Veterans Memorial Middle School

OPEN HOUSE

2020-2021
Please use the link or QR code to access the sign-in sheet.

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• Dr. Curry is in charge of the daily operations of our school.
• You will see her often in the classrooms and hallways and she is more than willing to help with whatever you may need.
Mr. Alston and Mrs. Rachels help Dr. Curry run Veterans Memorial Middle School.

They handle discipline, administer school-wide testing, support our sport teams, and much more.

They lead with their hearts and will do anything to help you succeed.
Your Counselors

Ms. Hill
School Counselor

Mrs. Elliott
Licensed Clinician (APEX)

Mrs. Price
School Counselor

The school counselors, along with Ms. Elliott, are available when you need to talk about anything. They will also help you plan for your future!
The Office Staff

SRO- Deputy Robinson

Ms. James

Ms. Moreland

Ms. Grimes

Ms. Freeman
Instructional Coaches

The mission of the Instructional Coaches is to promote student success through supporting teachers and providing opportunities for reflection of their instruction, professional growth, collaboration and implementation of effective practices.

Mrs. Gatewood & Mrs. Jones
Instructional Technology

Mrs. Wren
Media Specialist

Mr. Occilien-Similien
School Technology Specialist

Mr. Wren
School Technology Assistant
Parent Involvement

- Maintain a good working relationship with your child’s teachers
- Visit the virtual learning classes
- Know and understand school rules
- Attend meetings (curriculum nights, conferences, etc.)
- Make sure your child attends virtual learning classes everyday and on time

- Make contact with all of your child's teachers
- If you have raised adolescents, be willing to share advice and information with other parents
- Review infinite campus on a regular basis

(Ford-Coabley, Crenshaw, DelAunter & Isaacs, 2006; The elementary to middle school transition: Five helpful hints for parents, n.d.)
We want to hear from you! Do you have any suggestions for how we can best reach out to, communicate with, and work with you as equal partners? Do you have any suggestions for our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact, and/or Parent and Family Engagement funds? If so, please provide us with your comments on the Stakeholders' Input form below and leave this form in the office or send it in with your child.

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WHAT HAPPENS IF PARENTS GET INVOLVED

Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have...

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation
- Better self-esteem
- Lower rates of suspension
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Fewer instances of violent behavior
- Greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education

(Ford-Coabley, Crenshaw, DelAunter & Isaacs, 2006)
Connections

Connections classes will introduce you to many new subjects, including World Language, Business and Computer Science, Art, Family and Consumer Science, Physical Education, Technology & Engineering, Band, and Chorus. Veterans is on a block schedule, which means you only attend one connections per day, alternating every other day.
# Virtual Schedule

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**GENERALS A.R.E Accountable, Respectful and Engaged**
Course Description

Throughout the school year, students will be introduced to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) curriculum. The main implementation tool used for instruction will be the McGraw-Hill StudySync, English Language Arts Grade 6 textbook. This textbook is aligned with the GSE and is inclusive of the necessary performance elements needed for student mastery. Each day, students will be exposed to a rigorous curriculum in which they will work towards gaining an enduring understanding through skills and strategies that address their individual learning modalities (mode).

Students will be expected to:

Read Daily (Collaboratively and Independently); produce grade level writings [(response to literature and/or writing genres (narrative, informational, and argumentative)]; and apply the rules of grammar.
Hi, I am Mrs. Neil. Welcome to 6th grade. I am excited to be your teacher this year. Let me tell you a little bit about me. I have been a teacher for 18 years. I am married and have two kids. My daughter is a freshman in college and my son is an 8th grader.

Mrs. Neil
Email: neil.shalaiwah@newton.k12.ga.us
REMIND: 81010
Code @74kc6h

~Be the change you want to see in the world.” ~Gandhi

Supplies for ELA
- Notebook
- Large Glue Stick
- Pencils
- Headphones with speaker
- Highlighters
- Study Sync Workbook

ELA TOOLS
- Quizizz
- Kahoot!
- Book Creator
- study sync
My name is **Wendy Thomas**. I am originally from **Montgomery, AL**. I am a graduate of **Alabama State University** (an HBCU). I have been teaching for many years, but I will **ALWAYS** be 21 years old! My birthdate is one of Beyoncé’s songs; **7/11**! I have a sweet fur-baby; **Chocolate**. During my free time, you can find me reading a book, catching up on one of my favorite reality TV shows, or listening to music. Once COVID-19 ceases, I will continue my journey around the world!

**Supplies**
- Paper/Pencil
- StudySync Workbook
- Highlighter
- Notebook
- Glue Sticks
- Headphones (to drown out noise)

*Most Importantly*
- An Open Mind

**Remind 101**
Text: @elathom20 to 81010
Hello, I am Ms. Gudiseva, your 6 Red - ELA Co-Teacher.

I am originally from India and have been living in Atlanta for past 2 years. This is my first year teaching 6th Grade, but I have taught 7th Grade at VMMS previously. I want to welcome you as our new Generals and look forward to getting to know everyone this year.

Ms. Gudiseva
gudiseva.akanksha@newton.k12.ga.us
Earth Science Expectations

In Earth Science, students are expected to:

- Obtain, evaluate and communicate information by producing charts, graphs and constructing evidence-based grade level writings. Students will formulate and communicate opinions based on data to support or refute scientific phenomena and theory.
CLASS MATERIALS
- Headphones
- Spiral Notebook
- Pencils/Pens
- Color Pencils

Helpful Apps
- Kahoot
- Quizizz
- Quizlet

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHAMPION
~Rita Pearson

Mr. Hammonds
Hammonds.Clayton@newton.k12.ga.us
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MS. WATERS
WATERS.KIA@NEWTON.K12.GA.US

MRS. J. FARLEY
FARLEY.JENNIFER@NEWTON.K12.GA.US
The middle school standards specify the mathematics that all students should study in order to be high school ready. The middle school standards are listed in conceptual categories including Number Sense, Algebra, Expressions and Equations, Geometry, and Statistics and Probability.

In Grade 6, instructional time focuses on four critical areas:

1. connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems

2. completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers

3. writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations

4. developing understanding of statistical thinking.
Hi!

DAILY CLASS MATERIALS

- Composition notebook (I.N.)
- College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
- Pencils (lots of them!)
- Tape
- Highlighter
- Binder 1 ½ Inch
- Dividers (10)
- Expo Markers
- Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils

Text this number: 81010
OR
240-428-2875
Text this message: @mslee6b
My name is Denise Bingham. I was born and raised in Florida, spent 23 years in Utah, moved to Georgia in 08/2017. I have a daughter who is 23 and a fluffy dog. I love to hike and watch movies in my spare time.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- Paper
- Pencils
- Headphones

Hello and welcome to 6 Red Math. My name is Mr. Shipp. This is my first year at Veterans and I’m excited to be your teacher. I’m California born, Georgia bred. I have a 12 yr old son, and I love to cook.
Social Studies Expectations

**Course Description:**
Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Area Studies course. Sixth grade students study Latin America, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The goal of this two-year course is to acquaint middle school students with the world in which they live.

For both social studies classes (Red and Blue Teams), Be prepared to:
- Log into Canvas everyday
- Check Infinite Campus daily
- Read articles when they are assigned
- Write constructed responses or essays that align with ELA standards
- Stay in contact with your teacher (Mr. Brown or Ms. Bomar) if you have questions
My name is Sarah Bomar. I grew up in Georgia with a family filled with educators. I attended Georgia State University originally for law and graduated with a political science degree. My heart was simply not in the law field and with that, I pursued education. In 2017, I (again) graduated Georgia State University with a M.A.T in secondary social studies. Teaching is my passion and each year I enjoy helping kids understand the importance of social sciences.

Supplies
- Composition Notebook
- Pens and Pencils
- Highlighter
- Colored Pencils

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”- Gandhi

Sarah Bomar
bomar.sarah@newton.k12.ga.us
I am Mr. Brown. I will be your 6th Grade Social Studies teacher. I am originally from New York, but raised in Lithonia. I attended the GREAT Stephenson High School where I played football as a running back. I am a graduate of the University of the Cumberlands. I am a husband and father of 2 soon to be 3 children. I enjoy grilling for my family and am a sports junky. I am looking forward to teaching you about different cultures around the world.

I am Ms. Taylor. I will be your Social Studies Co-Teacher. I have been an educator for 12 years. I hold a Masters in Art Education with degrees in Graphic Design and Business Administration. I am an artist as well. I have a daughter who is a senior at the University of Georgia. In my day, I was a talented basketball player in school. My hobbies now are jump roping, singing, and playing competitive kickball.

Class Supplies:
- Headphones
- Spiral Notebook
- Pencil, Pen, Highlighter
- Colored Pencils
Greetings All,

I am Ms. Murry the 6th grade ELA and Math Resource Teacher. This is my 4th year teaching, and my 2nd year in 6th grade! I graduated from the Illustrious Savannah State University with a B.A. in English and I am currently completing my Masters degree in Special Education. What I love most about VMMS is the family-like atmosphere and, of course, our amazing students! I cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us!

Ms. Murry
murry.parris@newton.k12.ga.us
Multi-tiered System of Supports Specialist (MTSS/RtI)

Case Manager for Tier 2 and Tier 3 students receiving academic and behavior interventions and supports.

Mrs. Byrd
Welcome to the Virtual ESOL Sheltered ELA and Social Studies Classroom for Sixth through Eighth Grades!

My name is Mrs. Montrez Stephens, and I look forward to an exciting year of learning whether you are learning online or in-person later this year! I have taught for approximately 22 years, and I have taught at the elementary and middle school levels. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communication Education, a Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education, and an Education Specialist Degree in Teaching and Learning. Please feel free to email me anytime throughout the year at stepsens.montrez@newton.k12.ga.us. If there is ever a need for a translator, please do not hesitate to let me know.
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¡Bienvenido al salón de clases de estudios sociales y ELA protegido virtual de ESOL para los grados sexto a octavo!

Mi nombre es Sra. Montrez Stephens y espero un año emocionante de aprendizaje, ya sea que esté aprendiendo en línea o en persona a finales de este año. He enseñado durante aproximadamente 22 años. He enseñado en los niveles de primaria y secundaria. Tengo una licenciatura en educación en comunicación del habla, una maestría en educación infantil y un título de especialista en educación en enseñanza y aprendizaje.

No dude en enviarme un correo electrónico en cualquier momento del año a stephens.montrez@newton.k12.ga.us. Si alguna vez necesita un traductor, no dude en hacérmelo saber. La mayor parte de la información a la que puede necesitar acceder en su idioma materno se puede ver en Puntos de conversación.
2020-2021
V.M.M.S.

You don’t want to miss the **Afterschool Party!!!**

- Virtual Talent Shows
- Scavenger Hunts
- Educational Games
- Homework Help
- Tutoring
- Money Matters
- Cooking Classes
- Life Skills
- Science Projects
- Rap Sessions

**Program is offered virtually Monday-Friday**

4:30-6:30 PM

For more information and registration contact:

Tonique Robinson  robinson.tonique@newton.k12.ga.us
Important To Do’s

Download these Apps:

- Infinite Campus
- Remind

Complete these two online forms:

- Breakfast/Lunch Form - https://newton.strataapps.com/
- Sign In Form -
Important To Knows

Meal Delivery Locations and Times:
- [https://versatransweb04.tylertech.com/NewtonCounty/onscreen/mystop/loginmobile.aspx](https://versatransweb04.tylertech.com/NewtonCounty/onscreen/mystop/loginmobile.aspx)

Mystop Instructions:
- [https://www.newtoncountyschools.org/parents/my_stop_app](https://www.newtoncountyschools.org/parents/my_stop_app)

- Meal Cost:
  - BREAKFAST: $1.25
  - LUNCH: $2.30
  - Reduced: $0.30
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