



WOODLAND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Home of the “Bulldogs”  
2019-20



Welcome to a new year at Woodland Park Middle School! Our faculty and staff are excited to begin a new school year working with students and parents. Middle school is a special time offering students the opportunity to broaden their exposure to a world of ideas and academic knowledge, as well as developing personal responsibility and independence. The teachers and staff of Woodland Park Middle School have been working hard preparing for a new school year, and we all look forward to your arrival.

**Bulldog Kick-Off Days**

Get a jump start on the year by completing the required Student Packet and attending Bulldog Kick-Off.

Student Packets are available on our website to download or can be picked up in the office beginning Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. All parents need to read the Annual Notification information which is available on the school or district websites. Please indicate you have read the material by signing and returning the SMUSD Signature Page **only**. Contact our office if you have questions.

**Student Packets:** The following completed documents will be required at Bulldog Kick-Off:

1. 2019-20 Emergency Card for each student
2. Proofs of residency (all families must show 2 proofs of residency) **Please bring copies.**
3. SMUSD Signature Page (Acknowledgment of Annual Notification information)
4. “Keep Our Schools Safe” Signature Page
5. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Only- T-DAP immunization card (7<sup>th</sup> grade students will not be able to register w/out T-DAP)**

<b><i>Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Bulldog Kick-Off Hours</i></b>	<b><i>Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>6<sup>th</sup> grade</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>8<sup>th</sup> grade</i></b>
<b>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>

Bulldog Kick-Off begins in the PAC with residency verification and collection of Student Packets, listed above. Students will pick up class schedules, check out textbooks, take student ID/Yearbook photos, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders buy P.E. clothes (\$16 per set), and Yearbooks *optional* (\$40) and tour the campus. You may also pre-purchase through our web store and avoid the long lines. Cash or check will be accepted. Please make checks payable to WPMS

***First Day of School: Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>***

Classes will begin at 7:55 AM and dismissal is at 2:20 PM. Parents and students who do not attend Bulldog Kick-Off must go to the auditorium (Performing Arts Center) on the first day of school beginning at 7:15 AM. Students will not be allowed to attend classes until the required documents are turned in.

Our administrative office will open to the public starting **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Please contact us at 760-290-2455 if you need assistance. Visit our school website <https://woodlandparkmiddle.smusd.org/> for information about upcoming events and important reminders. Our Connect Ed phone and email system will keep you advised of school events.

We are especially excited for our WEB Orientation for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders on **Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. WEB stands for “Where Everybody Belongs” and is a time when incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders will connect with other 6<sup>th</sup> graders and meet their 8<sup>th</sup> grade mentor for the year. Don’t forget to check out our website for updates and follow us on twitter @WPMSBulldogs. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me or the support staff. Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

Josh Way  
Principal

# Tips for Parents

## **Communication with Teachers**

Communication between home and school is a key to student achievement. Whenever you have a concern regarding your student, please contact teachers directly with a phone call or email. Teacher contact information is available on our school website <https://woodlandparkmiddle.smusd.org/>

**NEW in 2019!**- This upcoming year, WPMS will be joining the high schools and other middle schools in SMUSD in using the SYNERGY ParentVUE grade reporting system. This new system will be replacing Jupiter Grades as the grade reporting system for WPMS. Just like Jupiter Grades, ParentVUE will give parents access to the most up to date information on students grades, but will also include attendance. Log-in information and passwords will be provided to families at Bulldog Kick-Off Days.

## **Student Planners**

Each student will receive a Student Planner which includes school policies and rules. Students are required to record homework assignments, due dates, and school activities. Please read the Student Planner carefully and discuss the information with your student. Parents and teachers can communicate through the Student Planner. **NEW!!!- All 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will be receiving one FREE WPMS 3-ring binder, courtesy of the WPMS PTO, to use for all of their classes this year. This binder will be a great place for them to keep their Student Planner. Binders will be distributed at Bulldog Kick-off Days.**

## **Counseling Office**

Should you have academic, social or personal questions or concerns regarding your child, please contact their counselor. Your student's counselor is a great source of information.

Last names beginning with A-L: **Lezya** Weglarz (760) 290-2468

Last names beginning with M-Z: Kristine Decker (760) 290-2466

## **Assistant Principal's Office**

Contact the Assistant Principals with questions or concerns for school safety, discipline matters, curriculum and instruction and school events.

Last names beginning with A-L: Jennifer Gutierrez (760) 290-2473

Last names beginning with M-Z: Andy Baker (760) 290-2471

Behavior expectations at WPMS are clearly communicated to students. Students who choose to break rules will be issued appropriate consequences **and** given opportunities to reflect, grow from the experience, and restore any relationships that have been compromised as the result of their actions.

## **Child Nutrition Services**

Breakfast and lunch are served daily in our school cafeteria. Menus and information on meal payment can be found on the district website. The applications for free and reduced breakfast and lunch are available in the administration office and must be completed each year. The School Board Policy encourages healthy meals and snacks. Please do not send or deliver items such as cakes, brownies, cupcakes, ice cream, cookies, pizza, candy, etc. to school.

## **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**

The PTO is a great way for parents to be involved in the middle school experience. The PTO raises money for special projects by organizing two yearly fundraisers: **Museum of Tolerance Fundraiser** and Color Battle. They support important school programs such as **Geography Bee**, Be an Ally, **Athletics**, Intermural Tournaments, and much more. It requires a small time commitment and makes a big difference! Contact the AP's office for more information (760) 290-2473.