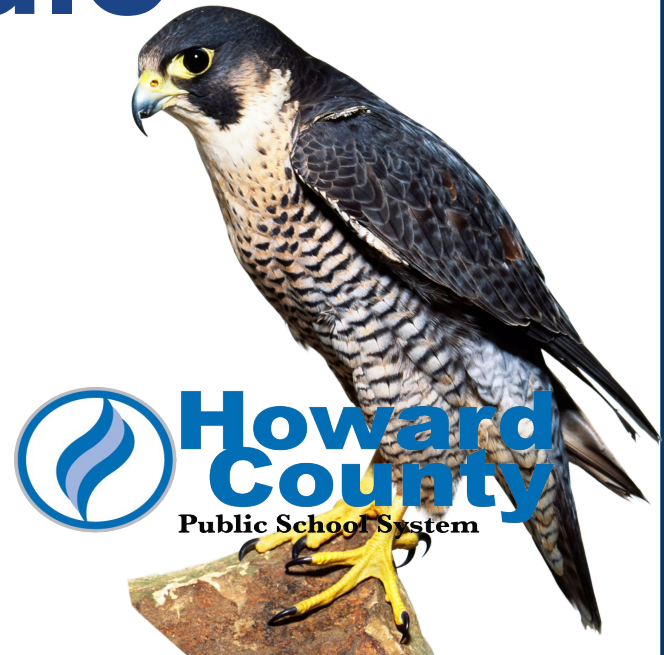


Navigating Middle School

WORKING TOGETHER
FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION
TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
2024/25 SY



Meet the Staff

Administration:

Ms. Lynnette Moore, Principal

Mr. Chris Nobis, Assistant Principal

Student Services Support

Denise Adams, School Counselor

Gifted & Talented

Ms. Susan Mako, GT Resource

6th Grade Team

Ms. Octavia Cutsail, Instructional
Team Leader

MVMS PTA

- We meet virtually every 3rd Wed @ 7:00 P.M.
- Website: <https://mvmspta.weebly.com/>
- Facebook Page -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mvmshcpta>
- Store - <https://fspta-00031573.memberhub.com/store>
 - For Membership, spirit wear, tickets for events, concessions

National Teacher Appreciation Week



PROUD OF OUR 8TH GRADER
MOUNT VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
CLASS OF **2023**

Block Party



Book Fair



6th Grade Family Night



Spirit Wear



Cultural Night



Nurses' Day

Back to School Lunch for teachers/staff





MVMS Spirit Wear Sweatshirt

White Logo "MVMS We all share
the same nest" on Purple or

\$35.00



MVMS Spirit Wear TShirt

Pictured logo on gray or black T
shirt. Unisex sizing. WE ARE OUT

\$18.00

We Support

- Back to School (B2S) Block Party
- B2S Meal for Teachers
- B2S Snack Bar for Teachers
- Gift of Thanks
- STEM Initiatives
- 8th Grade Gift and Party
- Fantasy Football Club
- Dance
- Reptile Show for 6th Grade
- A-Z Learning Subscription
- Movie Night
- Teen Nights
- Science Olympiad
- Reflections
- Book Fair
- Pi Day
- School Garden
- Teacher Conference Meal
- Wellness Cart
- Shakespeare Residency
- Clothing Bin
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Spirit Wear
- Cultural Night
- Community Outreach
- School Rewards
- End of Year Luncheon for Staff

Fundraising to support those activities

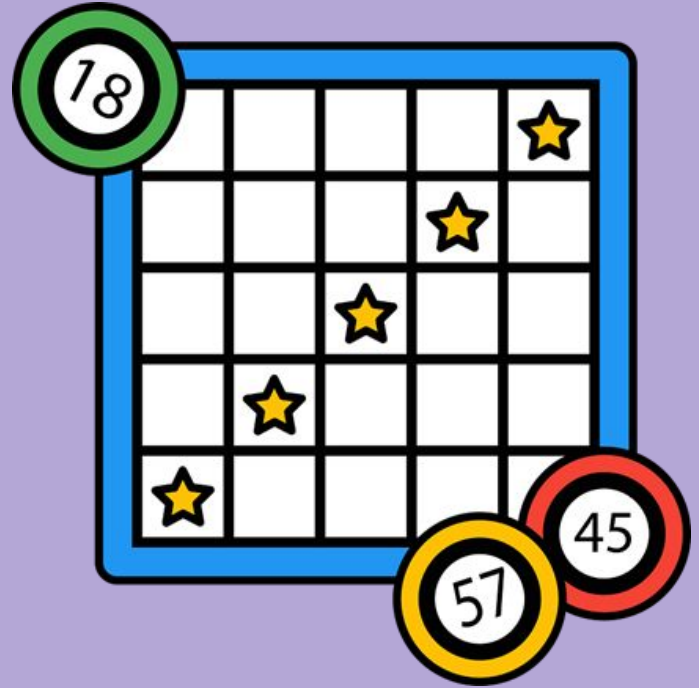
- Dues
- Clothing to Cash
- Concessions at MVMS Events
- Spirit Wear
- Restaurant Nights
- Weis/Harris Teeter Digital Fundraising
- **New This Year**
 - Penny Wars
 - BINGO Night
 - Hershey Park Tickets

Executive Board

Position	Name
President	Michelle Laird, Ph.D.
VP1 - Committee Coordinating	Glenda Hernandez-Tittle, Ph.D.
VP2 - Membership	Tracy Ball-Ostopowicz, D.C.
Treasurer	Silvia Blackshire
Coordinating Secretary	Shayna Knazik
Recording Secretary	Ginger Burcham
Fundraising	OPEN
PTACHC Delegate 1 (PTA Council Howard County)	Glenda Hernandez-Tittle, Ph.D.
PTACHC Delegate 2	OPEN

Family BINGO NIGHT - Fundraiser

- Friday, Jan 26 at MVMS Cafeteria
- 6:30-8:30
- \$25 for ages 10+
- \$15 for ages <10
- Pre-order pizzas
- Concessions
- Prizes - Bluetooth speaker, Yeti cup, Echo Dot, Fandango gift cards and more.





**We want to
inspire and
engage
every student
to discover
and reach
their full
potential.**



One Focus: Every Student Achieving

HCPSS Strategic Call to Action: Learning and Leading with Equity

— 2022 and Beyond —

VISION: Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

MISSION: HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.



Four Overarching Commitments

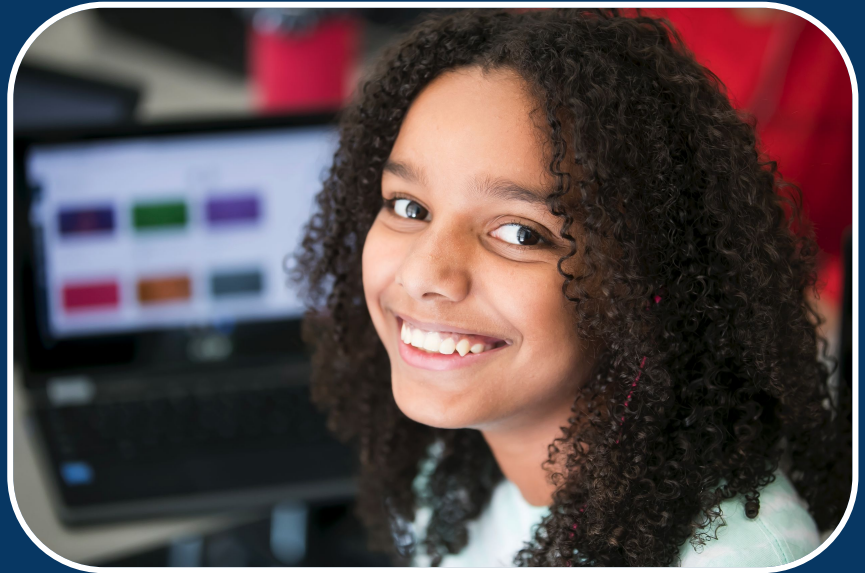
VALUE

ACHIEVE

CONNECT

EMPOWER

Middle school is a defining point for students to gain the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in postsecondary pathways.



Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School, ACT, 2008.



Preparing
Students
for the
Future



**High School
Readiness**



**Postsecondary
Readiness**

**21st Century
Skills**

**Academic
Behaviors**

**High School
Readiness**

**Postsecondary
Readiness**



21st Century Skills

Academic Behaviors

- **Life and Career Skills**
- **Learning and Innovation Skills**
- **Information Media and Technology Skills**

High School Readiness

Postsecondary Readiness

Academics



The Middle School Schedule



All students are enrolled in seven 50-minute classes four days a week. One day a week students have an alternate schedule that includes NEST time



Grade 6 Example Schedule

Course 1	English
Course 2	Mathematics
Course 3	Science
Course 4	Social Studies
Course 5	Physical Education/Health/Tech
Course 6 (Fine Art Choice)	Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or Art, Music, Theater, and Family and Consumer Science (FACS) (each one quarter (or similar sequence))
Course 7 (Elective/Intervention)	1 Quarter - Digital Citizenship, 21st Century Learning, Boost Your Brain, Art, Music, Theater, FACS, Reader's and Writer's Cafe 2 Quarters - GT Research Year-long - ESOL, Special Education/Mathematics/Reading Intervention

In accordance with state requirements, each year middle school students receive instruction in the following areas:

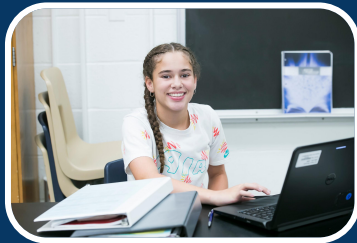
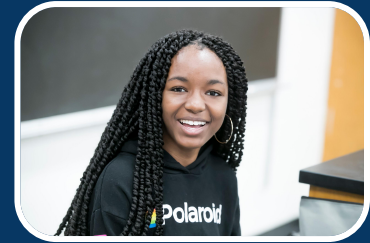
- English Language Arts
- Fine Arts
- Health
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies

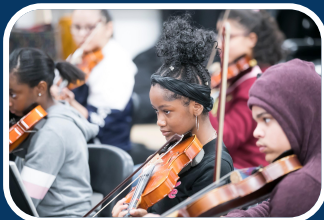


English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics offer a Gifted and Talented (G/T) option for instruction. Mathematics has an above-grade level course in addition to the G/T options.

Students are also required to receive instruction in the following during their middle school experience:

- Technology
- Financial Literacy
- Careers





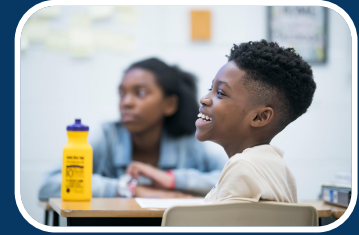
Fine Arts Options

Students in grade 6 will choose from the following options:

- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Art/General Music/Theater Arts combination

Additional Course Options

- Family and Consumer Science
- G/T Research or Seminars/Interventions in reading and/or mathematics
- Reader's and Writer's Workshop
- Boost Your Brain
- 21st Century Learning
- Additional Fine Arts Classes
- Other Elective Course Offerings



Finding the Right Balance Between

- Course Placements
- Rigor
- Personal Interests
- Student Success





Academic Behavior

Motivation and behavior, combined, have more impact on a student's readiness than academic achievement.

-LearnED by Pearson

The earlier a student develops important academically-related behaviors, the more likely these behaviors are to become a habit.



Supporting Academic Behaviors

At Mount View, the staff and students:

- Start with the goal in mind
- Celebrate effort and achievement
- Engage in positive experiences each school day
- Create excitement for the future



3 Ways To Support The Whole Child

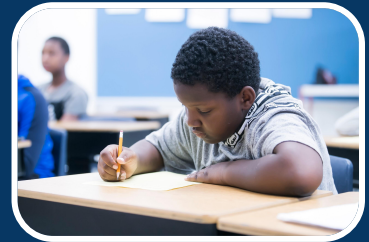
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1. Teach kids that intelligence isn't fixed. They can grow their brains through lifelong learning.
2. Talk to students about postsecondary planning and potential careers. Tell them you believe in them and in their success.
3. Keep the communication lines open - set aside time to regularly talk about feelings and friendships.

Tips For Parents: Supporting Your Child's Development Of Positive Academic Behaviors

- Talk to your child about school and how they are feeling.
- Create a regular time and routine for homework completion.
- Encourage your child to be responsible, for example regularly checking Canvas.
- Take school attendance seriously
- Build your student's confidence and identify areas of strength
- Create a bedtime routine and limit screen time



Important Dates

Date	Activity
2/1/24 - 2/14/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Course Recommendations for rising 6th graders available in Synergy for parents to review.● Parents will enter student course requests in Synergy no later than 2/14/24.● Parents will complete a Course Placement Review (CPR) as appropriate.
5/30/24	Rising 6th Grade Visit
8/22/24	New Student Orientation/MVMS PTA Block Party



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you

Any Questions?

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

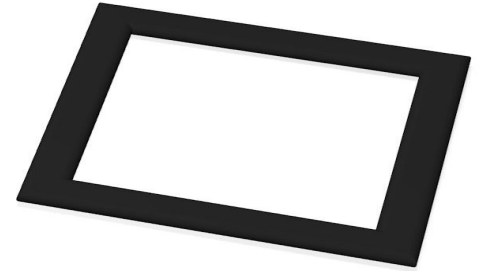


**Howard
County**
Public School System



Agenda

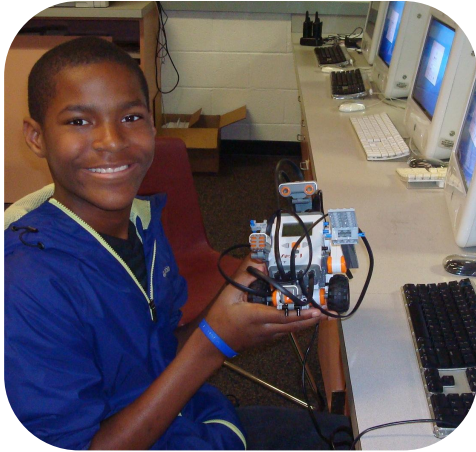
- Overview of the Middle School G/T Education Program
- Placement Process
- Questions



Program Components

- Talent Development Offerings
- G/T Classes and Curricular Extensions

Talent Development Offerings: G/T Instructional Seminars



Instruction in
Advanced-Level
Skills

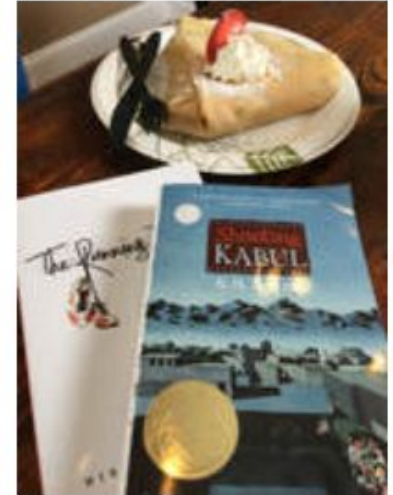


Open to All
Interested
Students



Creative
Production or
Inquiry

G/T Instructional Seminars



Where can I find out about G/T Instructional Seminars at my child's school?

**G/T
Instructional
Seminars**

at MVMS





Sunday, Jan. 14 - Synergy/HCPSS Connect Planned Maintenance - Planned maintenance has been scheduled for Sunday, January 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. During this window there may be times users attempting to access the system will be presented with the Edupoint Maintenance message. Once the work is complete, users may continue to log in as usual.

hcpss.me
Instructional Apps



Canvas
Learning Management



Synergy
Student Information

Digital Citizenship Pledge

When using digital tools I pledge to do the following:

- **Respect myself and others**
civility • integrity • vigilance
- **Use the digital tools provided to educate myself and others**



G Suite
Collaboration & Productivity



Office 365
Collaboration & Productivity



WeVideo
Video Production



MackinVIA
eBooks & Databases

Dashboard

Search my courses



MVMS SRC

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GTS Literary Perspectives

Book Club-Mako
2023-2024 FY

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MVMS ANNOUNCEMENTS



This page has been designed by your SGA to help you get involved in all that the Mount View community has to offer!

It's a good idea to bookmark this page!

AT MVMS:

- DUE Jan 29: [Our Voice](#)
- Jan 25: PTA [Bingo Night](#)
- DUE Jan 17: **Spelling Bee**
 - Return [Permission Slip](#) to ELA teacher by 1/17
 - [Practice Words to Study](#)
 - BEE IS ON JAN 31

BEYOND MVMS:

- Due 4/14 [HOCO Student Film Festival](#) Submissions - Festival 5/3
- Categories:

ONGOING LINKS

[BAND](#)

[Orchestra](#)

[GT Seminars](#)

[CLUBS](#)

[LUNCH MENU](#)

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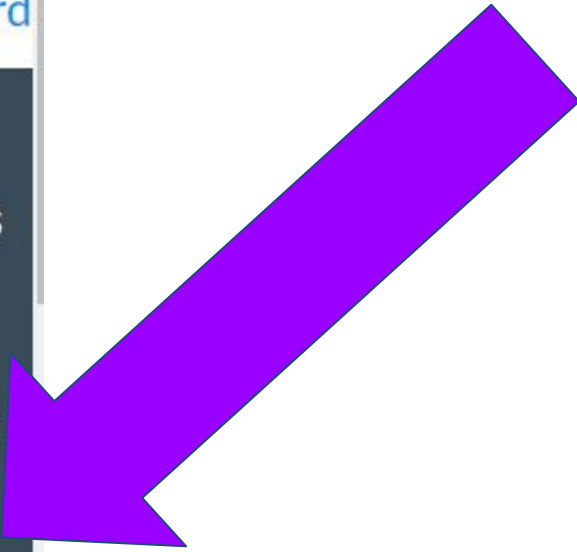
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Martin Lu...



Top New...

Mon, Jan 22



Top News at MVMS

Middle School G/T Classes



G/T
Math



G/T
English



G/T
Science



G/T
Social
Studies



G/T Mathematics

Provides an accelerated and enriched sequence that follows a curriculum of concepts at least two years above the general education curriculum.

- 6 - Pre-Algebra G/T
- 7 – Algebra I G/T
- 8 - Geometry G/T



G/T English

Extends the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts through

- an accelerated pace,
- reading and analyzing challenging and complex literature and literary nonfiction independently,
- writing a variety of interpretive,
- and analytical pieces, and conducting independent research.

Differentiated tasks and texts are included at all grade levels.



G/T Science

An enriched and accelerated curriculum where students explore cross-cutting concepts, as well as science and engineering practices.

6 - Earth Science G/T

7 - Life Science G/T

8 - Physical Science G/T



G/T Social Studies

Provides an enriched and accelerated curriculum, including differentiated objectives, where students explore civic and cultural principles and engage in inquiries that focus on essential, related questions.

- 6 – Geography and World Cultures G/T
- 7 – Geography and World Cultures G/T
- 8 – United States History G/T



Placement Process for Middle School G/T Classes

5th Grade and Throughout Middle School

- Multiple criteria examined (CogAT, MAP, MCAP, class performance)
- CogAT administered to all students in 5th and new HCPSS students in middle school
- ALL students reviewed

Parental Input in Placement Process

If after reviewing the Placement Committee's professional recommendation, parents/guardians still wish to enroll their students in one or more G/T classes, they may complete the Course Placement Review request online through HCPSS Connect.

Who can initiate the placement process in middle school?



- Families
- Teachers
- Students

Middle School G/T Research Class

- Authentic research to address real-world problem
- For students enrolled in G/T Math and G/T English based upon G/T Placement Committee recommendations



Research

- Original
- Primary Research Methods
- Authentic Product
- Authentic Audience
- Contribution to the Community/Field



Opportunities for Parent Engagement

- HCPSS G/T Website:
www.hcpss.org/academics/gt
- G/T Parent Academies
- HCPSS News for G/T Program Information



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