

WELCOME TO THE 6 CYCLONE TEAM!

Your 6 CYCLONE teachers this year are:

Mrs. Stefanie Bevenour- Math

Mrs. Kelly Loeffler - Reading

Mr. Michael Graybill - Geography

Ms. Jill Ahrens – Science

Mrs. Erin Szymczak – Language Arts



Your teachers are excited to come back to school and we hope you are too! We have spent many hours over the summer preparing for our return. We know there can be some challenges coming in to 6th grade. Please know we are here to help in any way we can. We care about you!

We as 6th grade teachers have lots of experience in helping students transition from elementary to middle school. We will be patient and helpful as you find your way through the hallways and learn new routines. In return, we are thankful that you will be patient with us too.

One of the challenges of 6th grade can be using our lockers. We will have time to practice opening them, and we can always help you. Besides the “normal” supplies you may want/need for school, the unique item that will be a huge help is a pair of inexpensive headphones or earbuds. These need to be the “wired” type. Wireless is not permitted. You will use them frequently. A list of other suggested school supplies can be found on the PTO Newsletter/website.

All of our course work for in-school and at-home will be found on Schoology. We know that Schoology is new to 6th graders so each teacher will be spending a lot of time getting students familiar with it so they can do their work from home and in school.

Finally, we hope you enjoy your last few days of summer! It will be awesome! YOU are awesome!



6CYCLONE PARENT CHEAT SHEET

Transitioning to middle school life can be just as stressful for parents as it is for the students. We're here to help make it easy!

Here are a couple of pointers to help you adjust:

1. When your child is **absent**, it's best to encourage them to check the Schoology agendas to see what they missed. They should also check in with their teachers when they return because not only did they miss the homework, they missed what occurred in class that day as well. **FLEX, SOAR, and homeroom are great times to check in with teachers!!** Students are allowed one day to make up their work for every day they are absent.

2. **Schoology?** What is this "Schoology" thing? Each student has a Schoology account. Your student's user id and password is the same as the id and password they use to log into their school laptop. Schoology is an excellent tool that links the students to their subject classes, homework calendar, class updates, grades, etc. Schoology is best accessed via the CVSD website under the student tab at the top of the page.

3. **TEAM concerns?** If you have a concern the entire team should know about, feel free to email Mr. Graybill (team leader: mgraybill@cvschools.org). If you have a concern about a specific class, please email that teacher directly.

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4. **Middle school Grades-** Please check your child's grades regularly to monitor their progress. The biggest transition from elementary to middle school is realizing that we are no longer using Mastery Connect. Every assignment affects the student's overall grade. In order to make honor roll, students need to maintain an average of 90% or above. In order to pass a course, students must maintain a 70% or above.

5. **Laptops-** Laptops are to be used for educational purposes only. Students who do not follow this guideline may find their access to their laptop restricted.

6. **Parent conferences** will be held in November. Sign up information will be sent out by mid-October. Conferences are for the subject(s) most needed and aren't mandatory for all subjects. Feel free to email at any time if you have any questions.

Team Cyclones,

