

Welcome to West Point Middle School!

**New Student Orientation
14 August 2012**

Getting to Know your New School

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About WPMS

- School on post since 1821
- This building built in 1934
- \$28 million addition/renovation underway
- In NY/VA/PR District of Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), which operates 191 schools on bases around world
- Highest-performing middle school in all of DoDEA every year

New Entrance



New Information Center



New Band/Chorus Room



About WPMS

MISSION- To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

VISION- WPMS ensures highest achievement for all learners.

GOAL 1- All students will improve their writing across the curriculum.

GOAL 2- All students will improve their problem solving across the curriculum.

A National Blue Ribbon School



Data Snapshot- 2012 *TerraNova*

| | Reading | Language Arts | Math | Science | Social Studies |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Grade 5 | 78 | 80 | 82 | 83 | 77 |
| Grade 6 | 82 | 85 | 86 | 84 | 89 |
| Grade 7 | 83 | 79 | 89 | 88 | 87 |
| Grade 8 | 81 | 84 | 86 | 91 | 89 |

Percentile scores shown
(National average = 50th percentile)

Expectations

Continue the tradition of excellence by...

1. Coming to school every day
2. Giving your best behavior and effort in the classroom
3. Asking lots of questions
4. Writing assignments in agenda book
5. Tracking your progress with GradeSpeed
6. Keeping up with your homework
7. Getting involved in school activities

DoDEA Attendance Policy

- DoDEA Regulation 2095.01, "School Attendance," September 1, 2011
- Principal reviews record after five absences of any type in a semester
- Student Support Team meeting held after seven absences of any type in a semester
 - Garrison School Liaison Officer participates
- It is sponsor's responsibility to contact the school whenever a student is absent

Attendance Continued

- Any absence in excess of five days must be approved in advance by the Principal
 - Education Monitoring Plan developed/signed
- Reasons for extended absences include:
 - Personal illness
 - Serious illness in the student's immediate family
 - A death in the student's immediate family or of a relative
 - Unique family circumstances warranting absence, including pre/post deployment.

The Daily Schedule

- Students enter auditorium at 7:30 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance and announcements start in the auditorium at 7:38
- First class starts at 7:50- all classes 45 minutes
- Lunch/recess is period 5 for grades 7 & 8, period 6 for grades 5 & 6
- Dismissal bell rings at 2:18 p.m.
- Buses depart at 2:24 p.m.

Lunch and Recess

- Period 5 for Grades 7 and 8 (11:06- 11:51)
 - 11:06- 11:29- 8th eats while 7th is at recess
 - 11:29- 11:51- 7th eats while 8th is at recess
- Period 6 for Grades 5 and 6 (11:55- 12:40)
 - 11:55- 12:18- 6th eats while 5th is at recess
 - 12:18- 12:40- 5th eats while 6th is at recess

Grades 5 & 6 have snack opportunity during period 4.

Extracurricular Activities

- Student Council- all grades
- Clubs (i.e. Art, Spanish, Video, others)- grade level varies by activity- will be announced
- NJHS- grades 7 & 8, for selected members
- Intramural Sports- grades 5 & 6
- Modified Sports- grades 7 & 8
 - Fall- Cross Country and Soccer
 - Winter- Basketball
 - Spring- Track and Field

Sources of Help

- Homework Club- meets Mondays and Thursdays
- Tutor.com- Great web resource
- Your fantastic teachers!
- Guidance Counselor
- School Nurse
- Office Staff
- Principal, Mr. Rudy

Communication

- In person- see your teachers for help after school
- Email- use Gaggles to email your teachers
- GradeSpeed- internet-based grade program, see grades, assignments, and attendance
 - Every student issued an account
 - Parent account creation info on school web site
- Agenda Book- courtesy of PTO, every student gets one to write down assignments

Quick Items

- Standard combination lock needed for hall locker- no keys
- All electronics kept in the locker all day
- Dress code is followed- parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing if needed
- **Parent volunteers needed** for school improvement program. Please call the office for more information.

Questions?



Fifth Grade Orientation Agenda

- Meet the Teachers
- Look at the Schedule
- Lockers
- “Starting Middle School” Video
- Tour the School

The Fifth Grade Schedule

Period 1- Math, Science, or Social Studies

Period 2- Math, Science, or Social Studies

Period 3- Math, Science, or Social Studies

Periods 4 & 5- Reading and Language Arts

Period 6- Lunch and Recess

Period 7- Beginning Band or Art/Music

Period 8- Phys Ed/Health/Research Project

Lockers

- 5th grade lockers in the basement
- Every student gets one (and only one!)
- Teachers will help with locker timing and organization
- Standard combination lock required- no keys
- PE lockers for daily use only- bring a lock to class

