



Counselor's Introduction

August 2019

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start at Madras Middle School. Staff members have been hard at work preparing and planning for the start of school and the arrival of our students. We are looking forward to working together as a team to provide your child the very best educational experience. Our newsletter is one way in which we maintain communication between school and home. It contains a variety of academic updates, important dates, and items of interest. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Learning

- Let your child know you think school is important. Talk to him/her about what they're learning.
- Encourage persistence: Children learn persistence when they are successful at a challenging task. Let them know that not everything comes easy. This will help them gain confidence and successfully negotiate difficult situations when they are older.
- Talk to them about their future: School success is one of the keys to a successful future. Talk with them about their dreams/goals and make the connection to how school fits within this vision.

Attendance

- Encourage your child to get enough sleep to ensure that he/she is able to get up in the morning.
- Leave home with plenty of time to get to school.
- Try to schedule appointments before or after school hours.

School Rules

- Familiarize yourself with the school rules, guidelines, and expectations in our handbook.

- Reinforce that school is currently their "job" and just like your job, there are expectations. This will help them prepare for high school and beyond.
- Talk to your kids about the rules at your job. Compare them. For example, what is the dress code at your job? This helps students understand the purpose of school rules.

*The counseling office is available to all students and parents. We have numerous resources available. The counselors provide guidance, peer mediation, individual, and group counseling. *Feel free to stop by the counseling office to meet with your child's counselor if you have an issue or concern. You can also call or email us 😊

*Mrs. Holmes 6th grade, 8th grade (Carter's and Xydias' teams)

maranda.holmes@cowetaschools.net (770-254-2744 ext. 231)

*Mrs. Hill 7th grade, 8th grade (Welch's and Xydias' teams)

rebecca.hill@cowetaschools.net (770-254-2744 ext. 213)