

Middle River Middle School

800 Middle River Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21220

August - 2009 - 2010

QUICK REFERENCE

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Don't forget to check out the
 MRMS Website.
<http://middleriverms.bcps.org>

Back To School Newsletter 2009-2010

AUGUST 31, 2009 - OPENING DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

Students and Parents, Welcome To a New School Year!

A recent survey of American employers asked the question, "What are the most important characteristics you would like to see in your employees?" Four key answers were identified:

- *good attendance record;
- *communication skills;
- *teamwork;
- *problem-solving ability/thinking skills.

Our Middle River Middle School approach aligns with the survey results. We cherish the partnerships we have with our parents and community members, as we strive together to deliver a quality educational experience for all students in the middle school years. Our vision is to have all of our students "college-ready, workforce-ready, and/or military-ready", as educated and productive citizens.

This summer, we received news that our students met the state MSA Standards in 24 of the 27 tested categories. We also received the Gold Banner Award from the state of Maryland for excellence in our PBIS positive behavior program. This is the highest award given in Maryland in this excellent program! **Academic achievement will continue to be the focus of all planning and programming** here at the River for 2009-2010. We have 130 new computers for student use this year, and our Library will be enhanced as a center for research and reading. On October 23, 2009, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Middle River Middle School. You will hear more about this event in the weeks to come.

There are so many ways for students to "**be connected**" and find an identity here at the River. We have a National Junior Honor Society, an Art Club, a Quizbowl Team, after school tutoring, Recycling activities, Student Government, and many other opportunities for student involvement. We will be striving to help all students find an interest connection this year, so that their interest in school and learning is enhanced by involvement in at least one club or activity. Please encourage your child to take advantage of opportunities to "be connected" beyond the school day in some way.

Together, we can make learning and achievement the focused priority in the lives of all of our students. May the blessings of summer continue for you for the remainder of its days, and welcome to the new school year!

Walter Mills, Principal

OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, August 27, 2009 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Welcomes incoming 6th grade students and parents to visit

Also welcome are 7th & 8th grade students and parents that are new to our school.

- Distribution of homeroom number/schedule and locker number with combinations
- Map of school – take a self tour; all areas of school will be open for exploration
- P.E. uniforms will be on sale - Small to XL \$25.00 / Shorts - \$12.00 / Shirts - \$13.00
- Cafeteria money can be placed on accounts
- PTSA hosting refreshments in the courtyard - volunteer signup & PTSA membership

Middle River's Back to School Nights

Wednesday, September 16 - Grades 7 & 8
 Wednesday, September 23 - Grade 6 ONLY
 Back to School Nights - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

New State Immunization Laws

Do you have up-to-date immunizations?
 Please send updated records to our
 school nurse, Mrs. Russo now!

HOURS

Students may enter the building at 8:12 a.m. and first period will begin at 8:25. Students should go directly to their homeroom classes. School is dismissed at 3:00 for walkers. Bus riders will be dismissed to board their buses at 2:55 and the buses will leave at 3:00. There will be **no Activity Bus** this year. After school activities end at 4:00 p.m. Please be prompt picking up your student.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

LIST BELOW IS THE MINIMUM - ADDITIONAL ITEMS MAY BE GIVEN BY INDIVIDUAL TEACHER ON THE FIRST DAY

When buying school supplies to start the year, remember to stock up on the usual: **Large 3 ring binder (no trapper keepers), you may want to purchase a few extra binders now while the stores are stocked; most students go through 3-5 binders in a school year,** paper, pens, pencils, dividers, and 1 marble composition book for science.

Backpacks must be able to fit into student's locker.

Suggested Art Supplies include: big eraser, pencils, sketchbook must be spiral bound, 50+ pages, and 8.5" x 11" or 9" x 12" in size.

Physical Education class requires a uniform. The cost of a uniform is **\$25.00** for both boys and girls (shorts - \$12.00 / shirts - \$13.00. These are sold by the school and will be available a Open House. They may also be purchased in the student's physical education class.

Planners: All students will receive a free planner and they will be taught how to use it to improve their grades. (The planner is also a helpful tool for parents to check for homework assignments, project due dates, testing dates, and other helpful school information.) **Students will have to pay a replacement fee of \$5.00 if the planner is lost.**

If purchasing school supplies at **Office Depot**, please mention Middle River Middle's number **70045984**. Office Depot is offering rebates to schools based on school supply purchases, but you must mention the school number at the beginning of the checkout process for the purchase to qualify.

LOCKERS

All students will be assigned a locker when they return to school. Our lockers are new and are equipped with a built in combination lock. **Students must keep all coats and outer clothing in their lockers. Students are reminded not to share lockers or their combinations with others.** Lockers are the property of the school and are on loan to the students. They may, therefore, be searched if school personnel find it necessary.

PHONE MESSAGE POLICY

Please do not call school with a message for your child. Our class time is devoted to learning. We cannot interrupt instruction to deliver personal messages. **In the event of an extreme emergency, an administrator must give permission for the message to be delivered.**

BEHAVIOR HANDBOOK

All students will receive a summary of the Student Behavior Handbook 2009-2010 to review on the first day of school. At a scheduled time during the month of September, an administrator will meet with each class to present and explain the entire contents in detail.

PTSA

Lori Merritt (President), Christina Turner (Secretary), and Christine McKinney (Treasurer) are planning to serve on our PTSA Executive Board for 2009-2010. If you are interested in serving with them, or would like more information about PTSA at Middle River Middle School, please call Lori Merritt at 410-887-0165. Please plan to join our PTSA this year. Last year, our Faculty had nearly 100% membership! We hope to increase parent membership by 25% this year!

BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT NIGHTS

Performance Indicator 6.3 for Goal 6 of the Blueprint for Progress is about increasing the number of parents/guardians participating in Back-to-School Night and student events annually by 10% per school. A schedule for Back-to-School Night according to feeder schools within a cluster optimizes parent/guardian opportunities to attend. Below is the schedule that identifies Back-to-School Night Activities.

Tuesday - Elementary Schools

Wednesday- Middle Schools

Thursday - High Schools

Remember to join us for other "Family Activity Nights" throughout the year.

TRANSPORTATION

The list of bus stops is included in this newsletter. Student's Bus Stop # is printed on the mailing label of this packet. (example: BS/0112 would be Bay Dr. & Wye Rd) **Students can only ride the bus that they have been assigned. THERE WILL BE NO BUS CARDS ISSUED. All Bus Drivers will use an official list to identify all students.** If you have any questions please contact the school office and we will direct your call to the administrator in charge of transportation.

BUS LOADING/UNLOADING AREAS

Please do not pull into the circle drive at the beginning or end of the school day. In order to provide an orderly and timely dismissal, the buses park in assigned places around the circle. If there are cars in the circle, the buses are unable to unload/load properly.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child needs to take medication in school, you must provide an order written by a doctor. The medication must be in a labeled prescription bottle or original container. This would include Tylenol, cold medication, cough syrup, antibiotics, eye drops, etc. Never send medication in an envelope, baggie or bottle with a note from home. This medication will not be given to your child. The medication cannot be sent home with your child. It will be held at school until an adult can come to pick it up. Please feel free to call the school nurse (887-0168) for any questions.

CAFETERIA NEWS

The cost of secondary student breakfast will be \$1.55 and the secondary student lunch will be \$3.00. Reduced prices for student breakfast will be \$.30 and student lunch will be \$.40. Applications for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program will be issued the first day of school. **Please note that if a student received a free or reduced lunch in June, he/she is automatically approved for the same through September 2009, but a new applications must be completed ASAP. Families must reapply for meal benefits every school year in order to continue to receive benefits. Please fill out the application and return it to your youngest child's school.**

WHO SHOULD I CALL?

When parents have questions or concerns about their child's progress in school we encourage parents to call the specific teacher first, or the team leader if the concern is about more than one class. You can call 887-0165 to leave a message for any of our teachers.

If you have a question or concern about student service learning, career exploration, or any overall academic or social-emotional concerns about your child, feel free to call the Student Services Office at 887-0164. The student services office secretary is **Mrs. Zinkand**, and she will help you contact the appropriate resource person. **Mrs. Anderson** is the sixth grade counselor and **Mr. Roberts** is the eighth grade counselor. **Mrs. Heagy** will be our part time guidance counselor. **Mrs. Anderson** and **Mrs. Heagy** will assist with the seventh grade. **Ms. McCombs**, psychologist, serves our staff on a part time basis and **Mr. Derry** will be our part time social worker.

After talking with teachers, team leaders and/or grade level counselors, feel free to contact the assistant principals (Grade 6 - Dr. Howell, Grade 7 - Mr. Baker, Grade 8 - Mrs. Hudson) or the principal, Walter Mills. We can be reached at 887-0165.

CONNECT ED

Baltimore County Public Schools and Middle River Middle utilize a phone call out system called Connect Ed. This system is used to keep parents informed of school and district events, student attendance, PTSA functions, etc.

SCHOOL STORE

The school store opens every morning from 8:12 to 8:25 a.m. We sell small items like pens, pencils, paper, erasers, etc. It is located next to the gym. Students must get a pass from homeroom teachers to visit the school store.

DRESS CODE

We have used common sense and reasonableness to form our dress code. Before your child leaves for school, one should ask if the outfit would be acceptable in the world of work. Even in the hot weather students need to come to school with their body covered in a modest fashion. The following are guidelines for shopping:

- **Skirts, dresses, or shorts need to be fingertip length**
- **No undergarments should be exposed**
- **Tops need to cover midriff and should not be strapless, tank tops, or muscle tee shirt**

DRESS CODE (Continued)

- **Avoid clothing and other items (jewelry, etc.) depicting/ suggesting messages about drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, and/or foul language or that present either a dehumanizing message or a danger to others (including but not limited to, chains, dog collars, metal stud bracelets, etc.**
- **Shoes or sandals that are suitable for outdoor wear and that provide foot safety (no slippers)**
- **No nightclothes, pajamas, or loungewear.**
- **In cool weather, students must keep coats in his/her assigned locker; sweaters or sweatshirts are good choices.**
- **No hats, scarves or bandannas.**

If your child wears an inappropriate outfit, we will call you to bring appropriate clothes for them.

Expensive jewelry and all electronic devises/headsets should be kept at home. This allows our students and staff to focus on achievement rather than on lost/misplaced/stolen items.

Cell phones have posed a significant problem to our school in recent years. We encourage all students to leave cell phones at home. However, if the phones are brought to school, they must be turned off and put away. Our school clearly supports this rule: "We should not hear or see any cell phones in school." If an item is taken from a student when this rule is broken, a parent will be required to come pick up the item.

WHAT SECTION AND ROOM AM I IN?

The student's section and room number are the same. This number will be printed on the mailing label of this packet as a three digit number. The first number is your student's grade level and the following numbers are the section/room number. (example: 609 would be grade 6, section 09, room 09, teacher Ms. Ward)
Schedules are distributed on the first day of school.

609	Ward	729	Taylor-Murphy
611	Fisher	730	Ruckelshaus
612	Drury	731	Engel-Bunch
613	McDonald	732	Schriefer
614	Fields	733	Gjoni
615	Budga	741	Maddox
616	Snow	744	Werner
617	Eve	745	Vetter
618	Martin	803	Sherrod
619	Bertrand	804	Klann
620	Smith, G.	810	McCann
622B	Levy	822	Wolfe
626	Kates	822A	Powell
640	Adams	833	Gjoni
641	Maddox	834	Noppinger
702	Kerner	835	Joyner
705	Davis	836	O'Brien
706	Chisholm	837	Skopp
707	Palmer	838	Schwarting
708	Mohr	839	Smith, N.
710	McCann	841	Maddox
722B	Levy	845	Vetter
727	Klatt		

Notification of Availability of Asbestos

On October 22, 1986, the United States Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop an asbestos management plan that addresses asbestos hazards in school buildings, and implement response actions in a timely manner.

Baltimore County Public Schools' program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our Asbestos Management Plan. This plan contains information on our inspection, re-inspection, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic re-inspections and surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan at the Department of Physical Facilities, 9610 Pulaski Park Drive, Suite 204, Baltimore, Maryland 21220, or at the school office with which you or your children may be associated.

If you have any questions regarding Baltimore County Public Schools' Asbestos Management Program, please contact the Office Environmental Services at 410-887-6310.

Attendance

The Maryland Department of Education states that a student must miss *no more than 10 days* a year to be rated satisfactory. Daily attendance and punctuality are the expectation. Students should remain out of school only when it is absolutely necessary.

Under state law a note explaining the reason must cover any absences. Illness extending beyond 3 days should be explained by a doctor's certificate. Parents or guardians are requested to telephone and discuss issues with the school nurse at 410-887-0168.

Absence for family vacation is unexcused. If extenuating circumstances arise, please notify the appropriate Assistant Principal by letter at least two weeks prior to the anticipated absence.

Bad Checks

Issuers of dishonored checks presented to Baltimore County Public Schools will be given 10 days to submit full payment of the amount of the check plus actual bank charges incurred by BCPS by means of a money order, cashier's check or cash. If this payment is not received by the end of 10 days, the issuer will need to submit full payment of the amount of the check plus \$35.00. If payment is not received at the end of the 20-day period, BCPS will turn over the dishonored check, and all other available information related to this check, to the State's Attorney for criminal prosecution. If the dishonored check is turned over to the State's Attorney for collection, schools will not accept restitution from the check issuer. The funds will be remitted to the school by the State's Attorney's Office.

School Resource Officer

Middle River is pleased to be a part of the school resource officer program. The placement of a Baltimore County law enforcement officer within our school continues to promote a safe and orderly environment. He acts as a liaison between the community and our school. The SRO is an active law enforcement officer on our campus for immediate response, a resource for law related education, and a law related counselor. He works cooperatively and collaboratively with administrators, staff, students and parents.

MIDDLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION 2009-2010

Student's Bus Stop number is printed on the mailing label of this packet. Example: BS/8076 = 8076

STOP #	BUS STOP	A.M.	P.M.	STOP #	BUS STOP	A.M.	P.M.
<u>CUNNING HILL COVE - LOADING STATION #4</u>				<u>GREENBANK LOADING STATION #3</u>			
0501	Olivia Rd & Bogy Rd	7:45	3:15	0200	Graces Quarters Rd & Gracewood Dr	7:40	3:15
0502	Cunninghill Cove Rd & Cunning Circle	7:49	3:17	0201	Greenbank Rd & Susquehanna Rd	7:43	3:16
0502	Cunninghill Cove Rd & Cunning Circle	7:50	3:18	0202	E. Greenbank Rd & Gunpowder Rd	7:44	3:17
<u>BUTTONWOOD LOADING STATION # 14</u>				0203	E. Greenbank Rd & Chesapeake Rd	7:45	3:18
0801	Reams Rd & Buttonwood La	7:40	3:10	0204	Chesapeake Rd & Patapsco Rd	7:46	3:19
0802	10610 Vincent Rd	7:45	3:14	0205	Gunpowder Rd & Tred Avon	7:47	3:20
0803	Vincent Rd & Keithly Rd	7:46	3:15	0206	Biscayne Bay Blvd & Tamarac Trail	7:50	3:10
0804	Vincent Rd & Gambrell Rd	7:47	3:16	<u>VAN WINKLE LOADING STATION #13</u>			
0805	Bird River Rd & Bevans La	7:49	3:18	1100	Van Winkle La & Washington Irving	7:40	3:10
0806	10615 Bird River Rd	7:50	3:19	1101	10051 Pulaski Hwy	7:43	3:12
0807	6211 Ebenezer Rd	7:51	3:20	1102	5508 Ebenezer Rd	7:46	3:16
0808	6531 Ebenezer Rd	7:52	3:21	1103	5821 Ebenezer Rd	7:52	3:21
0809	Pheasant Rd & Mallard Rd	7:55	3:25	1104	5829 Ebenezer Rd	7:53	3:22
0810	6020 Ebenezer Rd	7:58	3:28	1105	Pine Hill Rd & Vincent Farm La	7:54	3:23
0811	6006 Ebenezer Rd	7:59	3:29	1106	10513 Vincent Rd	7:55	3:24
<u>BENONI LOADING STATION #9</u>				1107	11105 Bird River Grove Rd	7:58	3:27
1300	Myersview Dr & Eastern Ave	7:45	3:16	1108	Bird River Grove Rd & Loop	8:00	3:29
1301	Tidewater Circle & Alberge La	7:50	3:10	<u>KEENERS LOADING STATION # 2</u>			
1302	118 Benoni Circle	7:52	3:12	0300	212 Carroll Island Rd	7:45	3:17
1303	21 Benoni Circle	7:54	3:14	0301	838 Seneca Rd	7:48	3:18
<u>EASTERN AVE - LOADING STATION #8</u>				0302	Nannette La & Seneca Park Rd	7:49	3:19
0601	11513 Eastern Blvd	7:40	3:15	0303	Carroll Island Rd & Keeners Rd	7:52	3:22
0602	12155 Eastern Ave	7:41	3:16	0304	Carroll Island Rd & Dunsmuir Circle	7:53	3:25
0603	Eastern Blvd & Minnow Branch Rd	7:42	3:17	0305	Lariat Rd & Roundup Rd	7:56	3:10
0604	12433 Eastern Ave	7:43	3:18	0306	Whistlestop Rd & Community Center	7:58	3:12
0605	12631 Eastern Blvd	7:44	3:19	<u>BIRD RIVER LOADING STATION # 15</u>			
0606	Greenbank Rd & Eastern Ave Ext	7:45	3:20	0900	Bird River Rd & Rosanda Ct	7:45	3:08
0607	Greenbank Rd & Rivervan Ave	7:46	3:21	0901	Bird River Rd & Gladway Rd	7:46	3:09
0609	Choptank Rd & Oliver Beach Rd	7:47	3:22	0902	Bird River Rd & Rohe Farm La	7:47	3:10
0608	Greenbank Rd & Choptank Rd	7:48	3:23	0903	Bird River Rd & Hill Top Rd	7:48	3:11
0610	Oliver Beach Rd & Patuxent Rd	7:49	3:24	0904	10208 Bird River Rd	7:49	3:14
0611	Eastern Ave Ext & Red Bird Rd	7:52	3:25	0905	10140 Bird River Rd	7:50	3:15
0612	12932 Eastern Ave Ext	7:53	3:26	0906	Bird River Rd & Campbell Blvd	7:53	3:16
<u>WAMPLER LOADING STATION # 10</u>				0907	Bird River Rd & Cider Ct	7:55	3:17
1501	Wampler Rd & Sapelo Rd	7:50	3:10	0908	Bird River Rd & Greenbriar Way	7:56	3:18
1502	Wampler Rd & Shagbark Rd	7:53	3:12	<u>HOLLY HUNT LOADING STATION #5</u>			
1503	Wampler Rd & Sorgen Ct	7:54	3:14	0400	414 Earls Rd	7:45	3:10
1504	Wampler Rd & Shawgo Ct	7:56	3:16	0401	Carroll Island Rd & Carrollwood Rd	7:46	3:12
1505	Wampler Rd & Bengies Rd	7:58	3:17	0402	Bayville Rd & Holly Hunt Rd	7:48	3:13
1506	Wampler Rd & Coltwood Rd	8:00	3:18	0403	Bayville Rd & Crisfield Rd	7:49	3:14
<u>WHISPERING WOODS LOADING STATION # 11</u>				0404	Red Grove Rd & Bowleys Quarters Rd	7:50	3:16
1400	2nd Alberge La & Tidewater La	7:50	3:15	0405	Bowleys Quarters Rd & Holly Grove Rd	7:52	3:18
<u>HUNTING FIELDS LOADING STATION #6</u>				0406	Edwards La & Wagner Rd	7:55	3:20
1001	Carroll Island Rd & Hunting Field Rd	7:50	3:15	<u>WHITE PINE LOADING STATION #7</u>			
1002	Luthardt Rd & Tidewood Rd	7:53	3:17	0701	White Pine Rd & Carrollwood Rd	7:50	3:10
1003	Tidewood Rd & Kittendale Rd	7:55	3:1	0702	Seneca Garden Rd & Bowleys Quarters Rd	7:53	3:12

**MIDDLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (Continued)
2009-2010**

STOP #	BUS STOP	A.M.	P.M.	STOP #	BUS STOP	A.M.	P.M.
<u>BOWLEYS QUARTERS LOADING STATION #1</u>				<u>BOWLEYS QUARTERS LOADING STATION #1 (Cont.)</u>			
0101	Bowleys Quarters Rd & Glenwood Rd	7:35	3:10	0114	Goose Harbor Rd & Gooseneck Rd	7:54	3:30
0102	Bowleys Quarters Rd & Revolea Rd	7:36	3:11	0115	New Section Rd & S. Seneca Rd	7:55	3:31
0103	Susquehanna Ave & Chester Rd	7:38	3:13	0116	Seneca Rd & Chestnut Rd	7:56	3:32
0104	Susquehanna Ave & Chesapeake Rd	7:39	3:14	0117	Chestnut Rd & Bowleys Quarters Rd	7:58	3:33
0105	Cold Spring Rd & Chesapeake Ave	7:40	3:15	<u>HAREWOOD LOADING STATION #12</u>			
0106	Chesapeake Ave & Chester Rd	7:41	3:16	1200	Harewood Rd & Old Ebenezer Rd	7:40	3:09
0107	Chesapeake Ave & Choptank Rd	7:42	3:17	1201	Birdwood Ave & Powderdale Ave	7:45	3:14
0108	Burke Rd & Burke Rd	7:45	3:20	1202	Harewood Park Dr & Harewood Rd	7:48	3:15
0109	Bowleys Quarters Rd & Burke	7:48	3:23	1203	Harewood Park Dr & Princeton Rd	7:49	3:16
0110	Bowleys Quarters Rd & Holly Tree	7:49	3:24	1204	Loyola Rd & Cornell Rd	7:50	3:17
0111	Chesapeake Rd & Bay Dr	7:50	3:25	1205	Loyola Rd & University Dr	7:51	3:18
0112	Bay Dr & Wye Rd	7:51	3:26	1206	University Dr & Princeton Rd	7:52	3:19
0113	Briar Point Rd & Miami Beach Rd	7:53	3:28	1207	Harewood Rd & Sand Dollar Way	7:53	3:20

Middle River Middle Loading Stations 2009-2010

Loading Station #1 — Bowleys Quarters Bus	Loading Station #9 — Benoni Bus
Loading Station #2 — Keeners Bus	Loading Station #10 — Wampler Bus
Loading Station #3 — Greenbank Bus	Loading Station #11 — Whispering Woods Bus
Loading Station #4 — Cunninghill Cove Bus	Loading Station #12 — Harewood Bus
Loading Station #5 — Holly Hunt Bus	Loading Station #13 — Van Winkle Bus
Loading Station #6 — Hunting Fields Bus	Loading Station #14 — Buttonwood Bus
Loading Station #7 — White Pine Bus	Loading Station #15 — Bird River Bus
Loading Station #8 — Eastern Ave. Bus	Loading Station #16 —

MRMS HOMEWORK HOTLINE EXTENSIONS 2009-2010**The phone number of the Homework Hotline is 410-391-9325.**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EXTENSION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EXTENSION
ADAMS	SARAH	115	MARTIN	BARBARA	167
ANDERSON	MICHELE	132	MASTERS	LEE ANN	182
BERTRAND	DON	165	MATH	6TH GRADE	154
BROSIOUS	PATTI	162	MCCANN	TERESA	166
BROWN	BARBARA	215	MCDONALD	ANNE MARIE	210
BUGDA	LINDSAY	112	MOHR	CRISTA	205
BUNCH	TRISH	222	MOORE	DAVE	163
CHARLES	ROULAND	224	MOORE	SALLY	198
CHISHOLM	REBECCA	168	NOPPINGER	BARBARA	114
CLARK	LOUIS	196	NUGENT	SARAH	171
CLIFFORD	MATT	214	OBRIEN	KIRSTEN	184
COSGROVE	WAYNE	192	PALMER	AMANDA	310
COYLE	MARK	194	PALMER	GREG	360
DAVIS	NATHAN	170	PARROTS	6TH GRADE	216
DEES	MIKE(DAVE)	101	PHOENIXS	8TH GRADE	206
DOWNS	JOANNA	103	POWELL	FRANCIS	161
DRAGONS	7TH GRADE	330	PROCTOR	MICHELE	202
DRURY	JAMIE	175	QUESNEL	MIKE	300
EAGLES	6TH GRADE	380	RAKOWSKI	PERRIE	134
EVE	JOANNE	110	RAVENS	6TH GRADE	123
FIELDS	ANGELA	164	ROBERTS	MIKE	116
FISHER	SHARON	150	RUSSO	LAURA	152
GAGLIANO	CRISTA	105	RUCKELSHAUS	KELLY	220
GARDINA	CINDY	121	SCHRIEFER	KAREN	176
GATOR	TEAM	350	SCHWARTING	ERIKA	160
GJONI	KATIE	151	SHERROD	KATRINA	223
GLEASON	ANNE	201	SKOPP	JASON	120
GOETSCHIUS	BARRY	213	SMITH	GLENN	117
GOVERNALE-ZAIDMAN	KAY	207	SMITH	NORM	208
HEAGY	STEPHANIE	130	SNOW	JIM	370
JOYNER	JENNIFER	226	SUCHER	DOTTIE	190
JUSKUS	BARBARA	211	TERRAPINS	8TH GRADE	186
KATES	DEB	153	TWELL	JUDY	118
KERNER	KYLE	173	WARD	TERESA	124
KLANN	JODI	172	WOLFE	TRICIA	122
KLATT	KATHY	156	VETTER	PHYLISS	203
KNIGHTS	7TH GRADE	320	WERNER	DONNA	340
NEW	SOCIAL STUDIES	113	WILLIAMS	LINDA	188
LEVY	KELLY	212	WIZARDS	7TH GRADE	187
MADDOX	CONNIE	204	YEARICK	MICHELE	
NEW SPED		209	WHITELOCK	KATHRYN	

Middle River Middle School uses a voicemail system to post homework daily. Homework will be updated by teachers on their individual or team mailboxes. The Homework Hotline is an excellent resource for parents but does not replace the need for students to write their homework in their planner provided by MRMS or to establish homework buddies that they can call in case of technical difficulties.

The phone number of the Homework Hotline is 410-391-9325.

MIDDLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009—2010

AUGUST

- 21 Meeting of Administrative/Supervisory Personnel
- 24 Teachers on Duty
- 27 Open House Grade 6 and students new to MRMS
- 31 Opening Day for ALL students

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day – Schools/Offices Closed
- 16 Back-to-School Night, Grades 7 & 8; 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Back-to-School Night, Grade 6; 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Yom Kippur – Schools/Offices Closed

OCTOBER

- 1 Interims Distributed
- 7 Conference Night 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 12 Columbus Day
- 16 Professional Development Day – MSTA Conv.
Schools Closed for Students
- 20 Picture Day

NOVEMBER

- 5 First Marking Period Ends
- 6 Assessment Day and/or Site Based Professional Development Day for all schools: Schools Closed for all students
- 11 Veterans Day*
- 19 Distribution of Report Cards
- 16-20 American Education Week
- 23 Elementary Conference Day – schools closed for elementary students
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – schools/offices closed

DECEMBER

- 3 Picture Retakes
- 10 Interims Distributed
- 15 Bill of Rights Day*
- 16 Conference Night – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 23 Winter Break begins at the end of school day

JANUARY

- 4 Schools Reopen
- 18 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Observed - Schools/Offices Closed
- 28 Second Marking Period Ends
- 29 Assessment Day for all Schools***and/or Professional Development Day for all Schools – Schools Closed for all students

FEBRUARY

- 11 Distribution of Report Cards
- 15 President's Day – Schools/Offices Closed
- 22 Washington's Birthday – School is Open
- 25 Interims Distributed

MARCH

- 3 Conference Night – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 9-25 MSA Reading & Math**
- 25 Maryland Day*
- 26 Spring Break begins at the end of school day

APRIL

- 6 Schools Reopen
- 16 Third Marking Period Ends
- 16 Assessment Day for Elementary/Middle Schools***Schools Close 3 hours early for Elementary/Middle Schools
- 21 MSA Science (Grades 5-8 only) through May 11th**

MAY

- 3 Distribution of Report Cards
- 5 Spring Picture Day
- 13 Interims Distributed
- 17 Pre-K/K Conference Day – no Pre-K, half-day or full day kindergarten
- 18 HSA – Algebra/Data Analysis through June 4**
- 28 Last Day for Seniors
- 31 Memorial Day Observed – Schools/Offices Closed

JUNE

- 1-10 Commencement Exercises
- 14 Flag Day*
- 16-17 Assessment Day***Schools close 3 hours early for High School Students; Teachers on Duty
- 17 Assessment Day**Schools Close 3 hours early for Elementary/Middle Schools; Teachers on Duty
- 18 Last Day of Classes for Students; Schools Close 3 hours early for Students; Teachers on Duty

JULY

- 5 Independence Day – Schools/Offices Closed
- 6 Summer School begins

AUGUST

- 6 Last Day Summer School for all Centers

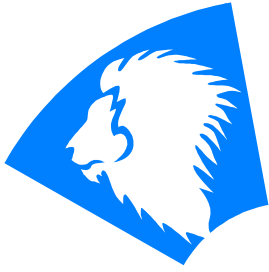
*Schools open with appropriate exercises OR appropriate exercises to be scheduled on the Friday before

**ASSESSMENT DAYS/SITE BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Elementary and middle schools will be given time for parents, teachers, and students to meet and/or assess progress and/or participate in development activities.

***ASSESSMENT DAY/SITE BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Elementary and middle schools will be given time for parents, teachers, and students to meet and/or assess progress and/or participate in development activities; High Schools will be given time to assess progress and plan for upcoming semester and/or participate in development activities.

****ASSESSMENT DAYS – High Schools will have the opportunity to administer traditional final exams or to use alternative assessment procedures.

If schools are closed more than seven days due to emergency conditions, it will be necessary to alter the school calendar. Additional days may be scheduled as required at the end of the school year. Depending on the use of emergency closing time, the calendar may be reduced up to five days if the time is not needed to meet the minimum required days/hours. One-half days may be modified. Teacher duty days will not exceed 191.



PBIS at MRMS 2009-2010

A General Overview

The main focus of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is to provide a clear system for all expected behaviors at MRMS. While many faculty and students may have assumptions of what is expected behavior, we cannot assume that everyone's beliefs are similar. Through PBIS, we will work to create and maintain a productive, safe environment in which ALL school community members have clear expectations and understandings of their role in the educational process.

Proactive Approach to School-Wide-Discipline

Schools that implement school-wide systems of positive behavior support focus on taking a team-based system approach and teaching appropriate behavior to all students in the school. Schools that have been successful in building school-wide systems develop procedures to accomplish the following:

1. Behavioral Expectations are Defined. A small number of clearly defined behavioral expectations are defined in positive, simple rules, the Code of Conduct:

- I am Respectful
- I am Responsible
- I am Safe

2. Behavioral Expectations are Taught.

The behavioral expectations are taught to all students in the building, and are taught in real contexts. Teaching appropriate behavior involves much more than simply telling students what behaviors they should avoid. Specific examples are:


- "I am Respectful" means speaking respectfully to others, using appropriate language and tones.
- "I am Responsible" means knowing and following classroom and school rules on a daily basis.
- "I am Safe" means managing your own possessions and work without interfering with others.

Behavioral expectations are taught using the same teaching formats applied to other curricula. The general rule is presented, the rationale for the rule is discussed, positive examples ("right way") are described and rehearsed, and negative examples ("wrong way") are described and modeled. Students are given an opportunity to practice the "right way" until they demonstrate fluent performance. Remember Harry Wong's emphasis on PROCEDURES and ROUTINES to manage behavior rather than CRIME and PUNISHMENT.

Once appropriate behaviors have been defined and taught, they need to be acknowledged on a regular basis. MRMS has designed a formal system that rewards positive behaviors. **Gotchas** are immediate forms used by the individual teacher, at their discretion, as a tool of encouragement and a student motivator. Use **Gotchas** to encourage and reinforce positive behaviors demonstrated on a consistent basis. Teachers can award **Gotchas** to students, whether they teach them or not. **Gotchas** are also turned in to the office to enter students and teachers in drawings for tangible rewards.

Presented to: _____
 Grade _____

MRMS



GOTCHA

You were caught being:

_____ Responsible
 _____ Respectful
 _____ Safe

Awarded by: _____
 Date: _____

PBIS at MRMS 2009-2010

A General Overview (Continued)

3. Errors are Corrected Proactively. When students violate behavioral expectations, clear procedures are needed for providing information to them that their behaviors was unacceptable, and preventing that unacceptable behavior from resulting in inadvertent rewards. Students, teachers, and administrators all should be able to predict what will occur when behavioral errors are identified. Minor Incident Reports (MIRs) are used to document and record incidents managed by the teacher. Office Discipline Referral forms are used to refer major incidents or chronic disruptions to the administration. The **Student Behavior Management Process Flow-chart** is used to help teachers distinguish major from minor behavioral incidents.

4. Decisions about behavior management are data-based. One of the most important features of PBIS is the use of the web-based data management system called STARS. The STARS data-base tracks what types of discipline incidents are occurring, where, what time of the school day and who is involved in them. STARS eliminates guesswork from the decision making process about what is and is not working in a building's behavior management system. It allows decision makers to create reports that enable them to devote resources and time to the precise place, parts of the school day and people that need them.

MIDDLE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL - SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2009-2010

These are the school supplies parents are asked to donate, as they will be necessary for the child's best success in school. Additional items may be asked for by individual teachers on the first days of school.

1 Large three ring binder (no trapper keepers), you might want to purchase a few extra binders now while the stores are stocked; most students go through 3-5 binders in a school year.
Paper, Pens, Pencils, Dividers, & 1 Marble Composition book for science

Backpacks must be able to fit into student's locker.

Suggested Art Supplies include: big eraser, pencils, sketchbook must be spiral bound, 50+ pages, and 8.5" x 11" or 9" x 12" in size.

Physical Education class requires a uniform. The cost of a uniform is \$25.00 for both boys and girls (shorts - \$12.00 / shirts - \$13.00. These are sold by the school and will be available a Open House. They may also be purchased in the student's physical education class.

Planners: All students will receive a free planner and they will be taught how to use it to improve their grades. (The planner is also a helpful tool for parents to check for homework assignments, project due dates, testing dates, and other helpful school information.) Students will have to pay a replacement fee of \$5.00 if the planner is lost.

All necessary instructional materials will be supplied by the school.

**Middle River Middle School
Schedule for Interim Reports,
Report Cards, and Conferences
2009-2010**

FIRST QUARTER:

INTERIM REPORTS	OCTOBER 1, 2009
CONFERENCE NIGHT (4:00-6:00 PM)	OCTOBER 7, 2009
LAST DAY OF THE QUARTER	NOVEMBER 5, 2009
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS	NOVEMBER 19, 2009

SECOND QUARTER:

INTERIM REPORTS	DECEMBER 10, 2009
CONFERENCE NIGHT (4:00-6:00 PM)	DECEMBER 16, 2009
LAST DAY OF THE QUARTER	JANUARY 28, 2010
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS	FEBRUARY 11, 2010

THIRD QUARTER:

INTERIM REPORTS	FEBRUARY 25, 2010
CONFERENCE NIGHT (4:00-6:00 PM)	MARCH 3, 2010
LAST DAY OF THE QUARTER	APRIL 16, 2010
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS	MAY 3, 2010

FOURTH QUARTER:

INTERIM REPORTS	MAY 13, 2010
LAST DAY OF THE QUARTER	JUNE 18, 2010
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS	MAILED HOME

The first day of school for all students is August 31st!!!

Important Dates To Know!

- August 27 - Open House - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
Welcomes Incoming 6th grade and students new to MRMS
- August 31 - Opening Day for ALL Students**
- September 7 - Labor Day - Schools/Offices Closed**
- September 16 - Back-to-School Night, Grades 7 & 8 - 6:30 p.m.**
- September 23 - Back-to-School Night - Grade 6 - 6:30 p.m.**
- September 28 - Yom Kippur, Schools/Offices Closed**

- October 1 - Interim Reports Distributed**
- October 7 - Conference Night - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- October 14 - Math Night - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**
- October 16 - Prof. Dev. Day - MSTA Convention, Schools Closed for Students**
- October 20 - Picture Day**

- November 5 - First Marking Period Ends**
- November 6 - Prof. Dev. Day - Schools Closed for Students**
- November 19 - Distribution of Reports Cards**



PLEASE JOIN THE PTSA AND BECOME A PARTNER IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!