

Everything You Wanted to Know about Mustang Sports and Activities

We offer a range of activities and sports designed to help students be exposed to a variety of programs. We encourage all students to get involved and find something they enjoy and get connected to school.

Activities and Clubs... Executive Council, Robotics Club, Math is Cool, Art Lab, yearbook production, gaming club, Makers club, prevention club, Free Movie Nights, Feature Fridays, Sources of Strength, McMurray Mentors

Fall Sports.. Football, boys soccer, volleyball; sign ups first day of school

Early Winter Sports... boys basketball and girls

soccer; sign ups in early November

Late Winter Sports... girls basketball and wrestling; sign ups in January

Spring Sport... track; sign ups in March

Boys and girls may compete in football, wrestling and track. All students must have a physical signed by a physician, a signed parent permission form and paid the \$100. sports fee and \$40. ASB card before they are allowed to practice. Physicals are good for two years.

Competitions are limited to 7th and 8th graders (except wrestling and track), but 6th graders may practice with the team.



Some of Our Favorite Things

McMurray Community Day (opening week activities to develop community and teamwork in homeroom)

Mustang Sports Teams

All-School Dances (2:45 to 4:30, with DJ, food, dancing and fun)

The arts and exploration (art, band, drama, creative writing)

Library (a great place to meet friends before or after school, or during break and lunch)

Executive Council / Leadership

Student-led Conferences

Exploratory Week for 8th graders

Spirit Days and recognition assemblies

Student Recognition

Honor roll (3.25 GPA or higher)

M.A.S.T. breakfast ((3.5 GPA or higher or improved .5 or more from first semester)

Students of the Week

Good News from School postcards and certificates

Recognition Assemblies for clubs, sports, students

Academic Highlights

History Day, Middle East Fest, Egypt Festival, Inquiry Science, Math Olympiad and Connected Math projects, Fitness Assessments, Artists in Schools, Virtual Trip, Fine Arts showcase, Field Trips, Math is Cool

Thank you for becoming a part of our learning community. Please visit our website at www.vashonsd.org

McMurray Middle School Primer for New Students & Parents

About Us

As a learning community, McMurray Middle School prepares its students during the transition from elementary school to high school. We are committed to helping students achieve their full-potential through instruction and activities during the significant 6th, 7th and 8th grades. We appreciate the unique learning styles and abilities of middle school students and are responsive to their developmental and social characteristics.



We welcome you to McMurray and encourage you to become involved in our community!

The Basics

Number of classes per day: 6

Number of teachers each day: 4 to 6

Combination lockers: one per student, practice helps

Floors: 2, Main floor has classrooms, lower level has gym and art/STEM classroom

Homeroom / Advisory

Daily homerooms are made up of students in one grade level.. Homeroom is intended to be a time for students to gain and share information, independent reading, develop a rapport with other students and staff and learn about school climate issues, notably bullying prevention. Student-led conferences are conducted through homeroom. Identified students receive support in reading, math and other skills.

You Do the Math

6 classes per day plus homeroom

50 minute class period, 30-minute homeroom

8-minute break between 2nd period and homeroom

30-minute lunch break

4-minute passing time between classes

400 students

30 staff members

2 semesters with mid-term & semester grade reports

Who's Who in the Office

Mr. Allison, Principal Ms. Jensen, secretary

Mrs. McGilton, Assistant Principal Ms. Butler counselor

Ms. Jaffe, Librarian Ms. Zike, counselor

Ms. Day & Ms. Parrish school nurses

Mrs. Rumburg, campus monitor, library assistant

Ms. Albright, day custodian

A Guide to Academics

At McMurray we promote a strong, skill-based core academic program that is augmented by rich exploratory and elective courses.

Science: All science courses focus on helping students develop scientific skills through themes of systems, inquiry, and applications.

6th grade: Integrated Science (physical, earth, life; full year)

7th grade: life science (one semester), anatomy & physiology (one semester)

8th grade: earth science, planetology (full year)

Humanities: Our humanities curriculum integrates language arts and social studies for two periods each day. We emphasize the development and mastery of comprehension, analysis, research, writing, and communication in the historical and cultural context listed below for each grade:

6th grade: Ancient Civilizations (full year)

7th grade: World History and Cultures (full year)

8th grade: American History (full year)

Math: McMurray uses *Connected Math 3* for all grades. *Prentice Hall Algebra* is used for 8th grade Algebra. Additional online resources are used in all three grades mathematics program helps students sharpen reasoning, computation, geometric, pre-algebraic and algebraic skills in a conceptual and integrated program. (full year for grades 6 through 8)

Healthy Living: These combination PE /health classes focus on helping students gain the tools to lead healthy lives. The PE portion is centered on aerobic and skill-related fitness (movement, coordination, balance). The Health portion covers the Life Skills prevention program, fitness awareness and nutrition. Each grade level takes one semester of Healthy Living.

Technology: Students take a one semester computer course in both 6th and 7th grades.

Students gain an understanding of PC and web-based applications and focus on developing keyboarding, research and application skills.

Electives

Art Classes: Basic Art, Ceramics, Fiber Arts, Photography, Video Production

AVID how to become a successful student

Band: instrumental music, two+ concerts per year

Creative Writing

Drama: physical drama, comedy, performances

Food 101 hands-on intro to the basics of cooking

French, Spanish and Japanese Exploration: introduction to language and culture

Leadership: organize school activities

Mountain Biking: learn about bike maintenance and repair while learning physical aspects of riding

Outdoor Survival: the title says it all

STEM Classes: Design It Build It, Introduction to Woodworking, Investigate and Build a Treehouse

Study Skills: homework help and organization

Teacher and Office Assistants

Tournament PE