

A photograph of a classroom with several students raising their hands. The image has a green tint. The text is overlaid on the image.

Welcome to Buford Middle School!

Believe **M**otivate **S**ucceed



Topics for Tonight

- **Introductions**
- **Typical school day**
- **Academic & Connections classes**
- **Agendas and Lockers**
- **Discipline**
- **Dress Code**
- **Spirit Wear**
- **Transportation**
- **Cell Phones**
- **Athletics**
- **Clubs**
- **Tips for Parents and Students**
- **BMS 101**



Introductions

- **Melanie Reed, Principal**
- **Chad Cole, Assistant Principal**
- **Laura Beth Short, Assistant Principal**
- **Lisa Winter, Counselor**
- **Kathy Childers, Counselor**



Sixth Grade Teachers

- **Marcia Barnes**
- **Blake Buice**
- **Lindsey Dodrill**
- **Jenny Holland**
- **Sandy Hughes**
- **Jennifer Rogers**
- **Anna Misley**
- **Emily Lovelady**
- **Leadaire Peay**
- **Laura McDonald**
- **Stacey Baldwin**
- **Emily Baker**
- **Kina Tatum**
- **June West**
- **Shelly Upshaw**
- **Gina Allen**
- **Leighann Triplett**
- **Coby Durden**
- **Beth Browning**



What is a school day like at BMS?

- **School begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m.**
- **Four academic classes 75 minutes each everyday.**
- **Two connections classes (35 minutes each) everyday.**
- **Flex for 25 minutes everyday.**
- **Lunch will be during 4th period.**

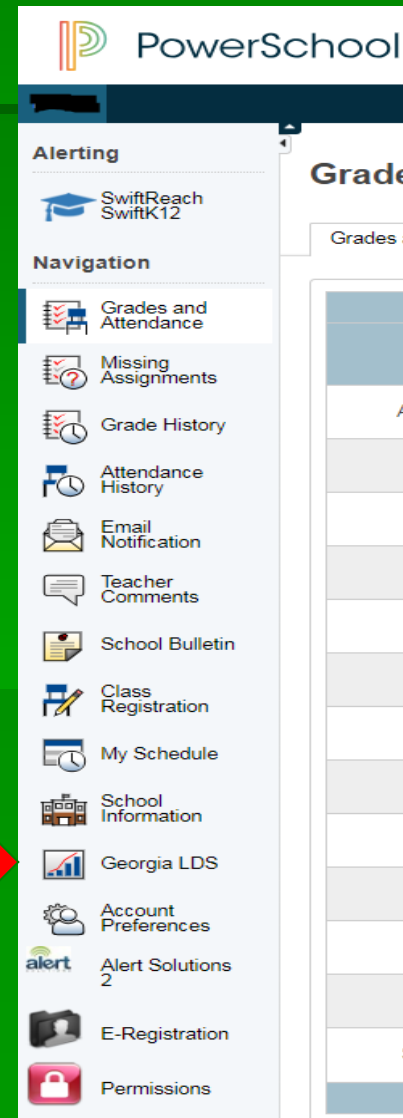
Schedule

7:00-7:15	Gym or Breakfast in Cafeteria
7:15-7:30	Lockers, Homeroom, Announcements
7:30-8:45	First Period
8:45-10:00	Connections (2nd Period)
8:45-9:20	1 st Connection class
9:25-10:00	2 nd Connection class
10:00-11:15	Third Period
11:15-1:05	Fourth Period (Lunch)
	Lunch 30 minutes (sit with your class)
1:05-1:30	FLEX Time
1:30-2:50	Fifth Period
2:50	Dismissal

Academic Classes

- English/Language Arts
- Math (some Accelerated)
- Science - Earth & Space
- Social Studies Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe, and Australia

See Learning Resources tab at www.bufordms.org or GA LDS in PowerSchool when school starts





Connections

- **Chorus and Band are YEAR LONG CLASSES.**
- **All others will randomly rotate each 9 weeks, potentially exposing students to 8 different classes.**
- **Students may repeat PE throughout the year 2 - 3 times.**

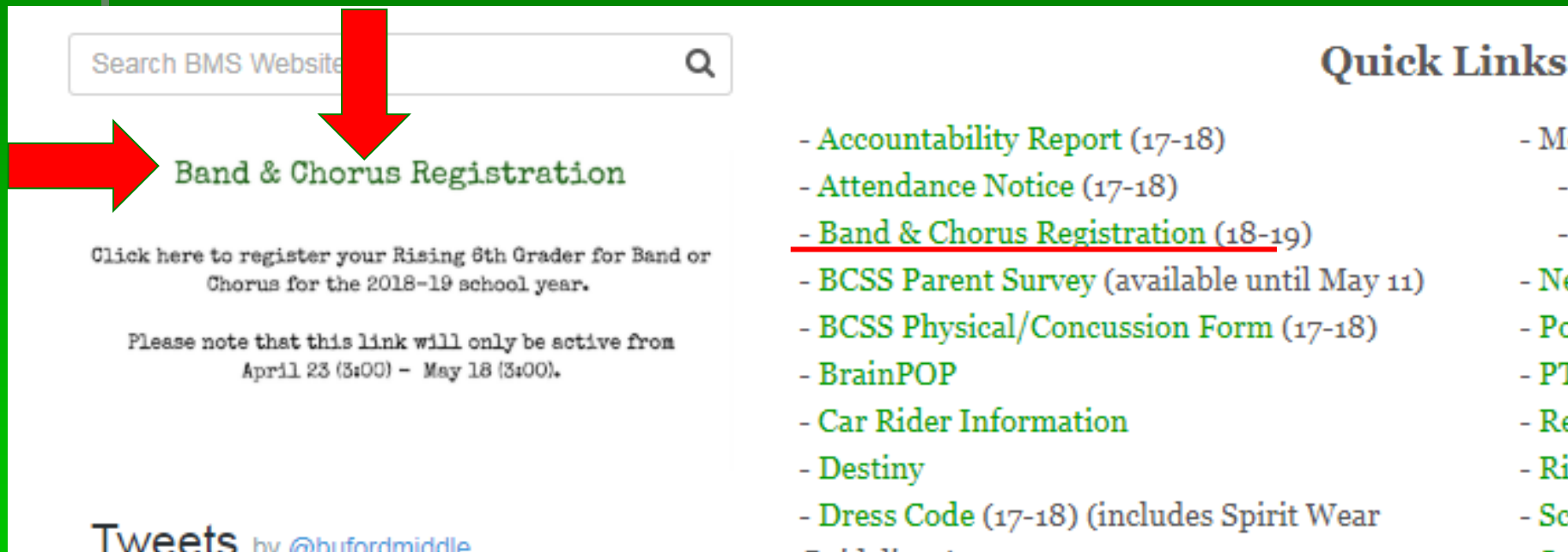


Connections Classes

- **Art**
- **Spanish**
- **Band**
- **Business & Computer Science**
- **Chorus**
- **Family & Consumer Science**
- **Math/ELA Enrichment**
- **Physical Education**
- **Health**
- **Technology**
- **Consumer Math**
- **Problem Solving/Research Skills**

How do I register for Band or Chorus?

- Go to www.bufordms.org



Search BMS Website

Band & Chorus Registration

Click here to register your Rising 6th Grader for Band or Chorus for the 2018-19 school year.

Please note that this link will only be active from April 23 (3:00) – May 18 (3:00).

Quick Links

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Tweets by @bufordmiddle

*Deadline to register is Friday, May 18th!! Hurry, spots fill quickly!

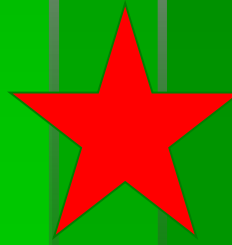


Does your child need an agenda?

- **YES!**
- **Agenda and locker fee is \$20.**
- **Students use agendas:**
 - **To keep track of assignments.**
 - **To review the school's policies and rules.**
 - **For communication between teachers & parents.**
 - **To check out Media Center books.**
 - **To keep track of behavior and organization marks.**
 - **As a hall pass.**



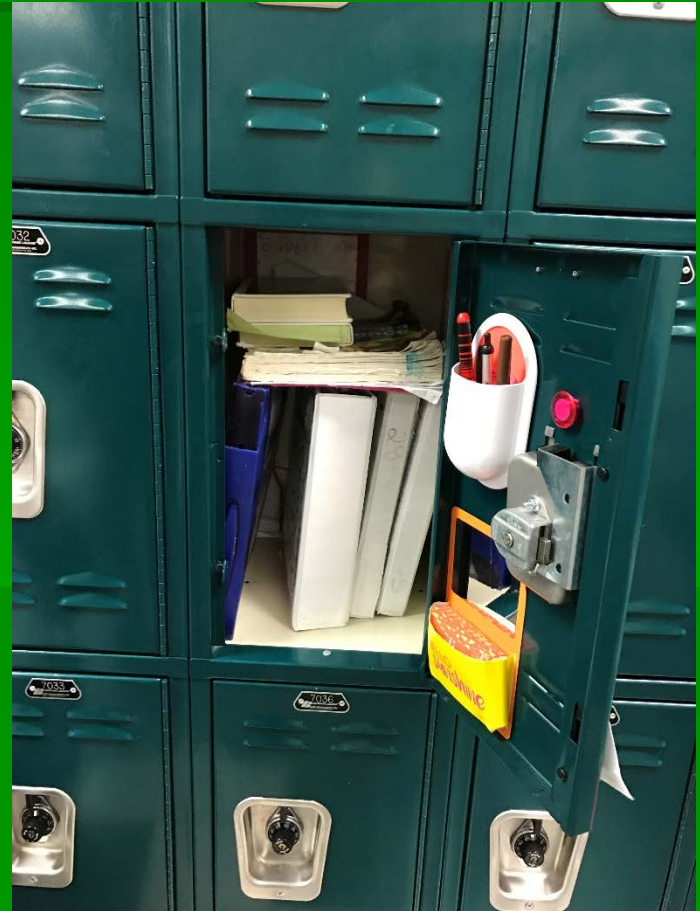
Lockers

- **Students will be assigned a locker alphabetically according to last name.**
 - **No book bags are allowed during the day.**
 - **Locker breaks are built into the day for students.**
 - **Students will have a grace period the first two weeks of school to get used to opening lockers before tardies will count against them.**
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Expectation...



Reality...





To Purchase a Locker and Agenda...

- Visit www.mypaymentsplus.com to purchase locker and agenda for \$20.
- Your child will receive their agenda and locker during BMS 101, if they have been purchased.
- You may also send money in during BMS 101 or pay during Open House.



Organizational Marks and Behavior Marks

- **These are NOT “punishment” marks**
- **They are an accountability tool**
- **Typically, ALL students, at some point in the year, get a mark**



2017-2018 Statistics

More than 80% of the entire 6th grade class never received 5 **organization** marks

Only 2% of the entire 6th grade class received 10 **organization** marks

More than 75% of the entire 6th grade class never received a **behavior** mark

Organizational Marks

e _____ Phone Number(s) _____

ORGANIZATION

This chart must be affixed to the inside cover of your agenda.

1	2	3	4	5	5 th Mark Parent Contact, 1 Silent Lunch Initials: _____
6	7	8	9	10	10 th Mark Parent Contact, 1 Detention Initials: _____

NS: No Signature RL: Return to Locker L: Late to Class
LP: Late Paperwork NP: Not Prepared HW: No/Incomplete Homework, No Scratch Work

Students will receive a new organization chart each quarter

Behavior Marks

e _____ Phone Number(s) _____

BEHAVIOR

This chart must be affixed to the inside cover of your agenda.

Written warning	2 Parent contact	Silent lunch	3 Parent Contact	Silent lunch
Parent contact	Detention	5 Parent contact	2 Detentions	6 Office referral

C: Cheating DC: Dress Code G: Gum IL: Inappropriate Language CD: Class Disruption
NFD: Not Following Directions TOS: Touching Other Students TWP: Talking Without Permission

*Students will have ONE behavior chart per SEMESTER.

Dress Code

- Black, grey, or khaki pants, shorts, capris, or skirts worn at the waist and belted.
- Shirts must be solid green, yellow, white, black, or grey.
- Emblems must be the size of a quarter or smaller and in school colors. Shirts may be collared or crew neck. No v-neck.
- Shoes must be school colors.
- No undergarments should be visible.



Spirit Wear

- **Students may wear jeans and a Buford t-shirt or Buford spirit wear shirt on Fridays.**
- **Spirit Wear may be worn on Fridays only.**
- **Spirit Wear is a privilege and not a guarantee.**
- **Spirit Wear is earned by having no excused or unexcused checkouts, tardies, absences, or dress code infractions for the week.**

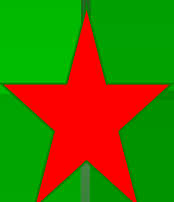


Transportation

- **Car Riders:**

- There are no car rider tags; students are expected to look for parents.
- No cell phone use during car riders for students and parents.

- **Bus Riders:**

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- Bus route includes BMS and BHS students on the same bus.
 - Information is available on the BMS website under Bus Information.



Cell Phones

- **Students are NOT required to have a cell phone, despite popular 5th grade belief ;)**
- **Cell phone must remain in your child's locker unless it is needed for instructional purposes.**
- **Consequences are consistent for anyone violating this policy.**



Athletics

- **Fall Sports:**
 - **Cross Country**
 - **Girls Volleyball**
- **Winter Sports:**
 - **Boys and Girls Basketball**
 - **Cheerleading**
- **Spring Sports:**
 - **Boys and Girls Soccer**
 - **Boys and Girls Track**

Athletics

- **Must have a current physical on file.**
- **If a student brings in a doctors note stating that they cannot participate in a PE connection, then they are ineligible for after school athletics and field day.**
- **Students must be counted present during the school day in order to participate in extracurricular activities that day.**
- **Questions? Contact: Brandon Manders**
 - **Brandon.Manders@bufordcityschools.org**
 - **See website or student agenda for more info.**



Clubs

- **Band of Wolves**
- **Choral Program**
- **Chess Club**
- **Craft Club**
- **FCA**
- **Student Leadership**
- **Junior Thespian**
- **Yearbook Staff**
- **Career Tech Student Organizations:**
 - **FCCLA**
 - **TSA**



Tips for Surviving (& Thriving) in Middle School

Tips for Parenting a Middle School Child

"Do not handicap your children by making their lives easy."

- Robert A.
Heinlein

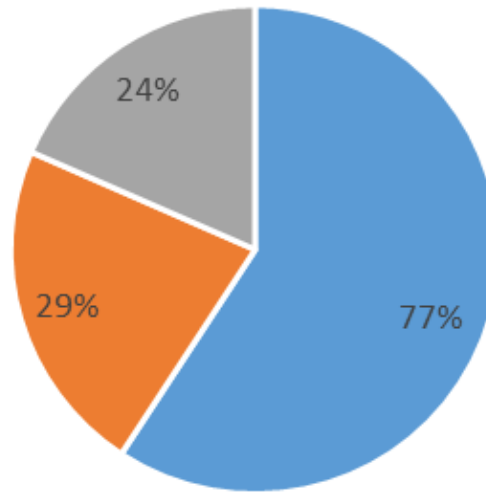


First 9 Weeks Growing Pains...

- **Organizational Marks will happen, and that's okay.**
- **Grades - no retesting, late work policy.**
- **Homework**
 - **Expect your child to have homework each night.**
- **Handling multiple teachers and academic periods.**
- **Agenda signing is a student and parent responsibility for each week.**

Current 6th Grader Feedback

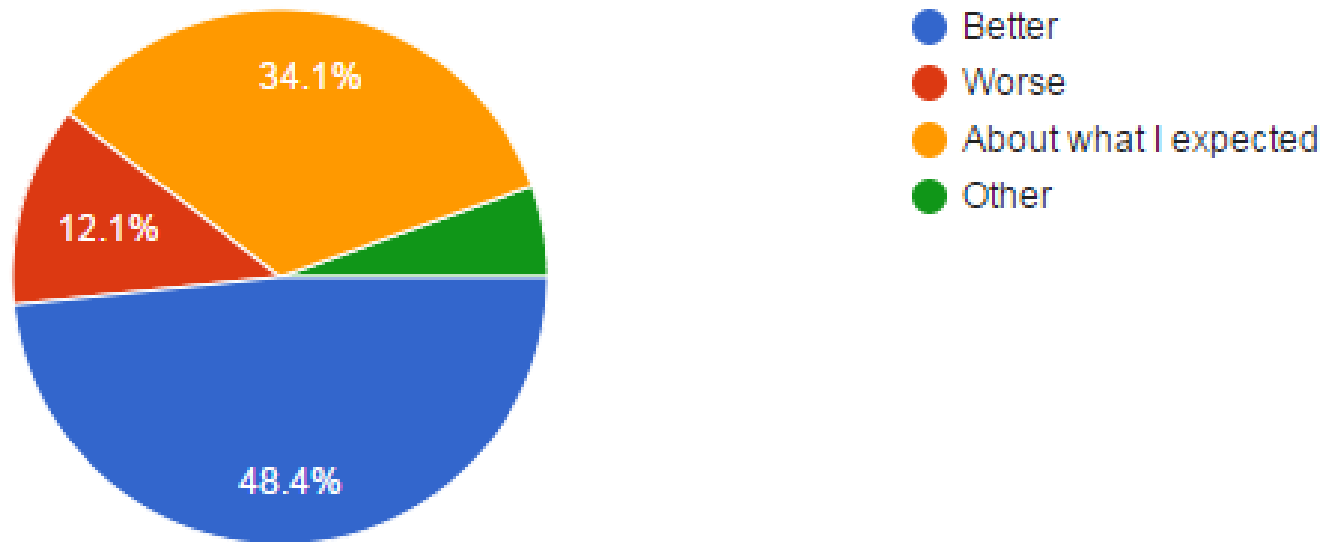
What has been your biggest struggle as a 6th grader?



- Stress of homework, grades, studying, etc.
- Social; peer relationships, fitting in etc.
- Organization and/or Behavior Marks

Current 6th Grader Feedback

Was this year better or worse than you expected as a 5th grader?





Advice from Current 6th Graders



For students...

- 1. Be prepared for more work.**
- 2. ALWAYS do your homework.**
- 3. Use your agenda every day.**
- 4. Stay organized.**
- 5. Have Fun! You will survive 😊**



For Parents...

- 1. Check their agenda every night and sign it each week.**
- 2. Help with homework.**
- 3. Encourage and support them.**
- 4. Help them be prepared.**
- 5. Listen.**



5th Grade Tours

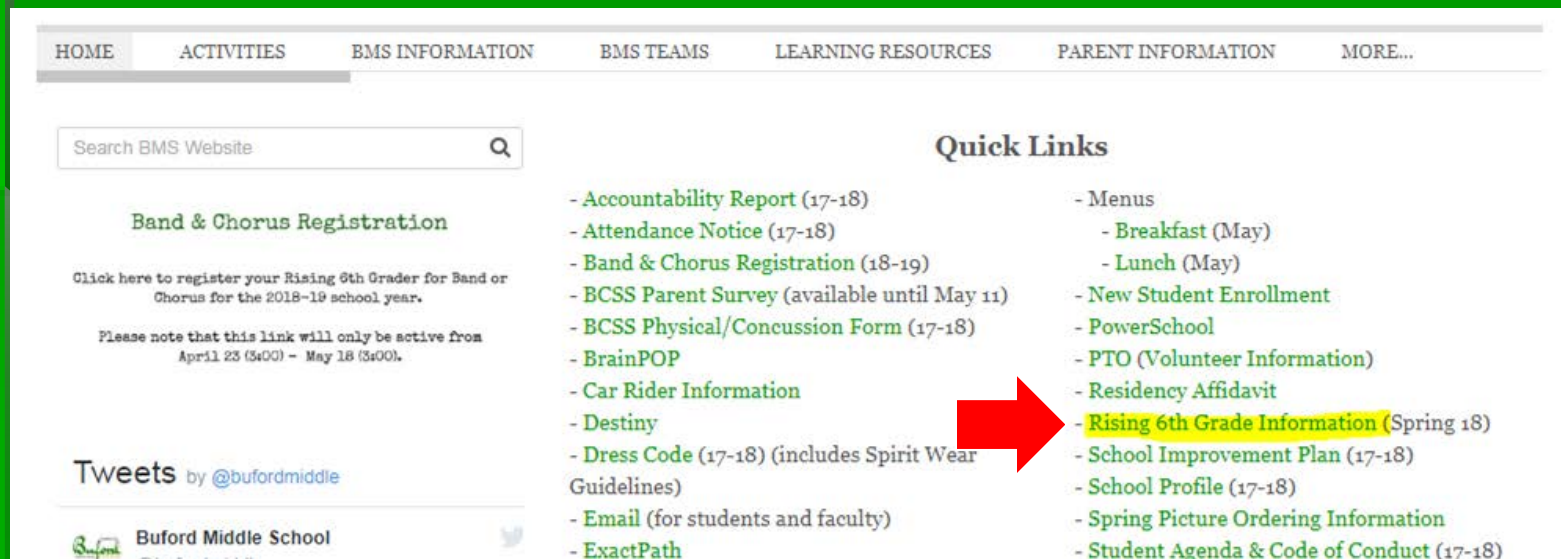
- **5th Graders toured BMS today.**
- **They also had a brief presentation from 7th and 8th grade students about what to expect in middle school.**

BMS 101

Free summer session to help students transition to middle school.

Thursday, July 26th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Register: www.bufordms.org



The screenshot shows the Buford Middle School website with the following elements:

- Navigation Tabs:** HOME, ACTIVITIES, BMS INFORMATION, BMS TEAMS, LEARNING RESOURCES, PARENT INFORMATION, MORE...
- Search Bar:** Search BMS Website
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 - Email (for students and faculty)
 - ExactPath
 - Menus
 - Breakfast (May)
 - Lunch (May)
 - New Student Enrollment
 - PowerSchool
 - PTO (Volunteer Information)
 - Residency Affidavit
 - **Rising 6th Grade Information (Spring 18)** (highlighted with a red arrow)
 - School Improvement Plan (17-18)
 - School Profile (17-18)
 - Spring Picture Ordering Information
 - Student Agenda & Code of Conduct (17-18)
- Tweets:** Tweets by @bufordmiddle
- Footer:** Buford Middle School



BMS 101 for Parents


Optional Parent Meeting:

Thursday, July 26th

11:15-12:00

BMS Auditorium

No registration required



**Thank you for being
here tonight!**

We'll see you in August!

- **Open House: Tuesday, July 31st
4:00-7:00 p.m.**



Are there any questions ?

