



6th Grade Orientation

Dr. Nicholas Bettencourt- Principal
Mr. Andrew Davey- Assistant Principal

Welcome to Elizabeth Hastings Middle School!

Please take this time to acquaint yourselves with those sitting around you, especially those who you may not already know.

Scholars (n)

- A scholar is someone who has an aptitude for study.
- This noun has a positive connotation within our community.
- We recognize that as learners we will all make mistakes, and through these mistakes is when learning and new opportunities arise.



6th Grade Team- We Are Grade 6!

- Mr. Furtado- English (Blue)
- Mrs. Olivier- Math (Blue)
- Ms. Bendiksen- Social Studies (Blue and White)
- Ms. Daviski - Special Education
- Mr. Hamilton- English (White)
- Mrs. Monteiro- Math (White)
- Mrs. Bernardo- Science (Blue and White)
- Mrs. Byrnes- Special Education
- Mr. Donnelly- Paraprofessional

Unified Arts

- Chorus and Band:
Mr. Stanton
- Health:
Mrs. Lunney
- Physical Education:
Mr. Galvam and Mrs. Nunes
- Strings:
Mrs. Turbanisch
- Art:
Mr. Lee
- World Cultures:
Mrs. Pimental
- Art Technology:
Mr. Sladewski
- Computers/Coding:
Ms. Reuther

Nurse and School Resource Officers

- School Nurse:
Mrs. Kerry Edwards
- School Resource Officers:
Officer Jerome Penha
Officer Scott Joseph



Student Services

- Assistant Director of Student Services:
Mr. Robert Mota
- 6th Grade Counselor
Mrs. Michelle Gunschel
- School Counselors:
Mrs. Dawn Rego and Mrs. Joan Tracey
- School Psychologist/Team Chair:
Mr. Tim Luz

Student Services

- During the school year, students may have a concern about academic, personal, or social problems. There are three counselors here to assist you with any of these concerns and ways to navigate situation.



Having a School Counselor...

- Academic advising and scheduling
- School readiness skills
- Study skills instruction
- Organization support
- Peer mediation
- College and career exploration
- Transition planning
- 504 coordination
- Preventative education
- Individual/group counseling
- Social emotional support
- Home-school-community liaison
- Preventative education



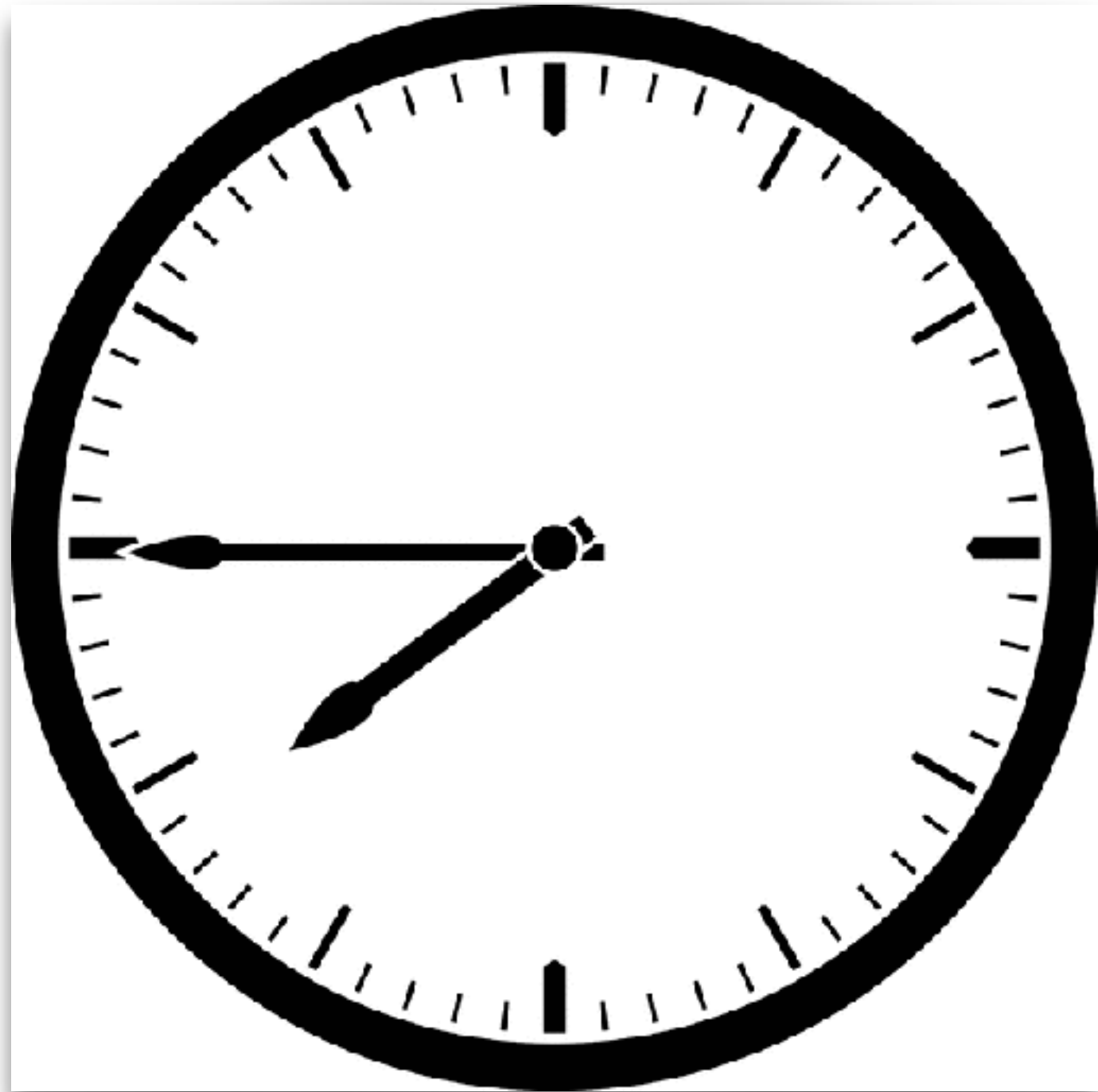
Daily Schedule

- School Start time: 7:45 A.M.
 - Students are tardy if they are not in their seats within their homeroom.
- School Dismissal Time: 2:17 P.M.
 - Parents/guardians will not be allowed to dismiss students after 2:00 P.M.

Please be aware there is no supervision before 7:15 A.M.

Tardiness

- Students are expected to arrive on time and to be inside their homeroom when morning attendance is taken.
- You are tardy if you are not in your room by 7:45 A.M. You must report to the office for a pass if you come in to school late.



Structure of a School Day

- Everyday your child will have six classes and a lunch period. First period and last period are reserved for exploratory classes and intervention assistance. Lunch for grade six is from 11:13-11:43 AM.

Understanding the Schedule

- Period 4 is only 15 minutes because it is currently our sustained silent reading time. Please make sure to have a silent reading book with you everyday!

6th Grade Schedule:

7:45-7:48- Homeroom

7:51-8:45- Period 1

8:48-9:58- Period 2

10:00-11:10-Period 3

11:13-11:43- Lunch

11:46-12:00-Period 4

12:03-1:15- Period 5

1:16-2:12- Period 6

2:15-2:17- Homeroom

Lockers

- Student lockers are provided for the safe keeping of materials and your personal property. You will be given a lock for your locker on the first day of school. Do **NOT** share your locker combination with others!



Agenda Books

- Elizabeth Hastings Middle School will provide an agenda which allows students to record their daily assignments, project due dates, and upcoming tests and quizzes. Students are required to have agenda books with them all times except for lunch.



Physical Education

- Every student capable of taking physical education must do so. For neatness, comfort, freedom of movement and **safety**, you will be required to dress appropriately for class.
- The uniform shall consist of shorts, T-shirt, athletic sneakers (tied and with backs) and socks. Sweatshirts and sweatpants are optional.



From here...

Morning Drop-off Procedures

- The roads around Elizabeth Hastings Middle School become one way for the morning and release times. Please come up Ash St. and then take a left at the stop sign.
- Drop-off is by the stop sign near School St. This is the only way to leave EHMS in the morning and afternoon.



Drop-Off Procedures (Cont.)

- Once your child is dropped off in the morning, they will use the crosswalks to walk over and wait in front of the auditorium.
- On days with poor weather conditions, they will wait inside the auditorium. This is the same for all students.



Dismissal and Pick-up Procedure

- Dismissal from school is at 2:17 PM. Bus students are dismissed first. This will allow buses to depart school property first.
- If you are picking your child up, you can do so in the parking lot, or up the path to Route 6.



Differences in Grading

- Grading is different in middle school. In elementary school, they reported out as beginning to develop, progressing towards, meeting, exceeding.
- In middle school, we use percentages which coincide to a letter grade (A, B, C, etc.)



Differences in Grading (cont.)

- One important thing to keep in mind is that Exceeds does NOT correspond to an A, and meeting does NOT correspond to a B. These are two different ways of reporting grade information.

Percentage Breakdown

A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	65-66
F	64 and below

Water Bottles

- Water bottles must be clear, or see through. You are not permitted to have a water bottle that you cannot see through.



Tips for Student Success!

- Attitude, Attitude, Attitude!
Have a positive attitude when discussing middle school.
- Help your child learn the invaluable lifelong skill of being organized.
- Learn the dress code.
- Help assist your child to advocate for him/herself.



Tips for Student Success (cont.)

- Start following the school routine before school starts, early to bed early to rise!
- Take a couple of practice runs together for how to get to school or the bus stop.



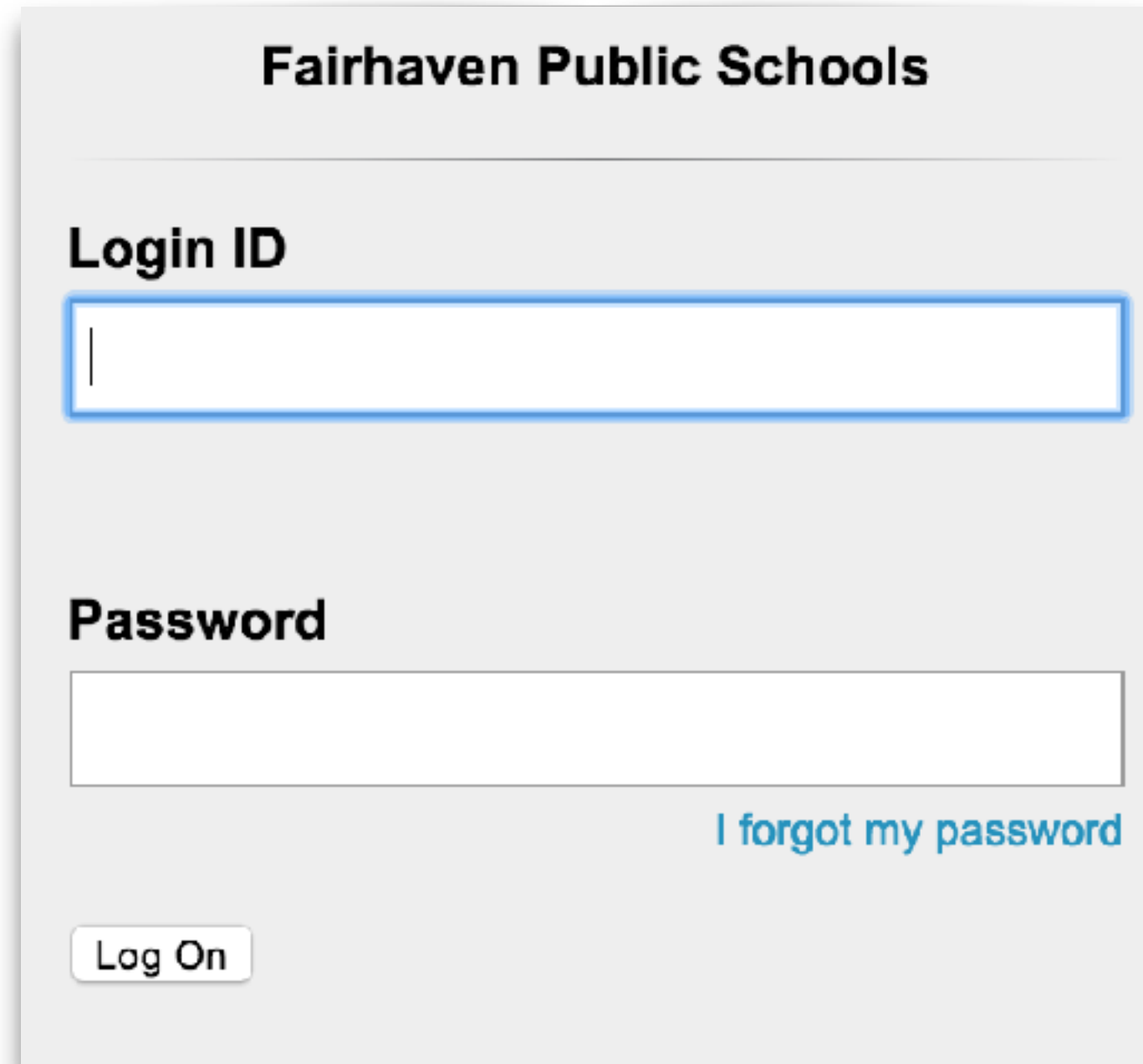
Tips for Parents

- Get to know the teachers.
- Talk specifically to your child about school.
- Give your child a quiet place to study and do homework.
- Post a family calendar in a central place.
- Be in the know. Read the Friday Finale emails.



X2 Parent Portal

- Parent Portal is a useful tool which gives both parents and students the ability to check their grades online and access other valuable information. The web address is: http://www.fairhavenps.org/families_and_students/x-2_portal. Please make sure your pop-up blockers are turned off. You need a user name and password. These are sent to all incoming students each year. Remember both user names and passwords are case-sensitive.



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Fairhaven Public Schools

Login ID

Password

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Log On

Parent Teacher Organization

- We are seeking volunteers to join our PTO. This is a great way to become involved with our school community.



EHMS PTO:
The hands that make it happen

In closing...

- Elizabeth Hastings Middle School is a community that encompasses students from both the East Fairhaven Elementary School, the Leroy Wood Elementary School, and from local private schools.



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WELCOME

We as an Elizabeth Hastings learning community would like to welcome you to our webpage. Within our learning community, we are focused on rigorous planning and challenging our students academically as they prepare for their diverse pathways. As a community, we are focusing on supporting our students to become better aware of themselves and their role within the Fairhaven Community. Our goal is that this webpage offers you the most up-

Website

www.fairhavenps.org



Welcome to our house!

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