy
- Climate and Climate Change

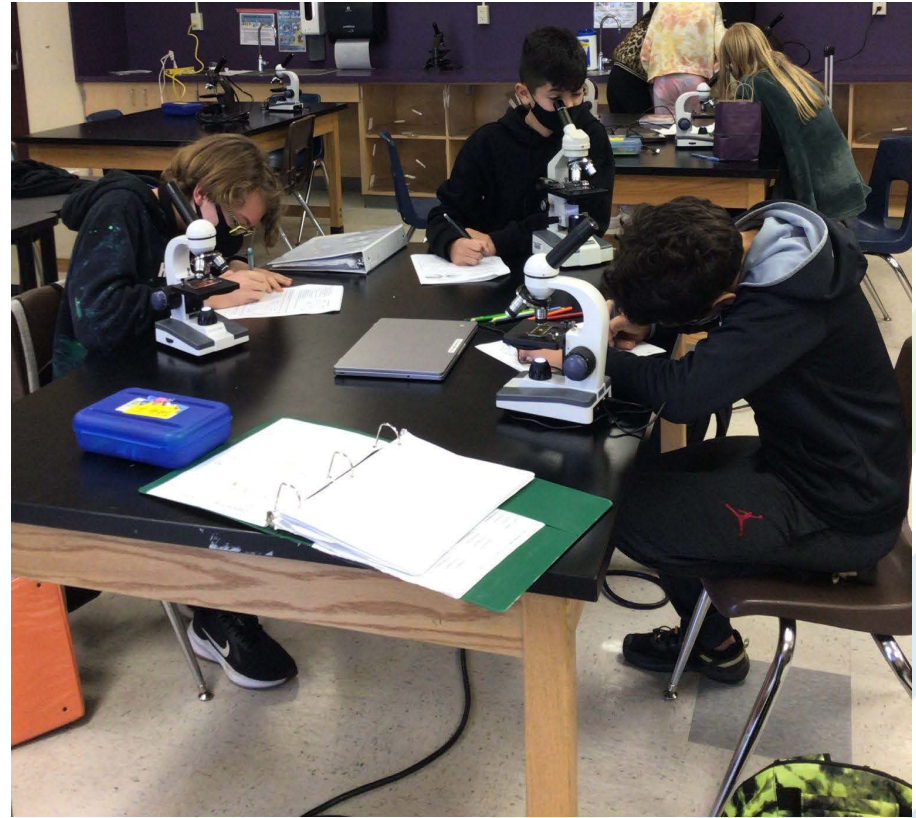
What to expect

- Exploratory labs and hands-on experimentation
- Constructing models to explain phenomenon
- Writing scientific explanations using evidence and reasoning



Hints for Success

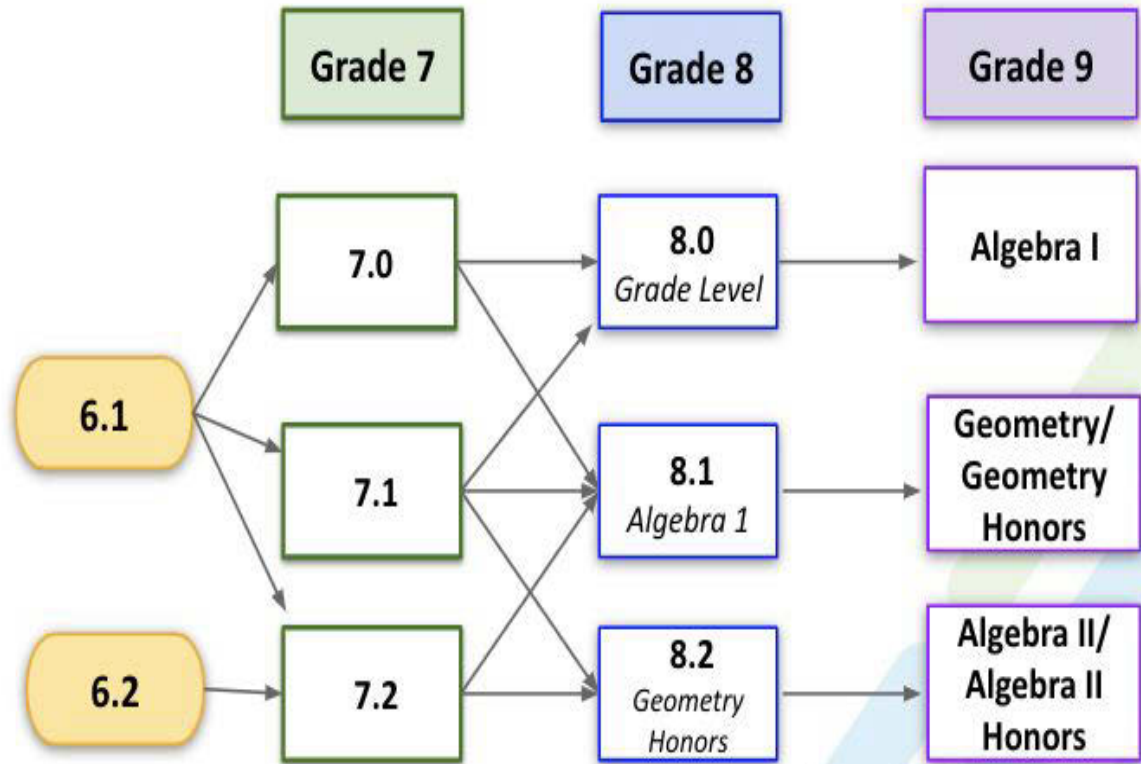
- Keep your science journal and papers organized!
- Utilize your resources (class website, google classroom, agenda)
- Don't hesitate to ask your teacher for help.



Math Pathways 2024-25

What measures are we planning to use to determine a pathway:

- iReady
May/August (527)
- CAASPP



6th Grade Mathematics

What to expect

Students will be scheduled into a math pathway based on multiple data points (i-Ready and CAASPP).

Math 6.2 requires a “Standards Exceeded” on CAASPP

Hints for success

- Review 5th Grade Khan Academy over summer
- Preview 6th Grade Khan Academy over the summer
- Practice Multiplication Facts over the summer (up to 12)

Curriculum Overview

| Math 6.1 | Math 6.2 |
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| 6 modules of 6th Grade Eureka Access to some 7th Grade Eureka content | 6 modules of 6th Grade Eureka 6 modules of 7th Grade Eureka |
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Math Appeal Process

- Math Placements are confirmed after August i-Ready assessments. If you disagree with your child's math placement (based on CAASPP and after i-Ready) we have a Math Appeals Process in place.
- Complete *Math Placement Appeal Form* and submit it to the school office or email it to the principal (*dates TBD, will be confirmed in early fall*).

Math Appeal Process

- A Math Placement Appeals Team composed of the parent(s), student, math department chair, counselor, and school and district administrators will meet to review the request.
- After the meeting, the Math Placement Team will make a decision and communicate the result to parents in writing *within 48 hours*.

Physical Education

Overview of Curriculum

- Motor Skills (*movement*), Fitness Skills (*components of fitness*) and Social Skills (*teamwork and respect*).

What to expect

- Skill Development, Workouts, Assessments

Hints for success

- Active Participation
- Dress out every day



Electives

- Music: Concert Band, Chorus, Musical Theater, Orchestra
- Art and Art History
- Spanish
- Coding
- Marine Biology
- Robotics &
- Support Classes



The Music Department

Curriculum

- Combination of music theory, technique and skills, learning to work as a team, and performances.
- Our goal is to prepare our students for the music ensembles and classes that are offered in the high school programs and beyond.

What to expect

- Practice Cards (Instrumental Groups), Performance Outfits, Instrument Lenders, Fundraisers, Performances. We need a lot of parent help to keep our program operating successfully!

Hints for Success

- Students: PRACTICE!

Courses

Band Ensemble
Beginning &
Intermediate Orchestra
Musical Theater
Panther Chorus
Guitar

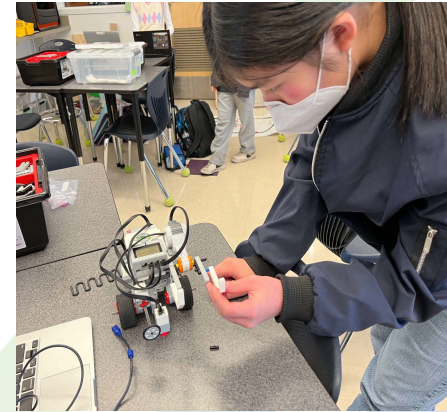
Technology Classes

Robotics and Engineering

This is a 6th through 8th grade class where students design and build projects in small groups. Some projects include, Robots, Bridges, 3D printing, Laser cutting, and Rocketry.

Coding

Scratch, Python, and Java languages are taught to students and, as their skills develop, so do the challenges.



Art Department

Art 1 & 2

Curriculum

- Focus on Elements of Art and Principles of Design: Line, shape, form, texture, color, value, space, balance, unity, variety, emphasis, pattern and movement, proportion
- Acrylic paint, water color, oil pastel, markers and more!

What to Expect

- Community projects
 - Doodle for Google and Stanford Mural
 - Art club at lunch (Focus on creating murals for Crittenden campus)
 - Art Show in March at the Open House

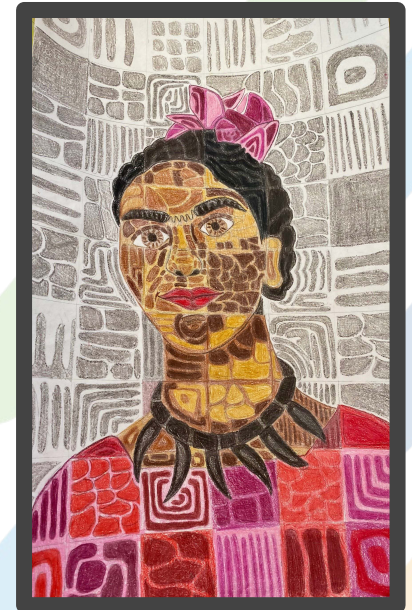
Art History

Curriculum

- This course begins with cave art and ends with street art in the Bay Area.

What to Expect

- This is a project based course
- Projects include
 - Renaissance Painting
 - Pop Art Self-Portrait
 - Impressionism Landscape



Spanish - Español

The Spanish Department offers 3 levels: Span 1, 2, and Advanced Spanish

Spanish 1 and 2 focus on reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. Students will use a variety of vocabulary and practice using Spanish when communicating. Emphasis is placed on learning through stories (TPRS) and songs.

Note Successfully completing Spanish 2 (Spanish 1 *AND* Spanish 2 *OR* just Spanish 2) will be equivalent to high school Spanish 1 and students will start 9th grade in Spanish 2.

Advanced Spanish is 100% conducted in Spanish. It focuses on reading (novels), writing (paragraphs, essays, some grammar and spelling). This class is meant for students who come from Mistral's dual immersion program, for native speaking students, and for heritage speakers. All students must have near native proficiency (in reading, writing, speaking, and listening).

Academic Support

- English Language Development
- RTI Classes (for ELA and math)
- Study Skills (2 classes in 6th grade)
- Beyond the Bell (after school)
- After-School Homework Center

Lunch Clubs and Activities

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| Debate Club | Gaming Club | Garden Club |
| Sports Club | Pride Club | K-Pop Club |
| Gymnastics Club | Swiftie Club | Disney |
| Board Games | Art Club | Lorcana |
| Chess Club | Drama Club | Sketch Club |
| Crochet Club | Yearbook Club | WEB activities |
| Culture Club | Dungeons & Dragons Club | Leadership Activities |
| Latin X Club | Short Film Club | School Dances |
| | | PantherBots |



Athletics

Softball

Cross Country

Volleyball

Basketball

Soccer

Track and Field

Wrestling



Fall Sports (August-October)

Cross Country (G,B)

Basketball (B)

Softball (G)

Winter Sports (October-December)

Wrestling (B,G)

Volleyball (G)

Winter Sports 2 (December -February)

Soccer (G)

Volleyball (B)

Spring Sports (February-April)

Soccer (B)

Basketball (G)

Spring Sports 2 (April-May)

Track and Field (B,G)

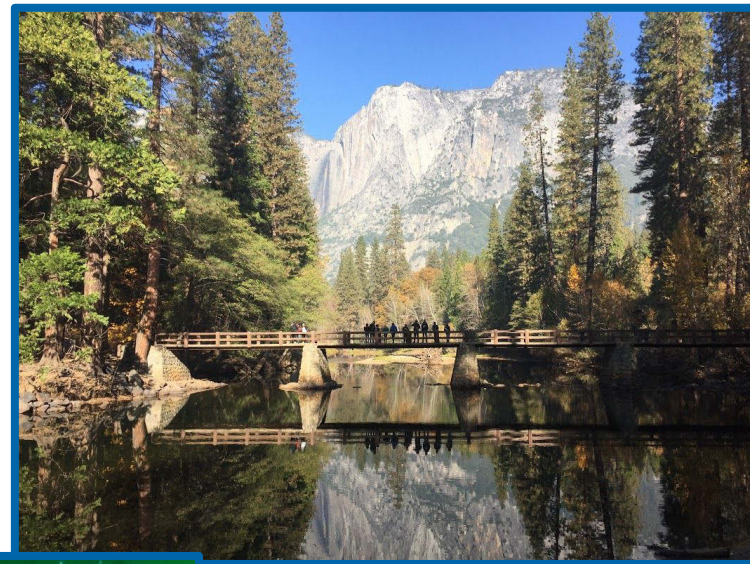
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Crittenden.mvwsd.org
and
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Getting Involved

- PTA
- ELAC
- Clubs, sports, activities, events
- Chaperones - school dances and field trips



Danielle Valdez, PTA President

PTA supports a variety of programs and activities that benefit all students and families, such as:

- Grade-level enrichment activities and field trips
- Student clubs, student leadership, & WEB (Where Everybody Belongs)
- Programs and activities like the school musical
- Library books, and supplies
- 8th grade graduation
- Community and family connection activities
- Join the Crittenden PTA, become a member for just \$12.00

Email with any questions to:

ptacrittenden@gmail.com



Donate to both PTA and MVEF



- Site-specific partner to the school
- Community-building, volunteer coordination
- Student leadership and enrichment
- Classroom and teacher materials
- **PTA funds can not compensate school staff**

- Ayudante específico del sitio para la escuela
- Desarrollo comunitario, coordinación de voluntarios
- Liderazgo y enriquecimiento estudiantil
- Materiales para el aula y el profesor
- **Los fondos de la PTA no pueden compensar al personal de la escuela**



- Funds an additional English Language Arts teacher at each Middle School (new this year!)
- 6th Grade Living Classroom outdoor education.
- Coaches and transportation for after-school athletics.
- Stipends for staffing of clubs and activities.

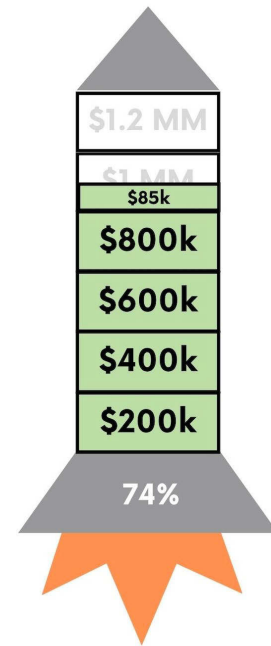
- Un maestro adicional de artes del lenguaje inglés en cada escuela intermedia.
- Educación al aire libre en Living Classroom de 6º grado.
- Entrenadores y transporte para atletismo después de la escuela.
- Estipendios para la dotación de personal de clubes y actividades.



How is MVEF funding different in MVWSD Middle Schools?

Smaller class sizes, after school athletics, special clubs and activities

- An additional English Language Arts teacher at each Middle School.
- 6th Grade Living Classroom outdoor education.
- Coaches and transportation for after-school athletics.
- Stipends for student clubs and activities.



Clases más pequeñas de ELA, atletismo, clubes en las escuelas intermedias

- Un maestro adicional de artes del lenguaje inglés en cada escuela intermedia.
- Educación al aire libre en Living Classroom de 6º grado.
- Entrenadores y transporte para atletismo después de la escuela.
- Estipendios para clubes y actividades estudiantiles.

Only
\$315k left to raise
before June 30,
2023!

Getting Ready & Getting Excited for Middle School!

- Multiple classes and teachers
- Staying organized
- Building independent work habits
- Staying informed - website, weekly newsletter & PowerSchool
- Parents: Open House & Parent Orientation
- Students: WEB & Welcome Week



If your student is coming from a MVWSD elementary school, re-enroll!

- Click on the email in your inbox to confirm the enrollment of your returning student for the 2024-25 school year
- Email will lead you to the Powerschool Parent Portal
- Re-enroll by Feb. 9

If you are new to MVWSD - Register!

- Go to MVWSD.org/Register for a list of documents you will need
 - Instructions and videos available
 - Students entering 7th grade need a TDAP booster and the second vaccination of Varicella
- Before Feb. 9, log on to MVWSD.org/Register
- Go to the “Step 3” tab and click to register your student

Q & A: Thank you for attending!



Learn more about
Crittenden by watching
our school video



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MVWSD by watching our
district video

