

# WLMS 20-21 Parent Orientation



*“We are here to make good things happen for our students, staff, and community.”*

# Our Administrative Team aka RYM TIME

**Mr. Rattay**

Principal

**Ms. Young**

Asst Principal

**Mr. McVey**

Asst Principal



# MEET THE STAFF



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## WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

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# HCPSS Strategic Call To Action

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**Learning and Leading with Equity**  
*The Fierce Urgency of Now*

**Vision**  
Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.



**Mission**  
HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

**Four Overarching Commitments**

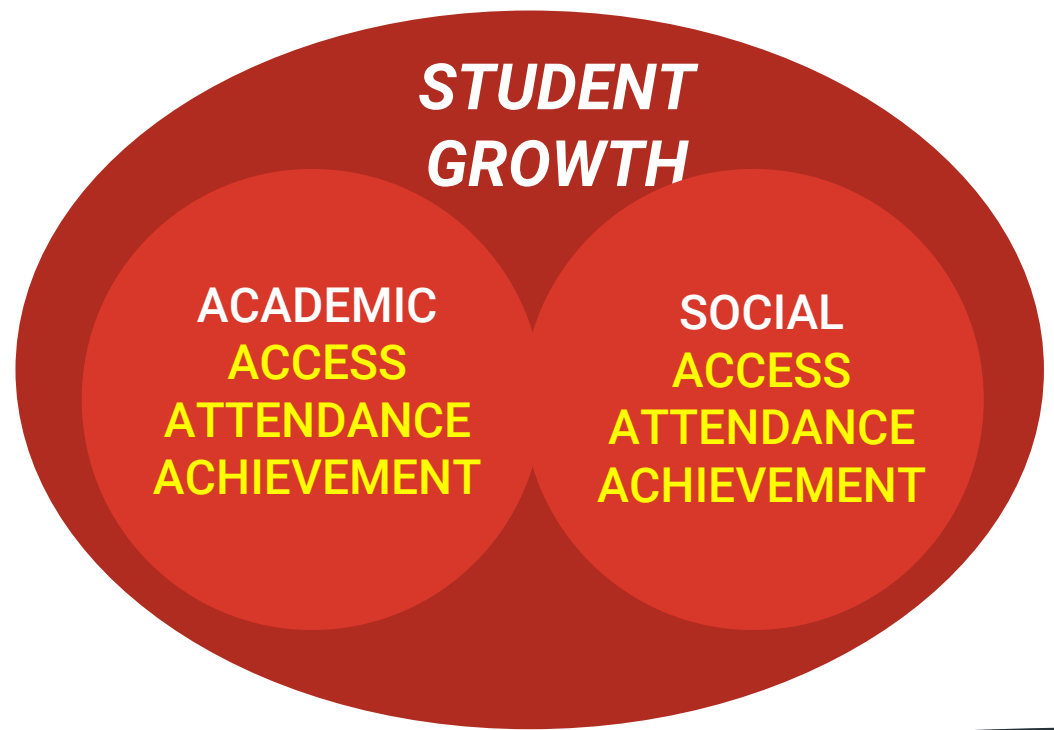
<b>VALUE</b> Every HCPSS stakeholder feels happy and rewarded in their roles and takes pride in cultivating the learning community.	<b>ACHIEVE</b> An individualized focus supports every person in reaching milestones for success.	<b>CONNECT</b> Students and staff thrive in a safe, nurturing and inclusive culture that embraces diversity.	<b>EMPOWER</b> Schools, families and the community are mutually invested in student achievement and well-being.
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## DR. M's Key Messages

**“To Teach A Child Well  
Is To Know A Child  
Well”**

**Triple A's : Access,  
Attendance,  
Achievement**

Students will become self-advocates and creative problem solvers in a safe and rigorous environment.



**WLMS**  
**Mantra**

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**Middle school is a defining point for students in the college and career readiness process.**

Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School, ACT, 2008.



# Learning at WLMS





**The level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a larger impact on their college and career readiness than anything that happens academically in high school.**

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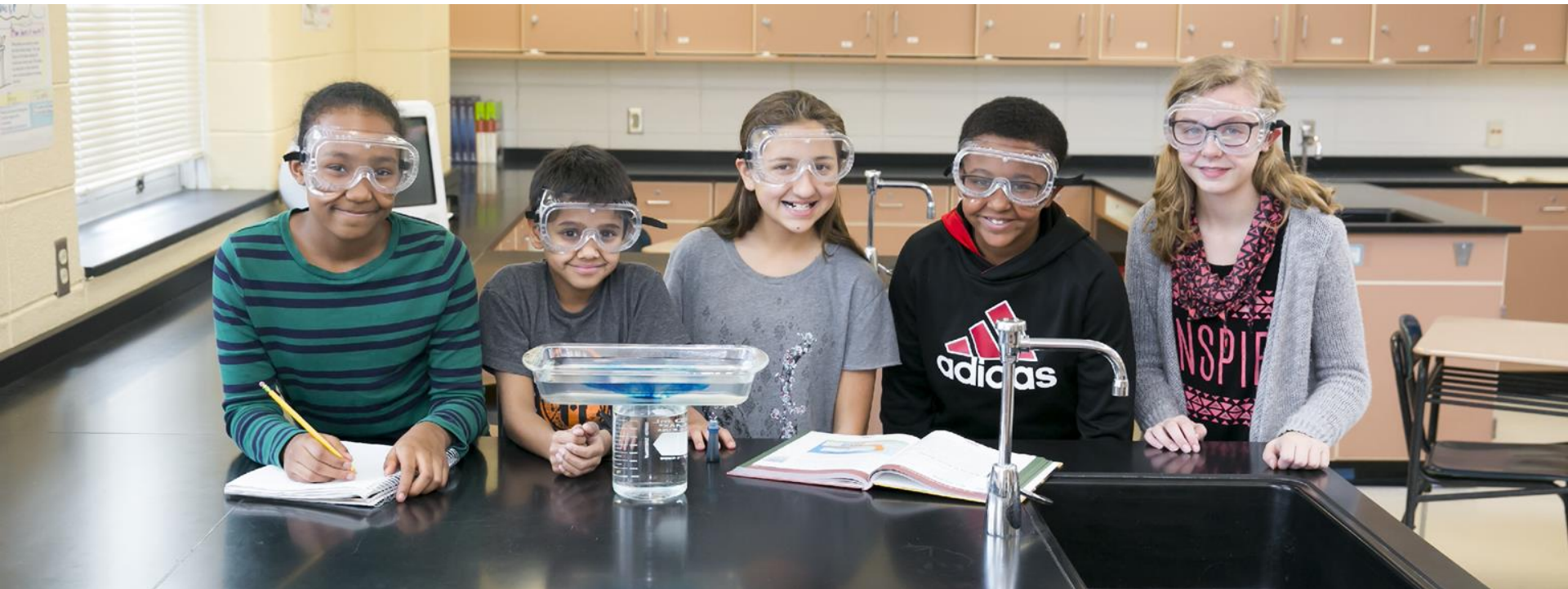


# The Middle School Schedule





**All students are  
enrolled in seven  
50-minute classes every day.**



**All students receive daily instruction aligned  
to Maryland's College and Career-Ready  
Standards in:**

**English**

**Mathematics**

**Science**

**Social Studies**





In addition, Maryland regulations require  
all students take:

**Health Education**

**Physical Education**

**Fine Arts** (Music and/or Visual Arts)



# Music Performance Ensemble Options

Band – Chorus – Orchestra



- Year-long classes
- Includes a daily large ensemble rehearsal and a weekly small sectional that are scheduled on a rotational basis
- Ensembles are ability-based.
- Music teachers will be in contact with elementary programs to schedule meetings and auditions.

# Additional Course Options



**Family and Consumer Science**

**Technology Education**

**Reading and/or Math Intervention**

**Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules**

**GT Research**



# Breakfast and Lunch







**How Does It  
All  
Fit Together?**

# What does the schedule look like?

**Student Entry**

**7:45 AM**

**First Bell**

**7:52 AM**

**7:45 - 7:55**

**Homeroom**

**8:00 - 8:50**

**Period 1**

**8:53 - 9:43**

**Period 2**

**9:46 - 10:36**

**Period 3**

**10:39 - 11:10**

**LUNCH**

**11:14 - 12:04**

**Period 5**

**12:07 - 12:57**

**Period 6**

**1:00 - 1:50**

**Period 7**

**1:53 - 2:45**

**Period 8**

# Wilde Lake MS Schedule

Introducing . . .

“The Hands”



# Wilde Lake MS Schedule

## OVERVIEW - 7 total

Every student has 7 fifty-minute classes every day.





# Wilde Lake MS Schedule

## OVERVIEW - Core 4

Every student receives daily instruction in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.



# Wilde Lake MS Schedule

## OVERVIEW - 3 Remain

Take away the 4 common core classes, and each student has 3 classes left per day.



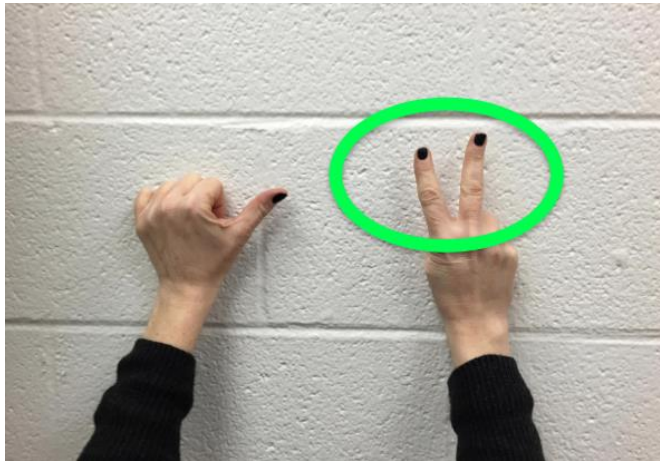
# Wilde Lake MS Schedule

## OVERVIEW - 2 RA Wheels

Every student has 2 related arts classes per day:

P.E. WHEEL:

- *PE*
  - 2 Q's
- *Health*
  - 1 Q
- *Careers*
  - 1 Q



2nd WHEEL Options:

- Art/TE/Gen  
Mus/FACS  
(Package)
- GT Research  
(Sem) + 2 from  
Above
- Reading  
Intervention (FY)

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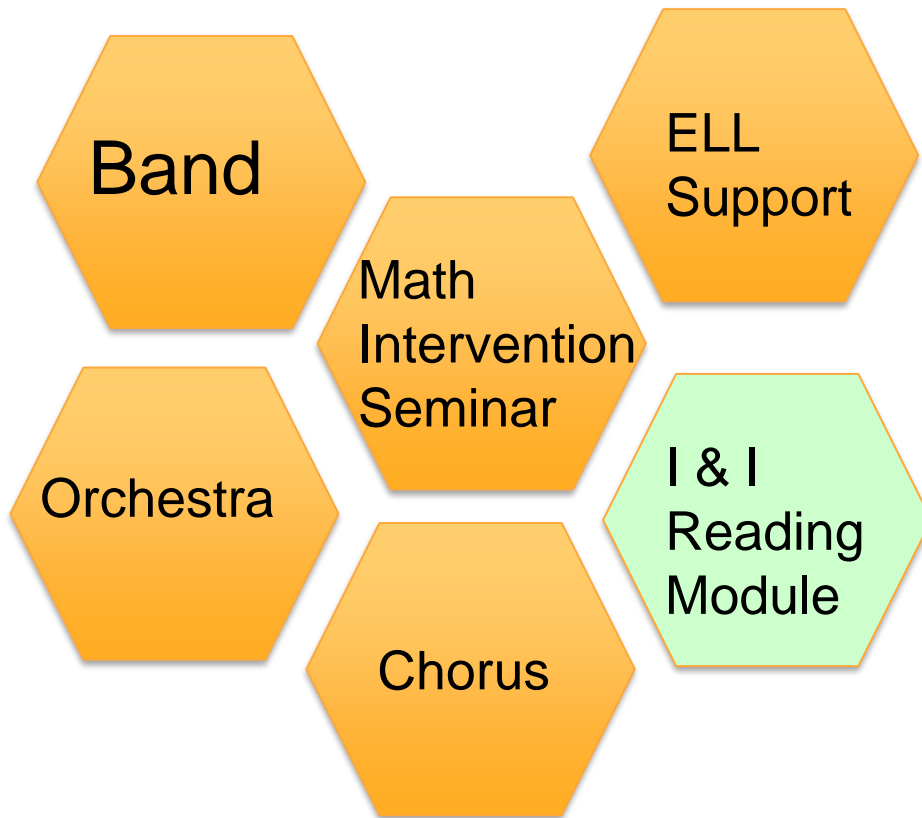
**The Thumb**





# Wilde Lake MS Schedule

## OVERVIEW: “The Thumb”



Students either choose 1 **Orange** or they are placed in **Green**.

# WLMS Thursday Study Hall

**One Period**

**Rotates through Core 4**



EXTRA  
HELP



ENRICHMENT



MAKE UP  
WORK



PROJECTS

# Finding the Right Balance Between

- **Course Placements**
- **Rigor**
- **Personal Interests**
- **Student Success**



# Academic Behavior



**Motivation and  
behavior,**  
combined, have  
**more impact**  
on a student's **readiness**  
than academic achievement.

**LearnED**  
by PEARSON

**The earlier a student develops important academically related behaviors, the more likely these behaviors are to become a habit.**

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# Supporting Academic Behaviors

At **our school**, staff and students:

- Start with the goal in mind
- Do what they do best, every day
- Celebrate effort and achievement
- Engage in positive experiences each school day
- Create excitement for the future.



# What will be expected?

- Ready
  - On time, with supplies, positive attitude
- Responsible
  - For our actions and belongings
- Respectful
  - Positive words, voices, and actions
- Safe
  - Words and actions

# Will There Be Any Special Events?



6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Family Block Party - August
- Back To School Night - September
- East Columbia Library field trip
- Author visit
- Outdoor Education - November



# Outdoor Education <sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> Grade

## November 11-13, 2020





# After School at "The Lake"

Program	Timeline
Bridges "JAWS"	October - May *Students must be invited
Dance Team	Fall & Spring
Heart & Sole	Girls On the Run - Middle School - Fall
Jazz Band	Ongoing
Let Me Run	Boys Running Club - Fall/Spring
Sea Perch	Underwater Robotics - Winter/Spring
Tiger Shark Theatre	Fall & Spring Productions



Date	Activity
January	Performing Arts Selection Letters Sent Home w/ 5th Graders
Jan - Feb	GT Placement Process conducted at individual elementary schools.
May 14th	Course placement forms go home w/ 5th graders with Interim Reports
May 19th	Fifth Graders Visit WLMS
May/June	Elementary counselors will complete transition lessons with 5th graders.
Late August 2020	Middle schools will host orientation for incoming 6th graders.

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### IMPORTANT NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Transferring to our school? Please make a registration appointment.

Registration appointments are required and families should

#### URGENT: Update Your Emergency Information!

Update your Family File emergency information. Students will not be allowed

#### National School Lunch Program - Applications for Student Meals!

Free and Reduced Meal services will expire soon. You must fill out this form each

# QUESTIONS



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**THOUGHTS?**  
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