Welcome to 5th Grade Parent Orientation

Monday, May 9, 2016
Keith Valley Middle School
7:00 PM
Overview of the Evening

- General Information about 6th Grade
- Information from Administrators, Teachers and Guidance Staff
- Self-Guided tours of our school
- Staff members will be available for questions and answers throughout the building after the program
Keith Valley Information

- Grades 6 – 8
- 1165 Students
- 3 Assistant Principals
  - Mrs. Brea D’Angelo—6th Grade
  - Mrs. Barbara Whitelock—7th Grade
  - Mr. John Ewerth—8th Grade
Keith Valley Vision Statement

Keith Valley Middle School – We set the PACE!

- Personal
- Academic
- Civic
- Excellence
Keith Valley Mission Statements

- Personal Expectations
  - Everyone is respected and appreciated
  - Everyone is responsible and accountable

- Academic Achievement
  - Learning is everyone’s responsibility

- Civic Awareness
  - KVMS is an extension of our world
6th Grade Team Structure

- 4 Teams – Red, Black, Grey, White
- Core teachers meet with administration and guidance weekly to discuss students and projects
- Team assignments will be released with individual student schedules in August
# Typical 6th Grade Schedule

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6th Grade Schedule Details

- Everyday
  - Core Content

- Red/Black Days
  - Creative Arts/Physical Education

- Red Day PACE period
  - RTII/Skill Focus in Literacy/Math Skills
  - Opportunity during the school day to work on literacy, research, writing and critical thinking skills
Other Schedule Details

- Black Day PACE period
  - Opportunity to get help from teachers in subject areas
  - Make up work from absences
- KV K’NEX and Advisory
- Technology program
- Music Lessons
  - Individual instrumental lessons are the same as the elementary schools
  - Group rehearsals are scheduled before school, with some after-school rehearsals
KV K’NEX Advisory Program

- Cross-grade classes and faculty advisor
- Weekly meetings
- Bully Prevention, Character Education, Team Building, Wellness, Restorative Practices and Leadership Development Activities
- KV Cares Day
- WEB – Brand new to KV in 2016-2017
6th Grade Activities – A sample...

- Band, Chorus, and Orchestra
- Clubs – Art, Technology, Knitting, Audio/Visual, Cooking, Games, Ecology, Yo-Yo, Ultimate Frisbee
- Robotics Team
- Intramurals – 3 Seasons of Co-ed sports
- Student Council
- Reading Olympics
- Ski Club
- Hatter Chatter – KV Newspaper
- KV Yearbook
- KV Musical Theater
Keith Valley Academic Placement

- Leveled courses for Math in all grades
- Established criteria/student data used in placing each student

Placement Process
- Summer Letter
- Questions/Clarifications
- Each student is an individual!
Frequently Asked Questions from our 5\textsuperscript{th} Grade visits…

- How do we get our lockers open?
- Can I decorate the inside of my locker?
- Will I get lost at Keith Valley?
- What happens to me if I am late to class?
- How big is the cafeteria?
- What happens if an 8\textsuperscript{th} grader pushes me into a locker?
More questions…

- How do you get a detention?
- How can I get involved in activities?
- May I bring my cell phone to school?
- Will my friends be on my team?
- Will I know my teachers before school starts?
- When can I take a tour of Keith Valley?
Transition to KV – Events Timeline

- KV representative visits to each elementary school are on going
- 5th Grade Parent Night at KV – May 9th
- 5th Graders from Crooked Billet, Pennypack and Simmons visited KV on May 4th
- 5th Grade visits to KV on May 26th for Hallowell and Blair Mill
Transition to KV – Events Timeline

- Letters mailed to parents regarding student academic placement by the end of July
- Schedules and HR will be available via Power School around August 20
- KV Open House for all 6th Graders on Wednesday, August 31st from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- First Day of School – Tuesday, September 6th!
Keith Valley Safety

- Student arrival
- During the school day
- Drills and practice
- After school
- Security personnel
- Information sharing
  - Students
  - Parents
  - Community Protective Services
Keith Valley Middle School – Parent Tips

- Monitor your student’s on-line activity
- Help your child make positive decisions
- Please contact your child’s teacher, counselor or administrator with any question, compliment, or concern you may have - We are here to help!
- Help your child become involved in the activities and life at KV
- Become involved with KV – KVHSA, activity/trip chaperone, spectators and ask about your child’s day at dinner
Bragging Points about KV!

- Excellent teachers, students and staff
- Nationally recognized Technology Education Program
- Teaming Structure
- Challenging curriculum and innovative programs
- KV K’NEX – Character Education and Bullying Prevention program
- The Keith Valley Challenge
- KVTV
- Civic Awareness Opportunities
- National Junior Honor Society
Guidance Department Structure for 2016-2017

Dr. Andrew Osborne
Coordinator of Guidance Services

6th Grade Counselor
Dr. Andrew Osborne

7th Grade Counselor
Mrs. Rebecca Lenthe

8th Grade Counselor
Miss Jamie Schoell
Roles of the School Counselor

Counseling
Identification, Prevention, and Intervention

Coordination
Liaison for all facets of a student’s life

Consultation
Collaborative Problem-Solving with parents, teachers, students, administrators
Individual
  – Academic
  – Social/Emotional
  – Family Issues
  – Decision Making

Group
  – Small Groups: Changing Families, Military families, Anger Alternatives, Grief and Loss, Friendship
  – Classroom Guidance: Decision Making, Conflict Resolution, Stress Management
Consultation

**Parents**
- Academic concerns
- Family relationships
- Peer relationships
- Behavior management
- Referrals to outside agencies

**Teacher/PACEMeetings**
- Collaborate with teachers to address concerns about students with academic, social, and behavioral issues
- Identify students who are “at-risk”
- Develop and implement intervention and action plans
Transition into KVMS
- Meet with elementary counselors
- Assist in determining academic levels of each student
- Host 5th grade student orientation
- W.E.B.

Transition into HHHS
- Meet with high school counselors
- Assist in determining academic levels for placement
- Assist students with 9th grade course selection
As an integral member and a key component of the educational team, each counselor attempts to promote an awareness of and sensitivity to the unique needs of each student at Keith Valley Middle School.
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Social Studies
Science
Creative Arts Rotation
Physical Ed Health
Library
English Language Arts

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Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening

~ Novels
~ Short stories
~ Non-fiction texts
~ Reading Strategies
~ Poetry

~ Writing Pieces
~ Quick Writes/Free Writes
~ Reading Responses
~ Grammar
~ Word Cell
Writing

Focus
Content

Narrative
Informational
Argumentative

Organization
Style
Conventions
Speaking and Listening

Present Information

Evaluate Information Presented

Conversations and Collaborations
Special Events

*Reading Olympics

*Summer Reading Program

* KV Book Fair

*Spelling Bee
MATHEMATICS
CONTENT

- Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- The Number System
- Expressions and Equations
- Geometry
- Statistics and Probability
INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

Standards for Mathematical Practice:

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- Model with mathematics.

*Standards for Mathematical Practice (NGO Center and CCSSO 2010, pp. 6-8)
Standards for Mathematical Practice:

- Use appropriate tools strategically.
- Attend to precision.
- Look for and make use of structure.
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

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MATH ACTIVITIES

- Scale Drawing Project
- Pi Day Celebration
- Gamed based math resource
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GOAL:
CREATIVE ARTS ROTATION (CAR)
Technology Education
An Integrated Approach...

• Technology skills infused into class projects in all content area classes
  – Office 365
  – Programming
  – Web-based resources
  – Online learning

• Hardware includes dual platform computers and Smart devices

• KV Makerspace features robotics, Web and 3D Design with emphasis on collaboration, problem solving and imagination
6th Grade Creative Arts Rotation (CAR)

- Art, Family and Consumer Sciences, Music and World Language
- Rotation of three - twelve week courses
- Every other day schedule (Black and Red days)
- Exploratory in nature
Fine Art 1

- Basic foundation course focusing on the elements and principles of two dimensional art
- Covers basic color theory and art history
- Art Production includes design, still life, painting, drawing, and perspective
Family and Consumer Sciences

- FCS 1: Career Exploration and Financial Literacy
  - Basics of money management and finances
  - Career exploration
  - Textiles
  - Child development and Home safety

- FCS 2: Nutrition and Wellness
  - Consumer awareness
  - Nutrition and Healthy lifestyles
  - Kitchen and food safety
Music 1

• Performance in rhythmic and melodic ensembles
• Study of a musical
• Perform on bells, steel drums, keyboards and resonators
• Music technology
• Music appreciation through Independent Listening Logs
Music

6th Grade Chorus

• Anyone who loves to sing can join
• No audition required
• Will learn fundamentals of singing and musical concepts
• Two performances during the school year
• Great way to meet new friends!
World Language Curriculum

- Greetings
- Classroom Expressions
- Colors
- Numbers
- Seasons and Weather
- Calendar
- Time
- Cultural Topics

- International Food Day
- iPads and iPods
Lessons & Programs That Build

• Information Literacy
• Research Process Skills
• Interest & Excitement for Reading
• Life-Long Literacy Habits
How To Access Your School Library . . . & Your Librarian

Open 7:50 AM – 3:15 PM

Visit independently:
• before or after school
• during homeroom or Black PACE

Visit as a class to:
• exchange books
• participate in book talks and programs
• participate in integrated research lessons

24/7 Access via the web to:
• log on to Library account to check due dates and request books
• use research resources, ebooks, and reading resources
• contact Mrs. Quinn with questions (next school day response)
Programs to Inspire Creativity & Explore Literary Fun

- Reading Olympics
- Banned Books Week
- Book-to-Movie Events
- Read Across America
- Teen Read Week
- Themed displays to expose students to great books and authors
- Special Guests and Activities
- Student Authors in the Library
- Contests and challenges to provide excitement and motivation
- Student-created displays and artistic expressions
Get connected @ KV Library!

www.hatboro-horsham.org/kvlibrary

Twitter: @LisaRQuinn
6th Grade Science
Learning Activities

- Non-fiction reading strategies
- Hands-on activities
- Controlled experiments
- Engineering Project
- Technology
- Simulated experiments
Environmental Science

• Land, Air, Water Pollution

• Fossil Fuels and Alternative Energy Sources

• Nuclear Energy
Physical Science

- Forces
- Motion
- Energy
- Work & Machines
• Describing, Classifying, Measuring Matter

• Changes In Matter

• Elements and the Periodic Table

• Atoms and Bonding

• Chemical Reactions
Technology Projects
Required by all 6th grade students

• Rube Goldberg – PowerPoint Presentation
• Alternative Energy Project – Research
• Element Research
6th Grade Social Studies

Ancient Civilizations
Curriculum

- Review Map Terms
- Archeology
- Mesopotamia
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome
- Middle Ages
- Wax Museum
## Reinforce Literacy Skills from ELA

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Hands On Activities

Ancient Greece

Living Wax Museum
Keith Valley Health & Physical Education
Year of Changes!

- Individual PE Lock and Locker
- Changing clothes for Phys. Ed.
  - Please remind them to bring them home to wash occasionally
- Ninety minute Phys. Ed. class, every other day
What Students Wear

- PE Uniform (purchasing KV’s is optional)
- OR
- T-shirt – last name in bold letters on back
- Shorts – last name in bold letters on leg
- Sneakers – that can be tied tightly/fit tightly on the feet
- Sweatshirts/sweatpants -- optional
Typical Class

• Warm up
  – Cardiovascular
  – Stretching
  – Strength exercises
  – Locomotor movements

• Activity
  – Skill work
  – Partner practice
  – Group activity
  – Team sports, individual activities, cooperative games
  – Fitness assessments in the Fall and Spring
Assessment

• Every student is graded based on the following;

• 1. Warm-up/Fitness - (proper technique, completion of exercises, pacing, improvement)

• 2. Activity- Basic Skills necessary to perform the activity
   Plus
   Improvement
   Cooperation
   Preparation

Visit our Health/Phys. Ed. website for more detailed information
Goals of Health/PE

• Provide a safe & positive environment that prepares students with the skills and knowledge they need to lead healthy lives.
  – Increase fitness levels (6th grade for 14-15 school year, increase from fall to spring)
  – 82% push-up, 77%-Mile
  – 93%-sit-ups, 78%-flexibility (sit & reach)
  – Build confidence and self-esteem
  – Provide information to Make healthy decisions
  – Develop respect and tolerance for individual differences and athletic abilities
  – Introduce a variety of sports and lifetime activities
  – Develop good sportsmanship
Facilities

- 2 full gymnasiums
- Fitness room
  - Cardio and Resistance Equip.
- Aerobics/Dance/Games room
- Traversing Wall
- Spinning Room
- Track
- Multiple athletic fields
2016 - 2017 School Year

1\textsuperscript{st} and 4\textsuperscript{th} marking periods – all PE – 90 minutes

2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} marking periods – Health and PE – split the block
Health Classes

• Instruction takes place the two middle marking periods
• Split the 90 minute block
  – Approx. 45 minutes of Physical Education
  – Approx. 45 minutes of Health
Health Curriculum

SIXTH GRADE
Wellness:
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness
- Fitness Project
- Personal Health
- Self Esteem
- Decision Making
- Resisting Peer Pressure
- Conflict Resolution
Questions/Comments/Concerns

- Please feel free to contact any Health/PE teacher with any concerns.
- Contact information can be found on the Health/PE department webpage.