

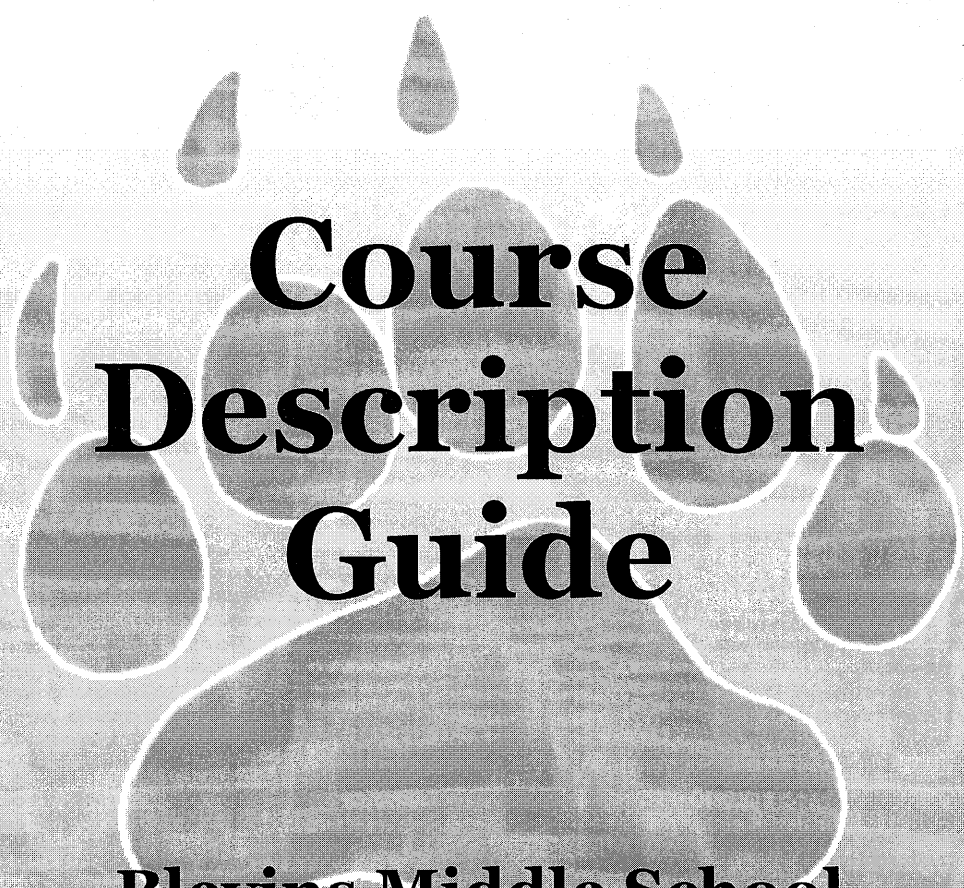
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6th GRADE



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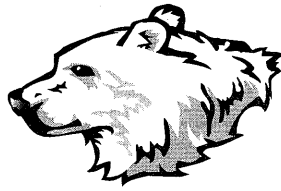
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Student,

I want to welcome you to Blevins Middle School. Our goal is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school as smooth as possible for our new students.

To our new incoming students, we extend a warm welcome and share in your excitement as you begin your journey through middle school. The staff at Blevins is planning for an exciting and challenging 2010-2011 school year.

To our parents we extend our hand as a partner in your child's education. Whether as a first time middle school parent or as a returning parent, we encourage you to be an active partner in your child's education by contacting Blevins teachers and/or staff when you have any question or concern.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at 970-488-4000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Linehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "L".

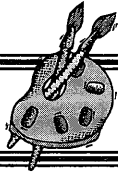
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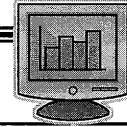




ART

1010 Art Activity and Appreciation - Grade 6

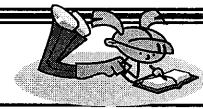
Art appreciation and history are correlated with studio art, which emphasizes the elements of art (line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space) and the principles of design (balance, movement, rhythm, contrast, emphasis, pattern, unity).



COMPUTER

1602 Web 2.0 Technology - Grade 6

This class focuses on the safe and responsible use of Web 2.0 technology for productivity and communication. Tools covered in this class include Google Docs & Spreadsheets, Blogging, Wikis, and Podcasting. In addition, this class teaches effective Internet and database research techniques.



LANGUAGE ARTS

0610 English 6 - Grade 6

The sixth-grade language arts course is devoted to developing communication and thinking skills through the integrated study of reading, speaking and writing strategies as well as further refining active listening and critical viewing practices. In addition to adapting usage, conventions, form and/or genre to a variety of audiences and purposes, students continue their practice with the writing process as they gain experience mastering single and multi-paragraph texts in all four major modes -- narrative, descriptive, persuasive, and expository. Students actively apply these aforementioned techniques in order to summarize, compare, contrast, activate and synthesize literary and informational texts across content areas.



MATHEMATICS

6359 Connected Math 1 (10 Credits) - Grade 6

Recommended Prerequisite: successful completion of Everyday Math 5 Connected Math 1 is designed with problem-centered units that develop a big idea that is an important cluster of related concepts, skills, procedures, and ways of thinking. As a result, the student will be able to communicate mathematically, and make connections between mathematics and other disciplines. To address district and state standards, this course interweaves mathematical topics of algebra, geometry, statistics, probability, number systems, and measurement. Connected Math 1 explores factors of numbers, fractions, decimals, percents, polygons and angles, perimeter and area, variables and patterns, data analysis, and probability. Upon successful completion, students will progress to Connected Math 2 or with teacher recommendation Connected Math 2 Accelerated.





MUSIC

2639 Band 6 - Grade 6

Beginning Band is designed for teaching basic skills to beginning Wind, Brass and Percussion players. Tone, technical facility, music terminology and music reading are stressed. Enrollment is based upon completion of the Summer Band Program or by approval of the instructor. If student is not able to attend the Summer Band Program, he/she should contact the instructor at the middle school they will attend. *Attendance is required for concerts.*

2644 Orchestra 6 - Grade 6

Beginning Orchestra is designed for teaching basic skills to beginning Bass, Cello, Violin and Viola players. Tone, technical facility, music terminology and music reading are stressed. Enrollment is based upon completion of the Summer Band Program or by approval of the instructor. If student is not able to attend the Summer Band Program, he/she should contact the instructor at the middle school they will attend. *Attendance is required for concerts.*

2649 Choir 6 - Grade 6

Choir 6 is a non-auditioned ensemble open to all 6th grade students. The choir performs music from all genres and time periods while learning the basics of singing, posture, music theory, and sight singing. Beginning choir is the entry pathway designed to give students with an interest in singing an opportunity to explore the changing voice at the middle level. This class will provide a strong choral foundation that will enable students to confidently transition to Select Choir at the seventh grade and eighth grade level. *Attendance is required for concerts.*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



3065 Physical Fitness - Grade 6

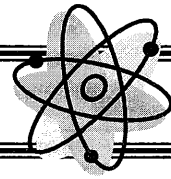
The design of this course is to help the specific needs of athletes and or students who may want to train at a higher intensity. The implementation of skills that are physiologically specific to sport will be applied to this class (olympic lifts, agility, speed development and conditioning). Students who take this class will need a strong background in both sport skill and the development of their athleticism. This is a quarter term course. Prerequisites: PE 1, Beginning Weights, and Advanced Weights (all three) or teacher discretion.

3500 Physical Education 6 - Grade 6

This is an activity course designed around developing physical fitness and wellness, desirable social traits, knowledge of a variety of activities and developing motor skill. Depending upon which semester (fall/spring) a student is scheduled, the variety of core activities includes soccer, volleyball, flag football, basketball, softball, tumbling, racquet skills, aerobics, fitness testing, track and field and rhythms. This does not preclude that a school site would teach, as deemed appropriate, supplementary activities that fit the weather conditions, class make-up and facilities.



SCIENCE



0620 Science 6 - Grade 6

This course is designed for all students and is the first of three courses that meets the Colorado State and Poudre School District Content Standards for Science grades 6 - 8. The major topics covered in the 6th grade are: Forms and Transfer of Energy - Renewable vs. Non-renewable Energy; Properties of Matter - Phases and Changes; Living Systems - The Human Body and Diseases; Earth Systems - The Solar System and the Universe.



SOCIAL STUDIES

0630 Geography 6 - Grade 6

Sixth Grade Social Studies is a study of the patterns and interactions of countries in the Western Hemisphere. Students will determine information about people, places, and environment through the use and construction of geography tools. From an understanding of the physical and human characteristics of places, students will study the effects of the interaction between human and physical systems. With an emphasis on resource distribution and use, they will determine how economic, political, cultural, and social processes interact to shape patterns of human populations, interdependence, cooperation, and conflict. This course builds a secondary-level foundation of global awareness, economic literacy, and civic literacy in order to address complex global issues. The 21st century skills of critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, and cross-cultural understanding will be emphasized throughout the course.

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WORLD LANGUAGES

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4510 World Language Explorations 6 - Grade 6

World Language Explorations is an elective class designed to introduce students to the alphabet, numbers, pronunciation, basic phrases, greetings, and culture of the individual language.

TECHNOLOGY



2090 Intro to Technology - Grade 6

In this exciting and fast paced hands-on/minds-on class, students will explore areas of technology and engineering from Electronics to Rocketry. During each unit Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts will be integrated to provide the student with 21st century skills and help build technological literacy. This class will provide the foundation for additional Technology Education curriculum offered to seventh and eighth grade students.



