



Welcome to

Middle School 101

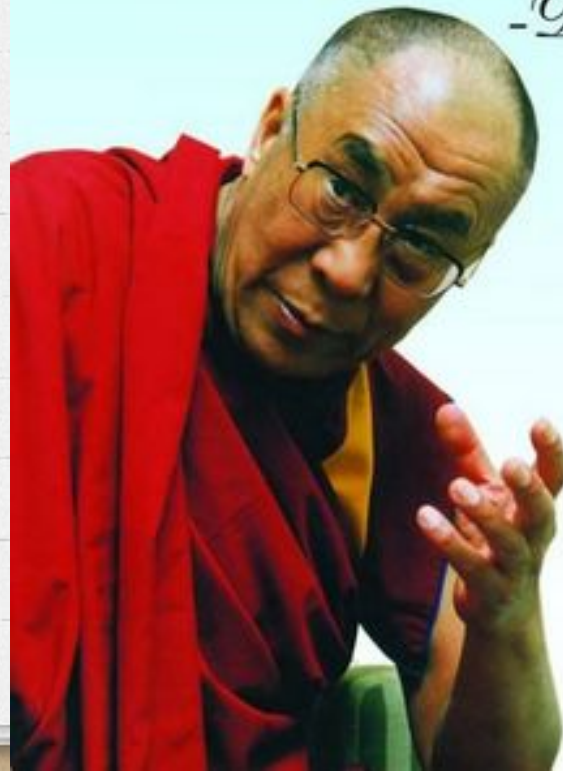
Tips for helping your child manage the unique challenges the middle school experience will bring

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Welcome
to
Clarksville
MS!

“When educating the
minds of our youth,
we must not forget to
educate their hearts.”

-Dalai Lama



HOMEROOMS

Ms. Barkley

Room 9

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Ms. Holihan

Room 7

Goldenberg - Inam

Mr. Ilenda

Room 63

Irvin - Karon

Ms. King

Room 2

Kassey - Leeds

Ms. Ladson

Room 62

Levine - McClellan

Mr. Marcotte

Room 54

Mishra - Parikh

Mr. Moffitt

Room 33

Park - Resnick

Ms. Puryear

Room 6

Richman - Shi

Mr. Trawick

P7

Shih - Surin

Mr. West

Room 32

Thomas - Yarowsky

7th graders and parents follow Mr. Madden

8th graders and parents follow Ms. Scheetz

6th graders - **Students Only** - follow homeroom teachers

Why support PTA?



Become a Member

Membership is key!



Donate via Comet Patron

Comet Patron is our direct cash fundraiser - no wrapping paper, candles, and no sweets. No selling to your friends and neighbors.

All donations
are 100% tax
deductible.



Contact: Sheila
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Clarksvilleptapres@
gmail.com

Many ways to get involved:

- Join the Board of Directors
- Volunteer to help
 - Open positions available
- 1st PTA meeting Wednesday,
Sept. 4th at 7pm at CMS





CLARKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

<http://www.clarksvillemiddlepta.my-pta.org>

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REGISTRATION

Registration for CMS PTA Website

GENERAL INFO

Clarksville Middle School
6025 South Trimmer Road
Clarksville, MD 21029
410.212.7057

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Calendar of Events

There are no calendar events.



WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! CMS is a great school with great teachers! The PTA's purpose is to help make the school experience better for both students and teachers. In that spirit, the CMS PTA contributes to the following:

- 6th grade Outdoor Education T-shirts
- 7th grade Howard County Conservancy/Cheapeake Bay restoration project
- 8th grade Shakespeare Residency
- QT enrichment (Science Olympiad, National History day, other)
- Student socials, providing Rita's at the 6th grade orientation/school open house on Aug. 30
- Staff Appreciation throughout the school year
- Support to HomeWood School and Howard County Drug Free
- Parent seminars

Please consider joining the PTA and contributing what you can. We will hold monthly meeting on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Here is the schedule:

CMS PTA Meetings 2019-2020 (subject to change)

Meetings will be held at CMS; location TBD

Time: Executive Committee: 6:30-7; General meeting 7-8pm

Tuesday, 8/27/19 6:30-8pm Budget and planning meeting at CMS

Thursday, 8/29/19 CMS Open House; Kona Ice; early membership drive

Wednesday, 9/4/19 1st PTA meeting: 7-8pm

Thursday, 9/12/19 Back to school night, 5:30pm; main membership drive

Wednesday, 10/2/19

Wednesday, 11/6/19

Wednesday, 12/4/19 Holiday Social

Wednesday, 1/8/20

Wednesday, 2/3/20



What is AmazonSmile?

Your (Newish) Role as Parent

Now that your child is in middle school, it is **NOT TIME TO STEP BACK** and let them be more independent.



Middle school is a dress rehearsal.

It's almost always **meSSy**,
and we **worry** that it foreshadows a disastrous future for
our children.

Meaning well, we **jump in** and initiate, **fix** and
micromanage, telling ourselves we will stop
when the child matures enough to take over.
But middle school is supposed to be messy.

It's how kids mature.

This means making lots of **mistakes**,
then experiencing **conSequencesS**
just strong enough to be an incentive for correction,
but not strong enough to damage a life.
The ultimate goal of all parenting should be to help our
children be **autonomous** and **competent**.



To Bring on the First Day of School

- X One **HEAVY DUTY** 3-ring **binder**
- X **Dividers** for each subject
- X Lots of lined **notebook paper**
- X Ample supply of **pencils**. The problem with mechanicals: too many parts to manage!
- X A few **pens**
- X **Lunch or lunch money!**

Student School
Supply list -
on CMS
website:
[http://
cms.hcpss.org/](http://cms.hcpss.org/)



The Middle School Binder

- X Separate sections for each subject
- X All papers for each subject must be kept together
- X Parents: **Never take papers out of the binder!**
- X Develop your own "binder check" system at home
- X Have supplies available to help them organize:
 - X Hole punch
 - X Page protectors
 - X more paper, pencils, glue sticks, etc.



Five classes ~
for all students

Math

English

Science

Social Studies

Physical

Education

Other classes may
include

Music, Tech Ed, Art,
F.A.C.S., Health

Band or Chorus

GT research

Shared Inquiry

Module (Reading)

Schedules
and Lockers
are being
given to your
child right
now in
homeroom

The 6th Grade Schedule

Today

As your child tries to find his/her classrooms today, please help and encourage your child to do this independently.

Since you won't be here Tuesday, it's important that your child can read his/her own schedule and find his/her own classes independently.

6TH GRADE

TIME	PERIOD
8:10	Student Arrival / Students Enter CMS
8:25 – 9:22	Period 1
9:24-10:14	Period 2
10:16-11:06	Period 3
11:08-11:38	Period 4 (Lunch)
11:40-12:30	Period 5-6
12:32 - 1:22	Period 7-8
1:24- 2:14	Period 9 (A Day) / (B Day)
2:16 - 3:06	Period 10 (A Day) / (B Day)
3:08 p.m.	Dismissal – Bus riders
3:15 p.m.	Dismissal – Walkers & car riders

6th Grade
Schedule

Lockers

X Combinations! Do Not Share!

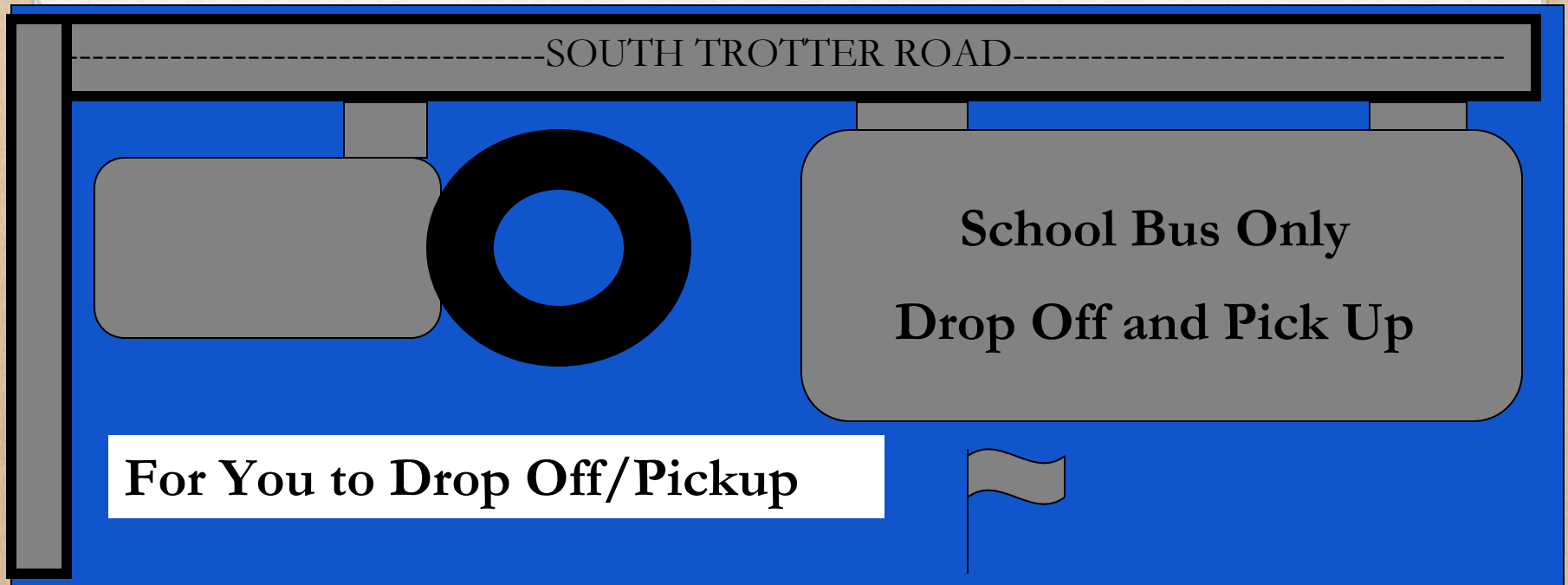


Don't leave CMS today until your child can open his/her locker independently.



Student Drop Off / Pick Up

- X If you drive your child, please use the drop off area
- X Bus loop... busses only



Bus Info

- X Please make sure your child knows his/her bus number.
 - X This is available on school bus locator on the HCPSS website home page.

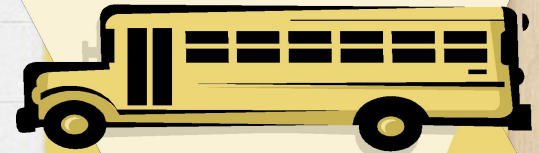
- X They will need to be able to find their bus at dismissal.

- X Write their bus number in an easy to locate spot:
 - X agenda book
 - X backpack
 - X lunch box
 - X binder



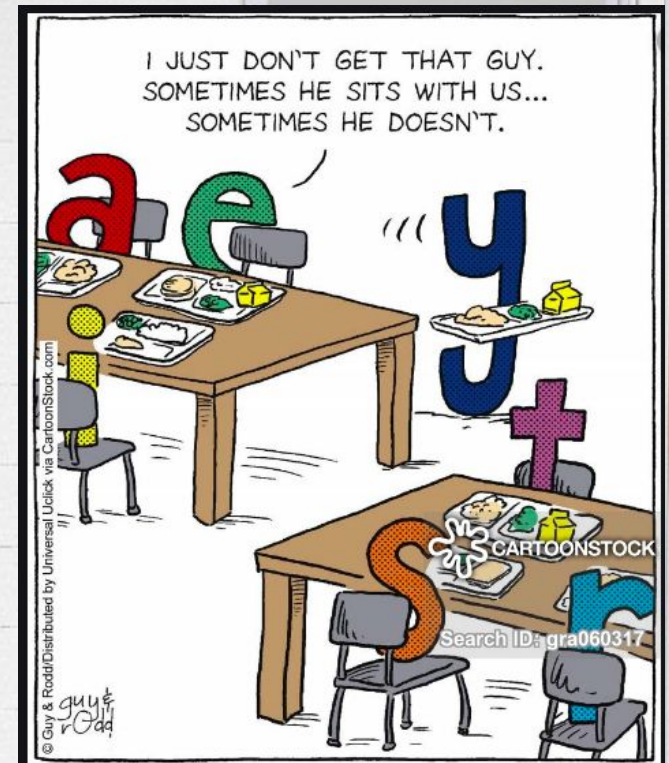
Bus Info

- X Send your child to school with a note detailing the reason for the change along with a contact phone number.
- X They should take that note to the front office to Ms. Scaife... **FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.**
- X No notes or text messages from a parent will be accepted at dismissal time.
- X Otherwise, your child will have to ride his/her normal assigned bus home.



Cafeteria Information

- X Lunch: \$3.25 including milk
- X 11:08 – 11:38 am
- X Breakfast: \$2.00
- X 8:10 am
- X Milk: \$0.50
- X Outdoor Recess
- X Students choose their own seats
- X Lunch menu is accessible on our website



**At CMS, we ORBIT to
Success!**



We Are...

Organized

Respectful

Brave

Inclusive

Trustworthy

The instructional and administrative guidelines below apply to students who opt to bring their personal device(s) to HCPSS schools and school sanctioned/sponsored events.

GUIDELINES

- Students must comply with class and school rules and all relevant HCPSS Board Policies, including but not limited to HCPSS Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media (Policy 8080) and Technology Security (3040) policies, while using technology devices.
- Staff may request at any time that students turn off and put away devices. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and/or revocation of privileges.
- Individuals assume full responsibility for their devices, including safety, security and maintenance.
- When not in use, all devices must be in silent mode.
- Schools may designate use locations and/or times. Devices may not be used in locker rooms or bathrooms at any time.
- Students must obtain consent from staff and participants before taking, uploading or sharing photos, recording audio, or capturing video during school sanctioned activities.
- Any disruption to class or other educational activity may result in disciplinary action.
- The placing and answering of personal phone calls, personal texts, or personal emails during instructional time are prohibited.
- Students are not required to use their data plans to access instructional materials. If approved, students may connect to a HCPSS network.

Loss & Theft

Portable electronic devices are vulnerable to loss or theft. We highly encourage students and parents to engrave or permanently mark their devices with owner information. Students and parents must assume total responsibility for any privately owned technology used at HCPSS schools and school sanctioned/sponsored events. If a privately owned device is stolen, the victim must immediately report the incident to a school administrator; however, HCPSS will not accept the responsibility for any lost or stolen privately owned electronic device. School staff cannot attempt to repair, correct, troubleshoot, or be responsible for malfunctioning privately owned technology.

HCPSS is not responsible for any possible device charges to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.

Service Learning

Three year commitment ~

required for graduation

Food on the 15th ~

- X Students will be working over the course of the year to provide food for low-income, diabetic senior citizens.
- X They'll make cards for the seniors, they'll learn about diabetes and reading nutrition labels, and they'll deliver the food we collect.



PARENT ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION & CLASSWORK

**HCPSS Connect**

HCPSS Connect provides access to a variety of student information and classroom instructional tools offering personalized communication and timely relevant and easily accessible information relating to your student.

[HCPSS CONNECT LOGIN](#)

- Update your family file in order to:
 - Receive school messages
 - Check your child's grades
- You can sign up in the media center today if you haven't already



Brooke

Waverly Elementary School

ID: 004031484 (410-313-2819)

Home

- Messages
- Calendar
- Course History
- Fee
- Report Card
- School Form
- Student
- Canvas (Book)
- Family File (Emergency Form)
- Attendance
- Homeroom / Transportation / POS
- Conference Scheduling
- Academic Information
- HS Athletic Registration
- JumpStart
- Innovative Pathways
- Kindergarten Prior Care



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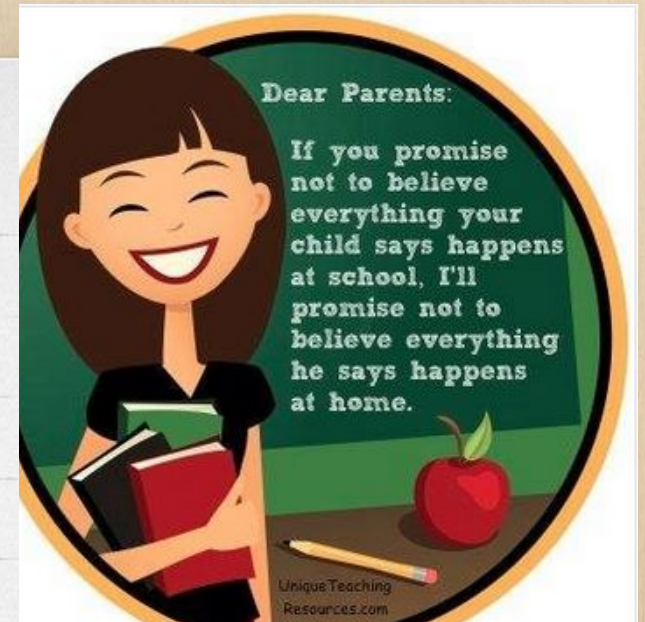
Update Family File TODAY! or ASAP!

How Can I Keep Up With What is Going on at Clarksville Middle School?

- X CMS school webpage: <http://cms.hcpss.org/>
- X Follow us on Twitter: @hcpss_cms
- X Read the biweekly CMS school newsletters and notices
- X LOOK:
 - X inside your child's backpack and binder
 - X check the agenda book
 - X check Canvas
- X Ask your child about what is going on at school
 - X Highs and Lows of Day

What to do When Your Child Comes Home with a Problem

- LISTEN
- Encourage your child to advocate
 - for themselves
 - Teachers
 - Guidance counselors- Ms. Shurtleff: A-K, Ms. Prince: L-Z
 - Dr. Shortridge & Ms. Scaife
- Partner with us. **Trust but verify.**
 - *We are here to be your resource*
 - *Sometimes kids need you to advocate!*
- Avoid negative talk about teachers or other students



THE POWER OF
YET



I can't do this...*yet.*

This doesn't work...*yet.*

I don't know...*yet.*

It doesn't make sense...*yet.*

I don't get it...*yet.*

I'm not good at this...*yet.*



**Tuesday, October 2 -
Thursday, October 4**

Outdoor Ed!

Outdoor Ed. ~ Important Dates

- X Information Meeting ~ Thursday, September 5 @6 pm
- X All forms and \$\$\$ due ~ Thursday, Sept. 12
- X Chaperones notified ~ Monday, September 16
- X Medications due ~ Thursday, September 19
- X Chaperone Meeting ~ Tuesday, Sept. 24 @6:30 pm
- X **Outdoor Ed ~ October 2-4**

Cost is \$185 ~ How to pay?

Option 1: Howard County Public School System is now offering Online Payment for School Activities (OSP).

Please go to the OSP website:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd> to pay for student school fees by debit or credit card.

- X Option 2: You can pay for Outdoor Ed **today** at the table in the gym. Write a check to CMS for \$185

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

0123
01-23456789

DATE _____

PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ \$

_____ DOLLARS

BANK NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

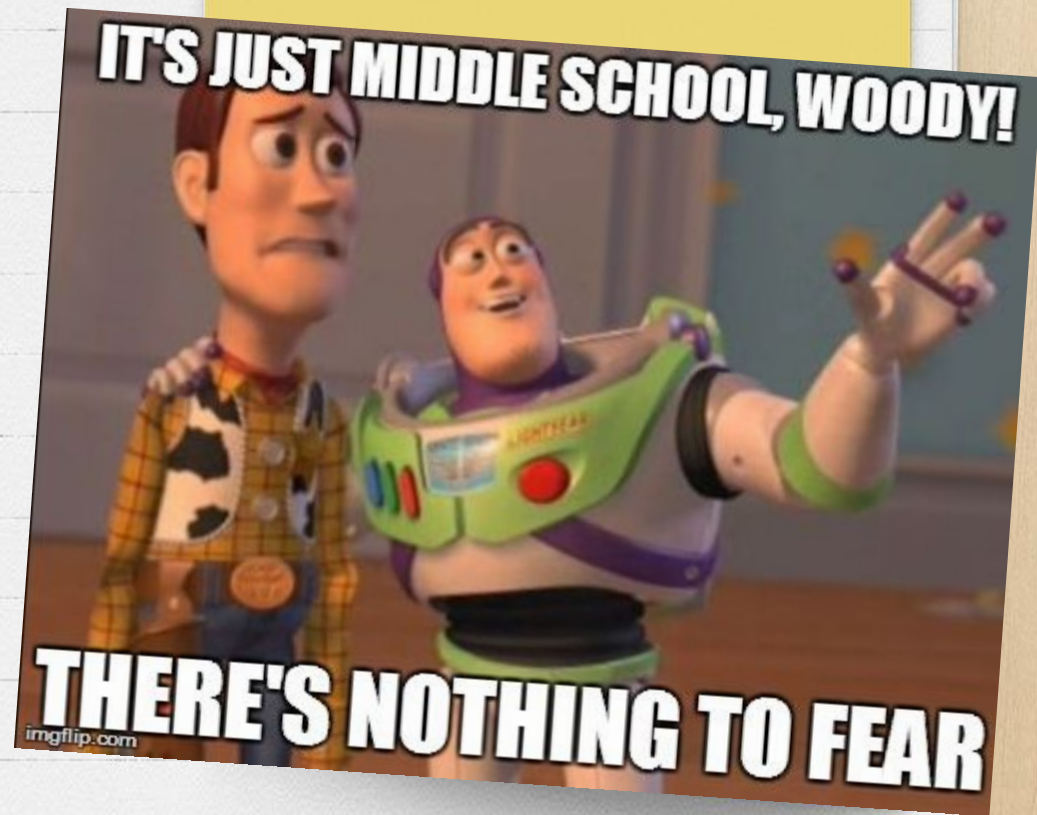
FOR **Suzy Que**

⑆0 23456789⑆ 0 234567890 23⑆ 0 23

- X Please put your child's first and last name on the Memo line.
- X Please do this on **EVERY** check you send to CMS.
- X Option 3: You can send in a check with the permission slip. Your child is getting his/her permission slip in homeroom right now.

Congratulations!

You have just
begun your
middle school
journey!



PLEASE MEET YOUR CHILD IN HIS/HER HOMEROOM

This afternoon you and your child can...

- ❑ Follow your child's class schedule and meet the teachers
 - ❑ Do it several times so your child is comfortable on Tuesday.
- ❑ Visit your child's locker
 - ❑ Help your child **master opening it**
 - ❑ Decorate it and fill it with school supplies
- ❑ Visit the media center to update your HCPSS Connect
- ❑ Go to the gym to purchase a PE uniform - \$12.00
- ❑ Pay for Outdoor Ed. - \$185
- ❑ Between 2:30 & 3, come back to the cafeteria for Rita's Ice!

HOMEROOMS

Here's where to find your child!

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Mr. Moffitt	Room 33	Park - Resnick
Ms. Puryear	Room 6	Richman - Shi
Mr. Trawick	P7	Shih - Surin
Mr. West	Room 32	Thomas - Yarowsky
Ms. Yorks	Room 60	Yellampalli - Zhaung