






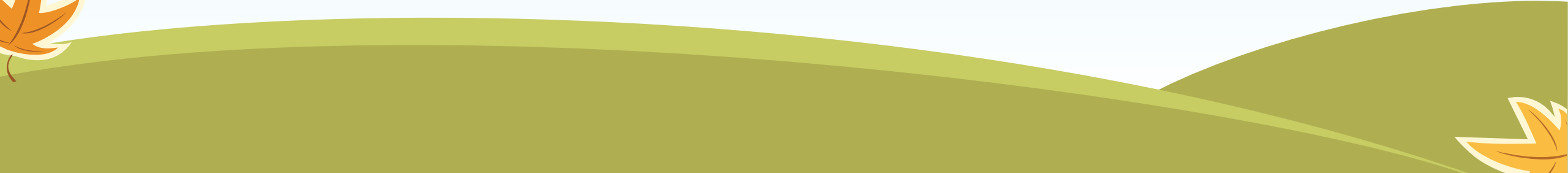



Mt. Everett Middle School

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The “Why”

- The Middle School Model provides students the best chance at success both academically and socially
 - The Middle School Model provides teachers the best opportunity to plan academic coursework and address individual student needs.
 - The Middle School Model provides schools the ability to deliver social-emotional curriculum and give students the tools to succeed.
 - Our current Jr. High Model does not provide these opportunities for our faculty or our students
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What is our work based on?

- Research
 - <https://sites.google.com/view/sbrsdcurriculum/middle-school-task-force-resources>
 - Experience
 - Conversations about what is best for our students
 - National best practices on middle level education
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So... what is the Middle School Model exactly?

- Teams of grade level pure teachers
- All students of a certain grade level have the same teacher
- All teachers have common planning time to meet daily to:
 - develop thematic units of study
 - work with struggling students
 - reach out to parents.
 - ensure they are taking a similar approach to the implementation of curriculum and the use of pedagogy



Each grade level in Mt. Everett Middle School will have themes. These themes will weave throughout the day

Grade 6

- Know Yourself

Grade 7

- Know Your School



Grade 8

- Know Your Community



Grade 6 Know Yourself

Students will begin to learn how they learn, what they need to do to meet with success.

- Project Based Learning through Interdisciplinary Units
 - Klein Group Indicator/Meyers-Briggs Personality Indicator/Strengthsfinder by Gallup) to start a self-reflective process of learning how they learn best. Students will gain a deep understanding of how they learn.
 - Each 6th grade student will be enrolled in a Student Success Skills class where they will begin to understand how they learn.
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Student Success Skills Class

- Stand-alone class/May be incorporated into other classes in order to reduce transitions for our newest students.
- Stand-alone curriculum - Standardized Expectations
- Academic risk taking/ expand your boundaries
- Okay to fail/ EFFORT IS EVERYTHING
 - Integrity
 - Organization skills
 - Locker
 - Binder
 - Note Taking
 - Study Skills
 - Time management
 - Note Taking
 - Beginning Citizenship Skills (personal responsibility and community responsibility)



Grade 7 Know Your School

Students will begin to learn how they can use their school as a tool for enhancing their effectiveness as a learner

- Continued Project Based Learning through Interdisciplinary Units
 - Each 7^h grade student will be enrolled in a Student Success Skills class where they will begin to understand how they learn.
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Grade 7 Student Success Skills Class Topics

- Continued Project Based Learning through Interdisciplinary Units
- Organization skills
 - Interpersonal Relationships
 - PBIS/RTI
 - Study Skills
 - Coping Skills/Stress Relief
 - Post-secondary planning/visioning
 - Life Skills
 - Time management
 - Note Taking
- Intermediate Citizenship Skills (personal responsibility and community responsibility)
 - Financial Literacy
 - Team/Student Conference
 - Intermediate Technology Skills
 - Keyboarding/Online Computing/Web 2.0 skills/Research skills



Grade 8 Know Your Community

Students will learn how to access and support their community

- Continued Project Based Learning through Interdisciplinary Units
 - Each 8^h grade student will be enrolled in a Student Success Skills class where they will begin to understand how they learn.
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Grade 8 Student Success Skills Class Topics

- Skills – Leadership Learning Activities – Independent Project Based Learning through Interdisciplinary Units
 - Student Success Skills Class - Standardized Expectations
 - Leadership/Citizenship Skills
 - Current Events
 - Service Learning - giving back to the community
 - Stand-alone curriculum - Academic risk taking/ expand your boundaries
 - Organization
 - Interpersonal Relationship
 - Study Skills
 - Coping Skills/Stress Relief
 - Team Building
 - Life Skills
- Advanced Citizenship Skills (personal responsibility and community responsibility)
- Financial Literacy
- Post-secondary planning/visioning
- Student Led Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Advanced Technology Skills
- Keyboarding/Online Computing/Web 2.0 skills/Research skills