

Welcome to the  
EAST HILLS  
FAMILY!



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David Horvath - Principal  
Regina Braun - Asst. Principal  
Garrett Podhyski - Asst. Principal

Gina Limpar - Grade 6 Counselor  
Ronny Leon - Grade 7 Counselor  
Megan Morgan - Grade 8 Counselor  
Ashley Cortes - Grades 6,7,8 Counselor

Wendy Costanzo - School Nurse

**Together. Connected. Strong.**

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## Middle School Goals:

### Building Positive Self-Concepts & Opportunities



Building positive self-concepts



Providing opportunities for a wide range of educational and social experiences



Providing opportunities for each student to master basic skills and develop aesthetic and moral values

### Developing Critical Skills & Learning How to Learn



Providing opportunities for students to develop skills that enable them to collect and critically evaluate



with emphasis on how to learn

### Creating a Supportive & Caring Environment



Providing an educational environment which students experience as supportive, safe and familiar



Providing an atmosphere in which concern for the student is as evident as concern for the subject matter


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WHAT DOES 6TH GRADE LOOK  
LIKE?


## Grade 6- Sixth Grade Overview



 Students in sixth grade will rotate through their core academics, only grouped for Math.

 Teams are configured as a group of four

 Students core content includes English, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics

 Team leaders are in place to assist in weekly communication, team collaboration, curriculum adjustments and as liaisons for grade level, team, and school events.



## Grade 6- What it looks like



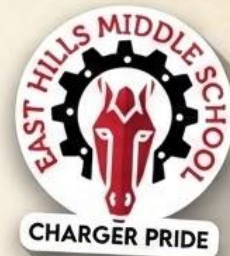
Each day consists of 8 periods and we run on a 6-day cycle (Odd/Even days), each class is 50 minutes long.



All students are assigned to a Charger Block, four core academic periods, two related arts periods, and lunch



The school day starts at 8:05 (Homeroom) and ends at 3:05



## Grade 6- Schedule Points



Technology, Industrial Arts, and Family Consumer Science are 30 Day (**Rotational**) Courses



Art and Music are 45 Day (**Marking Period**) Courses



Foreign Language classes are 60 Day (**Trimester**) Courses that occur on all Odd or Even days



Health/PE occurs either on all Odd (Days 1, 3, 5) or Even (Days 2, 4, 6) days



Charger Block occurs every day and includes intervention, enrichment, and social emotional learning opportunities.



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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE DAY!



# DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

7:40-8:15	●	Breakfast each morning
8:05-8:13	●	Students Report
8:13-8:45	●	Homeroom
8:45-9:35	●	Period 1
9:35-10:25	●	Period 2 (Related Arts)
10:25-11:15	●	Period 3
11:15-12:05	●	Period 4
12:05-12:35	●	Period 5 (Lunch)
12:35-1:25	●	Period 6
1:25-2:15	●	Period 7 (Related Arts)
2:15-3:05	●	Period 8
3:05	●	Dismissal

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Who is going to be in class with my  
son or daughter?

# How will students be in classes?

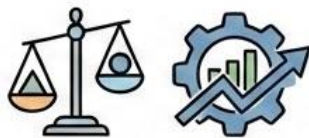
## New Connections



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Students are coming from five different district elementary schools. This is an amazing opportunity for students to meet different, new friends as they begin their middle school journey!

## Heterogeneous Classes & Math



### Classes & Math

District wide, all middle school classes are heterogeneous with the exception of math (data from PSSA and IXL used), in order to allow for student support and enrichment, as needed.

## Set Up for Success



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We set our students up for SUCCESS! If they need a push or some support, our teachers have flexible grouping and modify where needed within the classes.

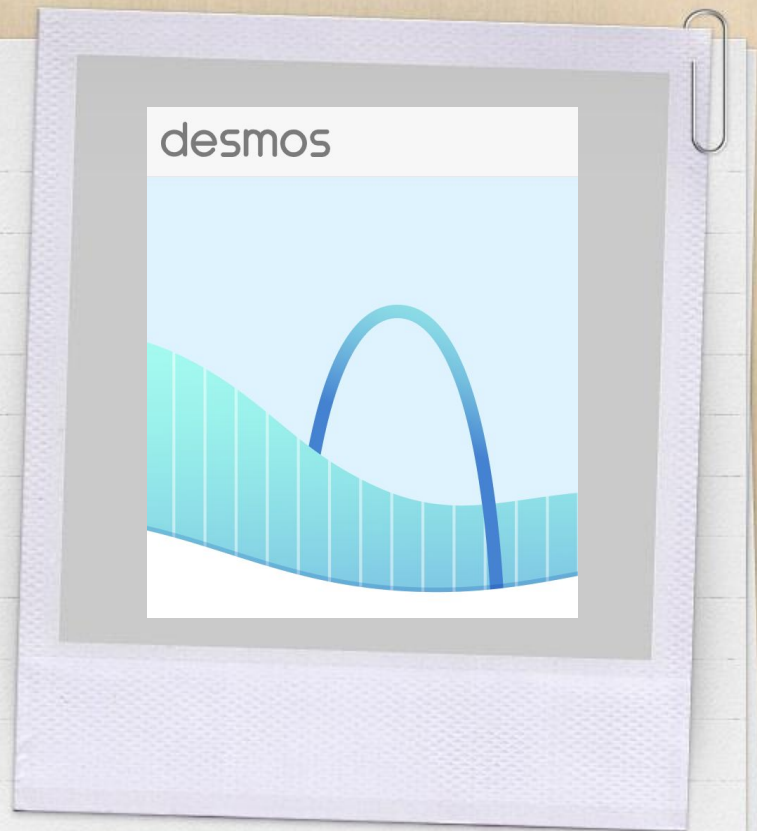
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What will my child learn in  
6th grade?

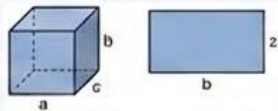


- Area and Surface Area
- Introducing Ratios
- Unit Rates and Percentages
- Dividing Fractions
- Decimal Arithmetic
- Expressions and Equations
- Positive and Negative Numbers
- Describing Data
- IXL and Desmos





Area and Surface Area



Introducing Ratios



Unit Rates and Percentages



Dividing Fractions



Decimal Arithmetic

$$\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{1}{2}$$



Expressions and Equations

$$2x + 3 = 7$$



Positive and Negative Numbers



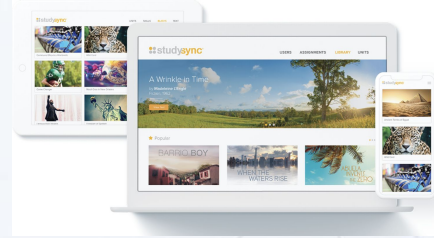
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# English in 6th grade!



**Grade Level Texts**  
Challenging & engaging literature

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**Connected Reading and Writing Practices**  
Integrated skill development.

3



**Scaffolding and Enrichment**  
Support where needed (Lexia)

5



**Extended Writing Assignments**  
Procedural, Informational, Argumentative

2

**Technology based editing and revising**  
Schoolology and StudySync integration.

4

**Novels include multiple titles**  
Hatchet, The Lightning Thief, Walk Two Moons, and more.

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Energy

# Science in 6th Grade: Discovery Techbook



Energy and **Matter Flow**



Electric, Magnetic and Gravitational  
**Forces**



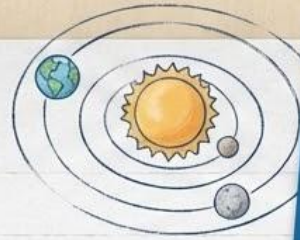
Energy Transfer



**Earth-sun-moon system**



Wound healing









**Innovation Hour** in  
the Library about  
**once a month!!**

**\*\*Phenomenon based investigations\*\***



# Social Studies in 6th Grade: Discovery Techbook



-  Geography overview
-  Prehistory
-  Mesopotamia
-  Ancient Egypt, Ancient India, and Ancient China
-  Ancient Greece
-  Ancient Rome

Also, Great  
projects and  
Current Events!

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# Communication!

## Teacher & Staff Communication



Teachers will send out weekly notifications/newsletters



Send ClassDojo invites and communication (teachers and school staff)



Teacher and School Staff Communication occur with students via Schoolology Messages/Announcements

## School-wide & Parent Info



Administration sends out weekly newsletters, the EHMS Connections Newsletter, with all current information



Make sure ParentVue has all correct information. The newsletter and ParentLink will use the email and phone numbers listed there.

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## High Expectations

What happens when mistakes are made?

# Attendance... It Matters



## How Attendance Works!

### 1. School Goal **GO!!**

**Good Attendance** means being absent less than 5% of the school year or less than 9 days in the school year

East Hills' **school goal** is to maintain a 95% "good attendance" rate by the end of the school year.

### 2. What is an excused absence vs unlawful absence?


Excused	Unlawful
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student is sick</li><li>Religious Holiday</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mom didn't feel well</li><li>Car broke down</li><li>Dad had to work</li></ul>

### 3. Submitting Excused Notes

Parents can send in written excused notices with **Mrs. Rodriguez**, attendance secretary in Student Services, with the student or through email.

**\*\*Notes are only permitted 3 days after the return of the student to school\*\***


Parents can email these notices at [cjrodriguez@basdschools.org](mailto:cjrodriguez@basdschools.org) stating the reasons for why the student has been absent.



## 4. Allowed Absences

Only 10 absences are allowed in one school year. After the 10th absence, medical notes are **REQUIRED** to excuse the absence.

The 10 absences include both excused and unlawful absences.




**Excused + Unexcused = 10 Absences**

## 5. Think About It...


When your child has an appointment with a medical professional during the school day, the child can return back to school. If a note is given from the medical professional, the tardy **WILL BE** excused.

In the event that your child has a medical appointment, please try to make the appointment after school hours.

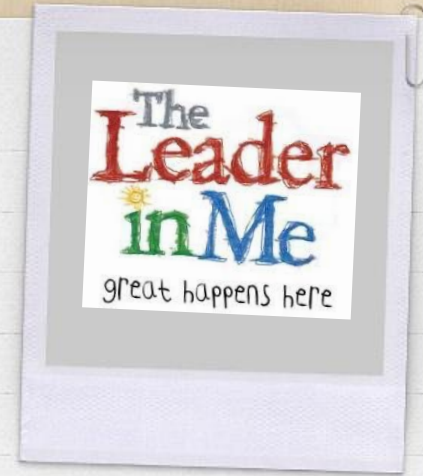
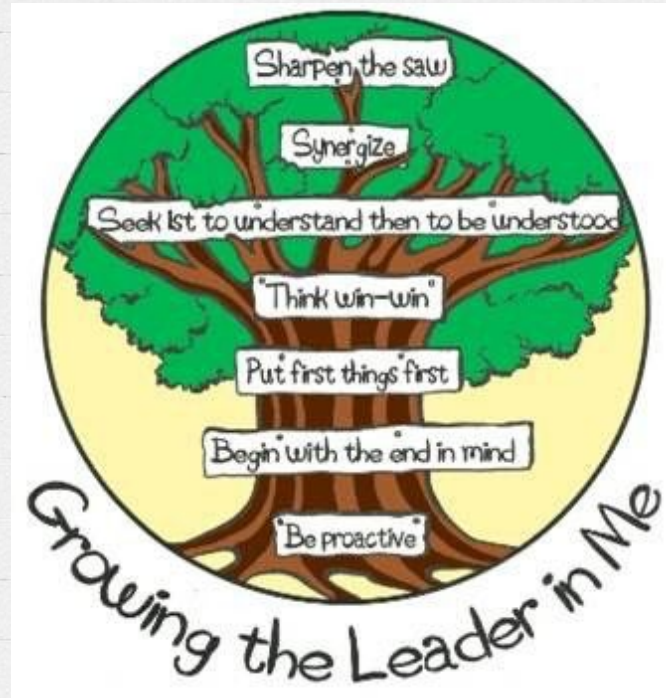


## 6. School Start Time

The first bell rings at 8:05 AM. At 8:13 AM, students are considered late and **MUST** check in with Student Services. They will receive a pass to class after checking-in.



# Leader In Me (LIM)



x Student  
Lighthouse  
Team

# Expectations

## Typical Classroom Management Plan

- ✓ Come to class prepared and on time
- ✓ Report to assigned seat and begin warm-ups
- ✓ Treat yourself and others with respect
- ✓ Be safe in all situations
- ✓ Participate, engage, and collaborate in classroom activities
- ✓ Follow all school rules and each teacher's classroom procedures









# Middle Schoolers Make Mistakes

It is going to happen

- ✿ We will provide structure and a safe environment.
- ✿ Students are aware of expectations and potential consequences.
- ✿ **But, they still make mistakes**
- ✿ We will work through them and the student always gets a fresh start.



# Typical Consequences

-  Student/Teacher conference
-  Parent contact
-  Teacher detention
-  Administrative referral
-  Guidance referral (if necessary)
-  Restorative Practices

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# Restorative Practices

## Typical Classroom Plan



Students participate in cultural, academic, and leadership circles



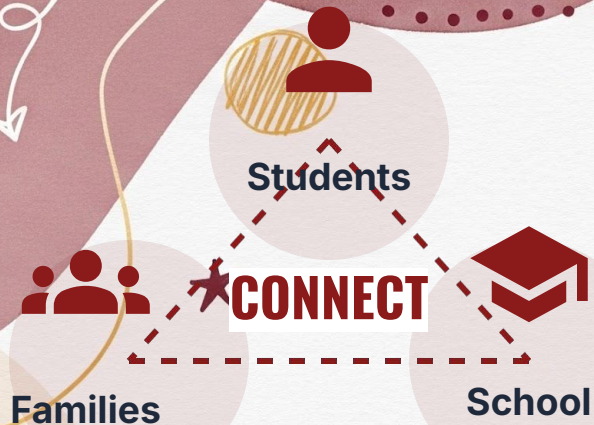
Students given consequences, reflect on behaviors and talk about others affected.



Teachers use questioning after an incident to help the student process effects of behavior.



# The most successful students...



"The better our communication throughout the year, the better our support can be for our students through their middle school years."

# The Vital Role of Parents

## Supporting Self-Advocacy



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Parents are integral right now as students learn to self-advocate, an important skill they will need to succeed. Please communicate with teachers as your child grows using this skill.

## Continued Guidance



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**THEY STILL NEED YOU** for guidance! They are still growing with organization, physical changes, social skills, and communication skills, etc.

# 7. Grades

How do grades work at East Hills?

# Grades

East Hills Middle School Grading Systems



## **O, S, N Citizenship Grades**

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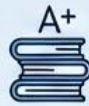
- Citizenship (Outstanding, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement)



## **Not Graded**

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- Charger Block



## **A, B, C, F Academic Grades**

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English



Math



Science



Social Studies



Phys. Ed



Seminar



World Languages



Art



Music



Tech Ed, FCS, Ind Arts

# Academic Support Factors Rubrics



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\*The bullet points are indicators for the level, but the list is not exhaustive. Also, not all indicators must be met in order to score a student at a particular level in each category.

# How will I know how my child is doing in school?

-  Schoology (Practice Assignments)
-  Synergy (Assessments)
-  Report Cards
-  Family Connection Cards
-  Parent Conferences (Fall/Spring)
-  Parent/Teacher Meetings
-  IXL Snapshots
-  Acadience Checkpoints



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## East Hills Offerings

Our school does not shut  
down at 3:05, it continues  
with greatness!

# After School Offerings at East Hills

Some Examples...



ArtSmart Program  
&  
Art Club



Dance Club  
&  
Step Club



Chorus  
&  
Sixth Grade Chorus




Game  
Clubs



Choir



Chess  
Club



Yearbook



Garden  
Club



STEM  
Club



Cooking  
Club



What's So  
Cool...



Reading  
Olympics



Stage  
Crew



Guitar  
Ensemble



Intramurals



Ski Club



12  
54 Mathcounts



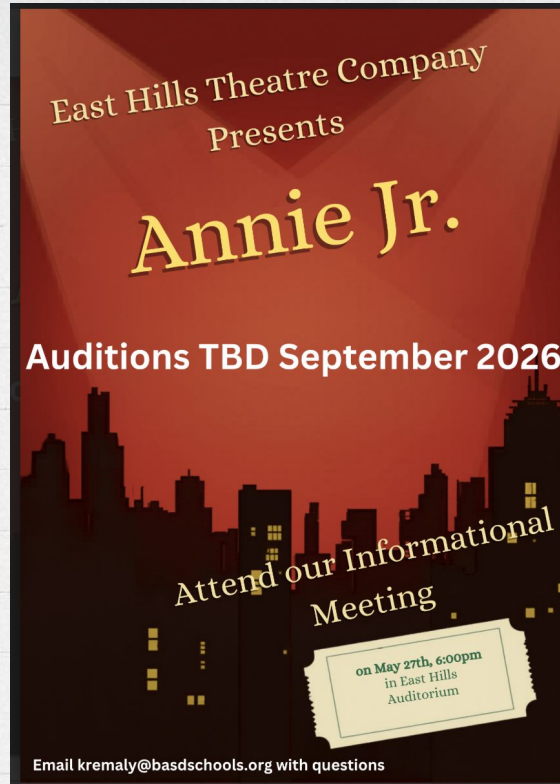
GET  
INVOLVED!  
Great  
opportunities  
to join in!

# EHTC Meeting:

May 27th

6:00PM

EHMS Auditorium



East Hills Theatre Company  
Presents  
**Annie Jr.**  
Auditions TBD September 2026

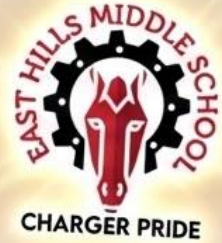
Attend our Informational  
Meeting






on May 27th, 6:00pm  
in East Hills  
Auditorium

Email [kremaly@basdschools.org](mailto:kremaly@basdschools.org) with questions



# Instrumental Music Opportunities with Mrs. Davies!



-  Opportunities to strengthen your instrumental skills through group practice and small group lessons.
-  Opportunities to try new instruments.
-  Performances given throughout Pennsylvania.
-  Opportunities to perform outside of state on an overnight field trip.
-  Opportunities to work with a close knit group of friends.

**Jazz Band, Marching Band, Concert Band, Color Guard, Orchestra**

 **Jazz Band**

 **Marching Band**

 **Concert Band**

 **Color Guard**

 **Orchestra**

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## What else?

We have more than amazing  
teachers here at East Hills Middle  
School!

# Guidance at EAST HILLS Middle School

**MRS. LIMPAR**

Mrs. Cortes, Mr. Leon, Mrs. Morgan



one on one check ins



coping strategies



study habits



peer relationships



team meetings



problem solving



sources of help



group sessions



conflict resolution



organizational skill development



class meetings



# Health Room Items



- ✚ School Nurse (Mrs. Costanzo)
- ✚ Immunizations
- ✚ General Health Room Protocol
- ✚ Medical Conditions/Alerts

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✉ [wcostanzo@basdschools.org](mailto:wcostanzo@basdschools.org)

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August will be here  
soon!

Students will be greeted by all  
teachers for a  
great day!

# 6th graders' first day in August!



**Lockers**



**Friends**



**Teachers**



**Tours**



**Schedules**



**Fun**



**Lunch**



**3-Hour Delay for 7/8th  
Graders**

**EAST HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**CHARGER PRIDE**





Enjoy the tour!