



Middle School Preview Night

Greene Middle School - 10.18.18



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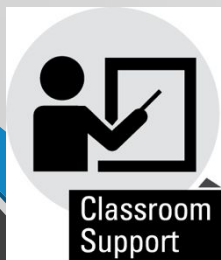
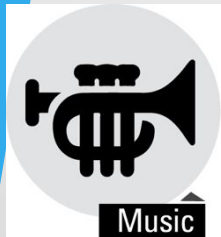
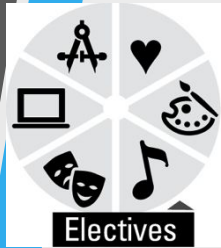
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Si desea escuchar la conversación en español, los auriculares están disponibles en la parte posterior de la sala.

If you would like to hear the conversation in Mandarin, headsets are available in the back of the room.

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What is PiE?



PiE is the sole nonprofit that raises money for additional staff at all Palo Alto schools. Donations to PiE benefit every student.

In Middle Schools, PiE funds:

- Counselors and Transitional Programs
- Sciences, Arts and Music Electives
- Supplemental Classroom Support

Without PiE, funding these amazing options would not be available to our students.

Middle School Preview Night Transition Information

Speakers

Principal: Valerie Royaltey-Quandt

Teachers: Brooke Tassa, Erland Patterson

Counselor: Kylie Payne. Assistant Principal: Mimi Kwon

Parents: Carrie Daniel, Kamal Ardeshta and Jeff Barnett

Facilitator: Jennifer Antonow

Focus of Information

Early General Information

Parents' Perspective

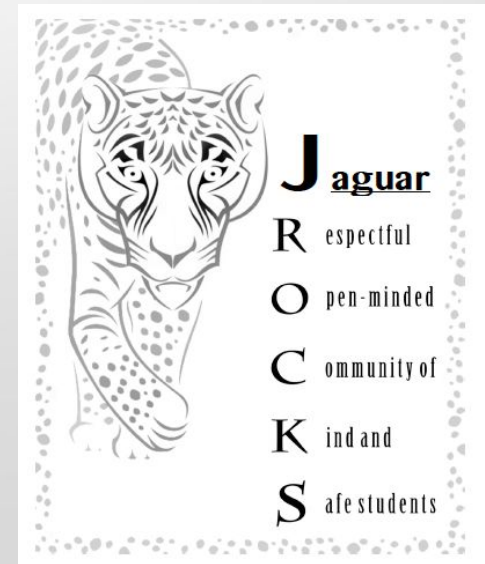
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School Profile

- Enrollment: 1150
- 140 Staff Members
- Demographics:
 - 51% Caucasian
 - 23% Asian
 - 12% Hispanic
 - 6% Asian Indian
 - 2% African American
 - 1% Pacific Islander
 - 5% Two or more races

What makes Greene a great school?

- Teaming creates smaller environments- LA, Social Studies, Math, Science- all through 8th Grade
- Weekly team meetings
- Extensive, creative, unique elective options- Drama, Industrial technology, video production
- Student activities
- Jaguar ROCKS



5th/6th Grade Transition Timeline

*Dates subject to change. Letters sent to families by early January.

Jan 23	Parent Information Night
Feb 6	Spanish & Mandarin Bridge Information Night
Feb - Mar	Visits to Elementary Schools
Mar 22	Parent Information Cards Due to 5th Grade Teachers
May 9	Elementary Visit to Greene
May 10	Parent Tours

5th/6th Grade Transition Timeline

- Counselor meets with all feeder school 5th grade teachers
- Greene staff attends 504 and IEP transition meetings
- 5th and 6th grade teachers have two articulation meetings a year on a Wednesday afternoon- one in the Fall and one in the Spring

How is 6th Grade different from elementary school?

- Students have more than one teacher
- Students switch from class to class
- Larger school environment
- Elective Wheel
- Students are more independent and mature (e.g. *brunch* instead of *recess*)
- Lockers!

What 6th grade students enjoy about middle school

- Getting two lockers- a main locker and PE locker
- Switching periods and classrooms
- More independence & freedom- they get to choose where they want to eat lunch and don't have to raise their hand when they want to play
- Many, many clubs
- Snack bar and more hot lunch options
- New friends!

A Great Start!

JAGUAR JOURNEY (6th Grade)

- Transition program during first week of school
- ALL students participate
- Class gets to know one another and the teachers
- Opportunity to learn about expectations at Greene
 - Schedules, bike safety, lockers, student ID cards
 - Environmental awareness
 - Campus orientation
 - Introduction to Library services

6th Grade Mathematics & Science

- All 6th grade students are enrolled in a Math 6 class
- Teachers differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of all students, providing intervention and challenges
- Science is based on the NGSS standards. Focus is Earth Sciences (astronomy, geology, meteorology, oceanography, and human impact)

6th Grade Language Arts/Social Studies

- Consistency from 5th grade - Teachers College Reading & Writing Workshop
- Core literature, literature circles, independent reading
- Ancient Civilizations in Social Studies
- Simulations, research activities, powerful historical thinking and communicating

Elective Wheel

- Offers an exposure to some of the elective offerings at Greene
- Seven Elective “Wheel” classes: Art, Language, Family & Consumer Science, Explorations in Technology , Drama, Guidance, Computers
- Students spend 5 ½ weeks in each wheel class
- Non-core based, mixed classes

PE/ Music

- Two days a week 5th or 6th periods
- Music options (Band, Choir, or Orchestra)
- Students will bring their instruments on music days- Those with larger instruments such as Tuba, Bari Sax, Cello, may have the option of having two instruments- one for home, one for school
- PE- students will have a PE locker and will dress out- skill-based units

Lunch & After-School Activities

- Clubs (lunch time and after school)
- Intramural sports at lunch time
- Basketball courts and field area open for lunch time activities
- Admin, noon angel volunteers, and other school staff are on duty and visible during brunch and lunch times

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS		RUN THROUGH THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
FALL - Register in late August <i>Season- September-October</i>	WINTER - Register in late Sept. <i>Season- mid-Nov- January</i>	SPRING - Register in early Feb. <i>Season- April-May</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girl's Volleyball• Flag Football• Cross Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th & 8th Grade basketball• 6th grade basketball training class• 6th Grade basketball- Register early Dec. (<i>February-March</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis• Track & Field• Wrestling• Boy's Volleyball

Transportation to and from school

- *Walk, Bike, Skateboard, Scooter, Carpool*
- We have three large bike cages that are locked during the day
- Students can leave their skateboard or scooter in the skate shack by the lunch area
- There is bike registration prior to the start of school

Counselors

- Work with parents and students to promote academic success, personal growth, and to address concerns in variety of areas.
- Collaborate with teachers to serve students
- Coordinate welcome activities for new students

Specialized & Support Services

- CASSY – Counseling & Support Services for Youth - on-site counseling sessions
- AACI - on-site counseling services with Asian Americans for Community Involvement counselor (Mandarin Speaking)
- JAWS - Jaguar Academic & Wellness Support Center



Parent Panel

Kamal Ardeshtna

Jeff Barnett

Carrie Daniel

How can you support Greene?

- Attend events
- Noon Angel & other volunteer opportunities
- Join the PTA
- Donate to Partners in Education



Questions?