

# Neil Armstrong Middle School

## Parent Orientation Grade 5

Mr. Kenneth Patterson, **Principal**

Ms. Sheryl Kremer, **Assistant Principal**

Mrs. Melissa Kolling, **Counselor, Grade 5**

Mrs. Jordan Henderson, **Counselor, Grade 6**



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# Teams

Teams are made up of 2 teachers and some teams have special education teachers. All the core subjects will take place with team and/or special education teachers. This includes Math, Language Arts, Reading, Science and Social Studies.

**ATLANTIS** - Mr. Costello, Mrs. Romito

**RANGER** - Mrs. Rylander, Mrs. Cupp

**PIONEER** - Mrs. Kestner, Mrs. Mates

**GEMINI** - Ms. Logue, Ms. Ketner

**MILLENNIUM** - Mr. Wargo, Mrs. Sella

**ARTEMIS** - Mr. Thorsen, Mrs. Polis

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS** - Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Besser, Ms. Huth

Team placement is based on numerous factors including special education, gifted, band, orchestra, 4th grade teacher recommendations, 504 Plans and other factors.



# Daily Schedule

<b>Arrival</b>	<b>8:05 AM</b>	<b>Tardy Bell</b>	<b>8:25</b>
<b>Homeroom/Breakfast</b>	<b>8:05 - 8:35 AM</b>		
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>8:38 - 9:18 AM</b>		
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9:21 - 10:01 AM</b>		
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>10:04 - 10:44 AM</b>		
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>10:47 - 11:27 AM</b>		
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>11:30 - 12:10 PM</b>		
<b>Period 6</b>	<b>12:13 - 12:53 PM</b>		
<b>Period 7</b>	<b>12:56 - 1:36 PM</b>		
<b>Period 8</b>	<b>1:39 - 2:19 PM</b>		
<b>Period 9</b>	<b>2:22 - 3:02 PM</b>		
<b>Dismissal (Car Riders and Walkers)</b>	<b>3:05 PM</b>	<b>Dismissal (Buses)</b>	<b>3:10 PM</b>



# Classes

5th Grade Schedules include the following classes:

- Reading
- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Four 9 Week Classes - Tech Ed, TCAP (Typing and Computer Applications), Music, Art
- Health, Phys Ed (2 days), Library, LIFT (Learning Information for Today and Tomorrow)
- FLEX
- Lunch



# Classes Continued

5th grade schedules may also include the following classes:

- Orchestra (2 days)
- Band (2 days)
- GATE (Gifted Education)(2 days)
- Reading Support, Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Adapted Phys Ed

These classes will occur during the FLEX period whenever most conducive to the student's schedule.

Classes will have specific days assigned to them as determined by teachers of content areas and team teachers. Students will be notified of the days they will attend the classes.

A student may have one or more classes to attend during the FLEX period.



# Sample 5th Grade Student Schedule

Homeroom	8:05 - 8:35 AM	
Period 1	8:38 - 9:18 AM	Math
Period 2	9:21 - 10:01 AM	Math
Period 3	10:04 - 10:44 AM	Language Arts
Period 4	10:47 - 11:27 AM	Reading
Period 5	11:30 - 12:10 PM	Lunch
Period 6	12:13 - 12:53 PM	Unified Arts (Art, Music, TCAP, Tech Ed)
Period 7	12:56 - 1:36 PM	Science/Social Studies (every other day or as determined by the teacher)
Period 8	1:39 - 2:19 PM	FLEX (Band, Orchestra, GATE, Speech, OT, PT, Adapted PE)
Period 9	2:22 - 3:02 PM	Phys Ed (2 days), Health (1), Library (1), LIFT (1)



# Detailed Schedule

Period	Course-Section	Description	Marking Periods	Days	Room	Teacher
1	8801 - 24	LIFT	M1,M2,M3,M4	1	34	Yost Stephen
1	5520 - 24	Health	M1,M2,M3,M4	2	21	Ferrari Mark
1	5620 - 24	Phys. Ed	M1,M2,M3,M4	3,4	0GYM	Ferrari Mark
1	101 - 24	Library	M1,M2,M3,M4	5	0LIB	Minnick, Michelle
2	1300 - 24	Reading	M1,M2,M3,M4	1,2,3,4,5	25	Sella Megan
3	1100 - 24	Language Arts	M1,M2,M3,M4	1,2,3,4,5	24	WARGO Robert
4	5650 - 24	Band	M1,M2,M3,M4	3	29	Skilone Rachel
4	1900 - 24	Flex	M1,M2,M3,M4	4	24	WARGO Robert
5	5999 - 2	Lunch	M1,M2,M3,M4	1,2,3,4,5	CAFE	Staff
6 - 7	1200 - 24	Mathematics	M1,M2,M3,M4	1,2,3,4,5	24	WARGO Robert
8	1603 - 124	TCAP 5	M1	1,2,3,4,5	LABB	Christenson, Maria
8	1600 - 124	Art 5	M2	1,2,3,4,5	009A	Tyska, Madeline
8	1601 - 124	Technology 5	M3	1,2,3,4,5	TECH	Lytle Jeff
8	1602 - 124	Music 5	M4	1,2,3,4,5	00A1	Moury Patricia
9	1500 - 24	Science	M1,M2,M3,M4	1,3,5	25	Sella Megan
9	1400 - 24	Social Studies	M1,M2,M3,M4	2,4	25	Sella Megan





# Understanding Your Student's Schedule

- The core subject periods listed on your child's schedule may change based on their team schedule. The periods currently listed act as placeholders. The teachers decide how they will structure their teaching throughout the day.
  - Example: schedule reads Math periods 1-2, Reading 3 and Language Arts 4. The reality may be Math periods 3-4 and Reading and Language Arts may be periods 1-2
- Students will remain in FLEX if they do not have any pull-out classes such as Band, Orchestra, Reading Support, Speech, etc. This will be a time to interact with team teachers.
- Band, Orchestra and GATE occur 2 days per week but will only show up on the schedule as 1 day.
- You will be notified if your child will be in the Reading Support classes once they are evaluated by the reading specialist based on the data we have available. These classes will begin around the 3rd week of school.



# Educational Programs and Resources

- LMS - Schoology
  - Study Island
  - Exact Path
    - Kami
    - EdPuzzle
    - Clever
  - Google Classroom
- Curriculum
  - PA Common Core curriculum is followed for all subjects.
  - ELA - Wonders, Treasures, Novels and more.
  - Math - MyMath



# Chromebooks

- 1:1 Student Technology Initiative
- Tours, chromebook distribution and return will take place on August (Dates TBD).
- Paperwork will be shared prior to the scheduled dates.
- The protection plan is highly recommended.
- Devices will be carried to and from school daily by students.
- There will be limited loaner devices and charging cables available for students who forget their devices.
- Please remind your student to not share personal technology information with anyone.
- We do not allow personal devices.



# Cafeteria and Recess

- Metz offers a variety of meals and options for students.
  - Breakfast \$1.75
  - Regular Lunch \$2.70
  - Tier Meal Lunch \$3.50
- Meals and snacks may be purchased by students using the same Student ID number as in their former school
- Payforit.net will remain the same for parent/guardians to apply money to their student's account. If you have questions please call 412 854-8754.
- Recess is determined by temperature and weather. Lunch Proctors determine if it is suitable to have recess outside. No electronics are allowed in the cafeteria.



# Activity Schedule

- Activity Periods (extended homerooms) are used to benefit and inform our students, as well as to fulfill requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- The following topics and others may be addressed during an activity period:
  - ALICE - Barricade/Lockdown, Evacuation and Rally Points
  - PSSA Training
  - Hero Lessons - “Helping Everyone, Respecting Others”
    - Lessons include, Bullying, CyberBullying, Bus Expectations, Appropriate Online Behavior, Playground Expectations, Safe 2 Say Something



# Student Handbook

For more information, you can view the current Neil Armstrong Middle School Student Handbook at [https://www.bpsd.org/Downloads/2021-22%20Student%20Handbook%20-%20NAMS%20-%20Updated%20\(08-05-21\)2.pdf](https://www.bpsd.org/Downloads/2021-22%20Student%20Handbook%20-%20NAMS%20-%20Updated%20(08-05-21)2.pdf). You can find more detailed information on the topics listed below and much more.

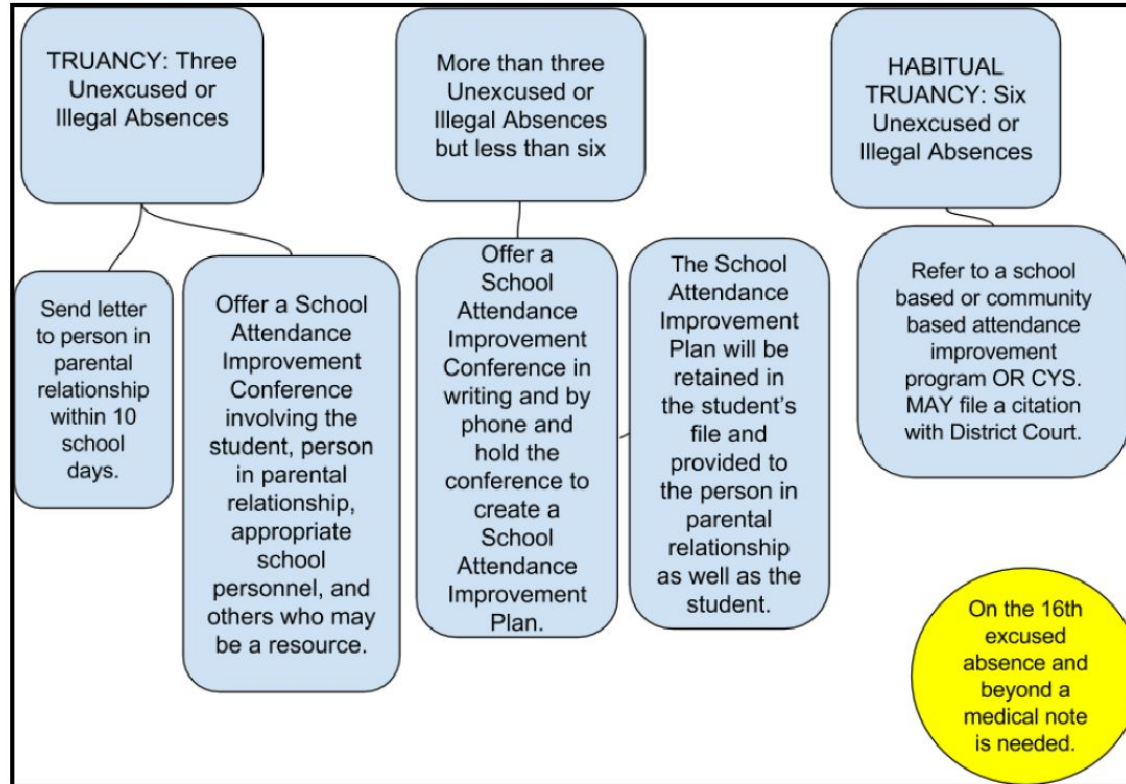
- Busing
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Cafeteria
- Dress Code
- PTO
- Electronics

The 2022-23 Handbook will be approved in August.



# Truancy

## Unexcused Absences K - 6



# After School Clubs and Activities

Parents/Guardians must provide transportation - Pick up time will be established by the club sponsor(s) and is typically between 4:00pm and 4:15pm.

- Yearbook
- Just Say No
- Chorus
- Newspaper
- Literary Magazine
- AV Club
- Science Club
- HOTT Homework Club
- Student Council
- Stage Crew
- Art Club
- STAND



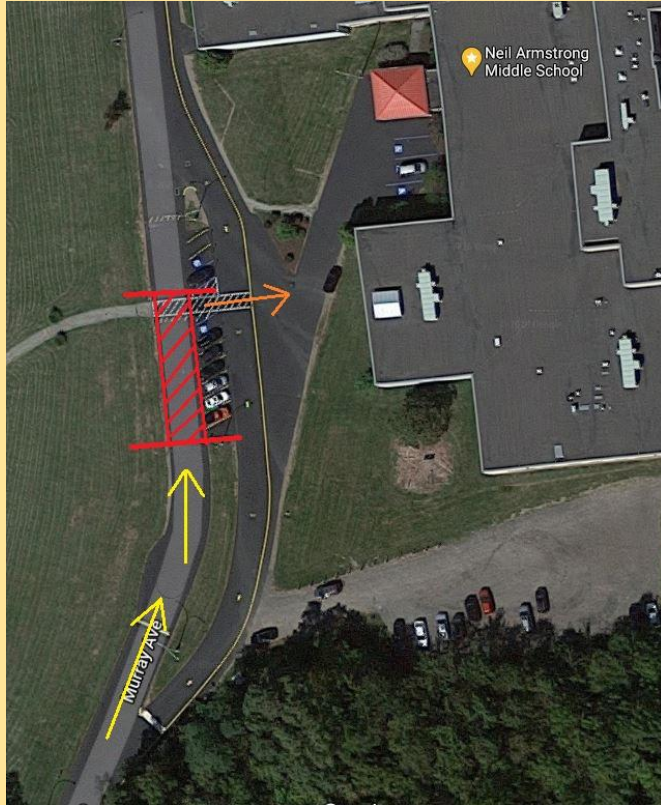


# Getting Ready for the First Day of School

- You will receive a card in the mail with your student's bus stop location and pick-up/drop off times. Questions about transportation can be directed to the transportation department at 412 854-8414.
- Homeroom and team assignment information will be available in ESchool in August (Date TBD).
- Supply Lists will be posted on the Neil Armstrong website once schedules are posted. A list of teams and teachers will be provided via email. I recommend a wireless mouse and earbuds for all students.
- Every student will receive a School Planner/Agenda from their homeroom teacher.
- Students will report directly to their assigned homeroom on the first day of school unless they eat breakfast at school. Breakfast is available in the lobby and will be eaten in the cafeteria.
- Team teachers will escort students through their schedules throughout the school day until the students are comfortable navigating it on their own
- Students will be assigned a locker and a desk in all classes (be mindful that the lockers are small in size and rolling backpacks do not fit well).
- Locks are not permitted on lockers at any time.
- Student announcements are made in the morning, during lunch periods, and in the afternoon. Please advise your student to listen attentively because there are important communications sent throughout the day. Bus changes and club/activity schedules are important examples.
- Notes must be written from parents/guardians so the office is aware of a student who is late, leaving early or absent (within three days after returning). I am working on an online form for all of these.



# Drop Off and Pick Up



# Communication

The teachers and staff at Neil Armstrong Middle School are here to assist you and your child. The preferred communication tool for teachers is email. You can always call the office via phone and leave a message for a teacher or administrator to call you.

## Important Contact Information

### Neil Armstrong Middle School Main Office

Mr. Patterson, Principal

Ms. Kremer, Assistant Principal

412-854-8751

### School Counselors

Mrs. Kolling (5th grade) - 412-854-8658

Mrs. Henderson (6th grade) - 412-854-8758

### Attendance

412-854-8756

### Nurse's Office

412-854-8752

### Bethel Park School District

Administration Office

412-833-5000

### Bethel Park School District

Special Services

412-854-8410

### Food Service

412-854-8754

### Bus Garage

412-854-8414

Bethel Park School District Employee Email Contacts are:  
lastname.firstname@bphawks.org



# Parent Teacher Organization

**PTO Officers:**    **Co-Presidents: Roilyn Worst McGregor and Amy Morrow**  
**Vice President: Holly Palumbo and Nicole Brito**  
**Treasurer: Heather Frey**  
**Co-Secretaries: Jennifer Bateson**

NAMS has a Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO has been the cornerstone of an excellent relationship between the school and home. They are very active in supporting many of the activities for the children. We urge you to contact the school for more information regarding membership and participation.



# Important Dates

- Schedules/Teams Released: TBD
- First day of school: Thursday, August 25, 2022.
- Back to School Bash: Friday, August 26, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- Open Houses: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - 5th Grade 6:00pm-7:15pm, 6th Grade 7:45pm-9:00pm.  
This is an event for Parents and Guardians only.
- School Pictures: Thursday, September 29, 2022.



Thank you for coming  
and

Have a Wonderful School Year!!!!

