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MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Elective Request 2015-2016

Parents who would like MVMS administration to consider the unique learning needs of their student before the final schedule decision is completed, may do so by completing the **Scheduling Consideration Form**.  This form can be acquired at the main office and is due by May 1st.  All requests turned in on time will be considered.  Due to schedule constraints and our responsibility to create appropriate learning communities, no guarantee can be made that all requests can or will be fulfilled.  The information on the form will be shared with staff members as needed.

**STANDARD 6TH GRADE COURSES**:

 1) Core (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Social Studies)

 2) Math (Students are placed by teacher recommendation)

1. PE (Separate boys and girls classes. School uniforms required)
2. Science
3. Elective (Choices listed below)

**ELECTIVE** **COURSES**:

Circle the number in order of preference 1 – 4 (1 being your first choice, 2 for your second choice, etc.) All courses are full year and course descriptions are on the back of this page**.**

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| **1 2 3 4** | **Band – Beginning** |  | **Art - Beginning** | **1 2 3 4** |  |
| **1 2 3 4** | **Choir** |  | **Study Hall** | **1 2 3 4** |  |
| **1 2 3 4** | **Strings – Beginning** |  | **Acoustic Guitar** | **1 2 3 4** |  |
| **1 2 3 4** | **Men’s Choir/Percussion** |  |  |  |  |

**PLEASE NOTE: Only the classes with sufficient number of requests and/or staff availability will be scheduled.**

**Parent/Guardian:** Sign this form and return it to the school. The student and parent’s signatures are viewed as a commitment for the student to accept and complete the elective course for the entire school year.

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Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

**6TH GRADE ELECTIVES**

**Art - Beginning:**This is a year long opportunity for students to learn about the elements and principles of design.   Students will draw, paint, and work with a variety of art media.

**Acoustic Guitar -** Students will learn basic chords and songs. No experience is necessary as this is a beginning guitar class. Students must provide their own guitar. A guitar method book will be provided.

**Band - Beginning:** This class is for anyone who wants to learn to play a band instrument. Instruction in flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone horn and percussion (drums & bells). Students will learn to read music, perform in concerts, and develop friendships while enjoying a beginning musical experience.

**Choir:** In this choir, students will learn how to sing. Students will learn correct vocal technique and will improve in pitch, tone and reading music by sight. Many different styles of songs will be explored and students will learn how to sing in parts. Students will be performing and are required to sing in concerts, assemblies, and for the community.

**Men’s Choir/Percussion Class:** Offered to 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. Students will learn choral music, but also be exposed to percussion techniques (bucket drumming, percussion ensemble activities and reading music). Students will perform evening concerts at least four times a year.

**Strings - Beginning:**This class is open to students with no previous instruction on a stringed instrument. Instruction on violin, cello, viola and bass are featured in this class.  The Suzuki Method is followed and students learn to read music as they play.  Students follow a curriculum sheet as they learn at their own pace.  They will complete Level 1 in Beginning Strings and will have approximately 3 concerts during the year.

**Study Hall:** A quiet, supervised class to work on homework, assignments and organizational skills.

**Band & Strings Instrument Information:** Instruments are selected at the beginning of the year; most are purchased by parents through a lease or rent-to-own program through music stores for approx. $35.00 per month. Mountain View has a few school instruments for rent available on a first come, first served basis.

Band, Strings, & Choir Performance Information: There are a few evening performances students are required to participate in during the year.