PARENT PRESENTATION WELCOME 6TH GRADERS

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Welcome and Introductions

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Our Mission

The Learning Community at Bidwell Junior High School is committed to developing students who STRIVE for excellence by demonstrating teamwork, responsibility, insight, virtue and educational merit.

Excellence is a Journey, not a Destination

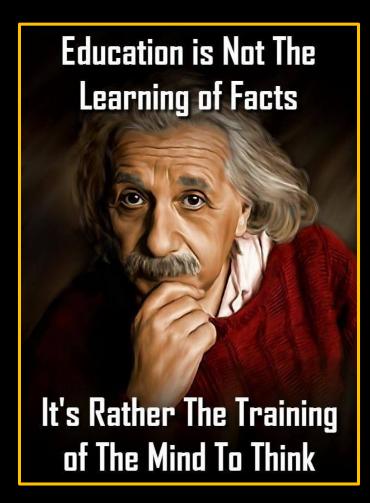


Our Vision

- Positive connection to school
- Focus on learning
- Preparation for high school
- Preparation for college and career
- Critical thinking, problem-solving
- Responsible, respectful, safe

Sixth Grade Teachers

- Completion of multiple subject teaching positions by the end of first semester
- Staffing plan is based upon credentialing, keeping in mind single subject vs. multiple subject credentials
- 300 / 34 = 8.8 = 9 teachers needed



Class Configuration

- Grade level for core classes, including P.E.
- P.E. students will dress down with lockers assigned in the locker room by grade level
- Some two-hour blocking of classes with one teacher i.e.: English and history
- No homeroom concept
- Clearly identified 'wing' for 6th graders

Curriculum

English, Math, Science, History, P.E. and one elective class

Electives classes could have some 7th and 8th graders. Examples: Leadership, Band, Publications

Intervention and ELD classes can trump elective choice

Electives offered based upon current program, plus what 6th grade teachers can teach outside of core classes



A Day at Bidwell Junior High School

Electives classes

- Leadership
- Foods
- STEM = Medical Detectives
- Band
- Art
- Ceramics
- Publications

The School Day

- 6 Period Day 50 minutes each
- Two lunches 36 minutes
- 6th and 7th lunch together, 8th separate
- 4 minutes passing
- 8:10 am to 2:40 pm
- 9:08 am to 2:40 pm

Program Specifics

- Bidwell has an after-school program, BLAST
- GATE classes offered in English, Math and Science
- RSP and SDC will be fully staffed
- ELD is considered an elective but is required until redesignation
- The student activity program will be appropriate for all three grade levels and INCLUSIVE
- Campus supervisors make our school safe

Student Activities Program

- Rallies
- Dances
- Sprit / Dress-up Weeks
- Noon time Events
- Clubs
- Pioneer Pride Cords
- Iron Man Awards for positive attendance

Transition Support

- Grade level visits to Bidwell and counselor/admin visits to elementary schools
- Special welcome program for 6th graders; staff training and preparation is in progress
- Letters, packet pick-up, tours
- Continue elementary newsletter information
- Dialer system, school web page

Student Support Services Two full-time counselors Peer Mediators School Psychologist CSUC Counseling Interns Mentoring and social groups

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