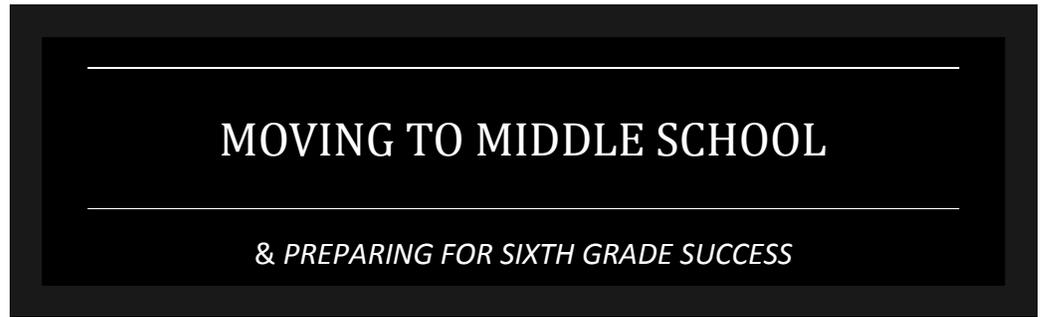




Summer Edition 2017



What's Cool in Middle School?

Mrs. Lambert's Top Ten List

Save the Date!

<p>August 18 Meet the Teacher Event Students receive schedules and experience an abbreviated middle school day.</p>
<p>August 22 First Day of School</p>

Parents Wanted!

<p style="text-align: center;">PTSA</p> <p>Your active participation is needed.</p> <p>Contact Dale McMinn dmcminn@greenville.k12.sc.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">School Improvement Council</p> <p>Your input is valued.</p> <p>Contact Dr. Davenport adavenport@greenville.k12.sc.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mentoring</p> <p>Your service makes a difference.</p> <p>Contact Mrs. Lambert 864-355-2116 dlambert@greenville.k12.sc.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Career Day Speakers</p> <p>Your knowledge & experience inspires.</p> <p>Contact Mrs. Lambert 864-355-2116 dlambert@greenville.k12.sc.us</p>

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Six Class Periods give students the opportunity to experience diversity in the learning environment and keep the day interesting. Chromebooks in the Classroom, with students having one to one access next year, will facilitate active engagement in the learning process. A Wide Array of Related Arts Classes provides the right set of circumstances for discovering strengths and new interests Awesome Extracurricular Activities, like coding club, FFA, and intramurals allow students to dig deeper into the things that interest them and to connect with others who share their interests. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A Progressive Music Program enables students to enter in their sixth grade year and continue to build on skills throughout middle school. The band, chorus and strings programs also provide opportunities for performance and competition. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Faces from Different Places (5 major feeder elementary schools!) broaden the social circle and permit students to interact with new people who may become dear friends or at least interesting classmates! Social Events offered throughout the school year, such as courtyard time, Chillin' on the Green, and school dances, are an important part of the middle school culture and help students develop social skills. Lockers and ID Badges are icons of middle school & are acknowledgements of increased responsibility. Sense of Pride evolves in students as they collaborate with others, take on new challenges and work hard to achieve goals. |
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THE POWER OF THE PARENT PORTAL

Sure, parents need to begin releasing responsibility for academic success to their tweens. But, sixth grade is not the time to let go completely. As students make the transition to increased work load and to the juggling of six different classes, they will need parental guidance and support.

One valuable tool, as parents guide their tweens, is the district's online management system: THE PARENT PORTAL.

The parent portal allows parents to monitor their child's progress. As soon as teachers enter grades in their grade books, parents are privy to them. This is key to ensuring that a child is getting all the support that he/she needs. Waiting for quarterly report cards may delay much needed intervention.

The parent portal is a great accountability tool as parents gradually release responsibility to their new middle school student.

When parent and child make a habit of checking the portal together, it becomes an excellent opportunity for discussing things that are going well and the things that must improve.

Parents may obtain a parent portal login from their child's current school. The login remains the same throughout a child's school career and thus only needs to be obtained once.



Meet Your School Counselor



Mrs. Lambert
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Got a Minute?
Complete a needs assessment on Mrs. Lambert's website at <https://sites.google.com/a/greenvilleschools.us/dlambert/>

Mrs. Lambert has been in middle school a long time, and was once a sixth grade student herself! She loves to meet new students and to share stories.

Mrs. Lambert's job is to support her sixth grade students, whether they are feeling happy, anxious or discouraged. While Mrs. Lambert doesn't claim to have all the answers, she does promise to offer gentle guidance as she helps students create plans to address the challenges they are facing.

Mrs. Lambert offers individual and group counseling. She also presents lessons in the sixth grade classrooms. **Be sure to check out her website and complete a needs assessment this summer so that she can be prepared to assist you in August.**



What's New for 2017-18?

- **STEAM Education:** A transformation of the traditional classroom, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) education ignites an interest in learning through exploration, discovery, problem-solving and collaboration.
- **Chromebooks for Kids:** One to one electronic devices are coming to Bryson Middle School! Chromebooks will be issued to every student per school policy early in the school year. Stayed tuned for more information.
- **Extended Day Program:** Bryson Middle School will offer an extended day program that will enrich and engage. **More information, including applications, hours and fee information, is available on the BMS website.**

Check our Website for Updates:
www.greenville.k12.sc.us/brysonm/



Words from the Wise

Sixth Grade Students Reflect on Their First Year of Middle School

After surviving nearly 180 days of sixth grade, students were eager to share their reflections with Mrs. Lambert during her final classroom guidance lesson. Students were asked to reflect on lessons they learned as well as the advice they would offer to incoming sixth grade students. Some of their responses are recorded below:

<i>Things I Learned About Life</i>	<i>Hints for Future Students</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You don't always get what you want. • It is tough sometimes. • Stand up for what you believe. • Choose friends wisely. • Be kind. • Life is what you make it! • You learn from your mistakes. • The decisions you make today will affect you for the rest of your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't be afraid to try new things. • You will have more than one test in the same week. Don't get overwhelmed. Study a little each day. • Complete homework on time. • Respect all your teachers. • Don't trust rumors. • Always be prepared. • Be yourself. • Don't try to get out of dress code. "They" always find out 😊

Get Set for Sixth Grade!

Sixth Grade Supply List



- Loose leaf paper & pencils
- One box of colored pencils
- Pencil pouch that snaps into 3 ring binder
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 Highlighter
- Expo Markers, (2 minimum)
- 1 - 1 1/2 inch sturdy 3-ring binder
- 5 pocket dividers for binder
- 5 marble composition books, college ruled with 100 sheets
- 1 small bottle of glue, glue sticks, scotch tape
- Inexpensive Earbuds
- Scientific Calculator
- Box of Tissue