



Communication is Key

As your 6th grader becomes more independent, communicating and connecting with your child becomes even more important.

- ⇒ Ask open ended questions that start with “How” and “What”.
- ⇒ Show interest in things they like.
- ⇒ Make it clear that they can talk to you about anything without fear of judgement or punishment.
- ⇒ Pay attention to nonverbal communication: body language, sleeping, eating patterns.
- ⇒ Set up a parent/teacher/student conference if you have concerns. Be sure to include your child in the conference.
- ⇒ Email and help your child formulate emails to teachers.



Important Contacts

Counseling Department—

Elizabeth Hirst—6/7th grade students, Referral coordinator (ESE/504)

Sonja Gitlin—7/8th grade students, Testing Coordinator, ESOL Coordinator

Disc Village/New Horizons Counselor

Administrative Team -

Lewis Blessing—Principal

Rebecca Shultz—Assistant Principal

Stacy Stallworth—Assistant Principal

Dan Molinaro—Dean of Students

Support Staff -

Jennifer Day—School Nurse

Lori Hager—Registrar

Faculty Support -

Paige Loggins—6th Grade Chair

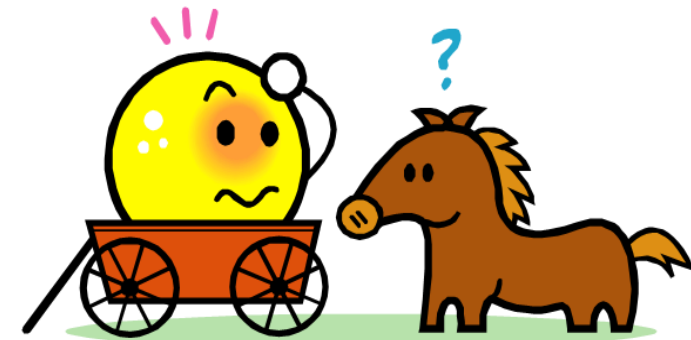
Andrew Keltner—Technology

Monica Anderson—Activities/Athletics



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Making A 6th Grade Mustang Parent

Mustang Motto

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Parent Involvement Guide



Welcome to 6th Grade!

This brochure is designed to be a handy reference for you when you have questions and concerns. In this you will find-

- ⇒ Names of administrators, counselors, and support staff that can be of help to you.
- ⇒ Tips to help your child succeed in his/her classes.
- ⇒ Tips for communicating effectively with your child and school faculty and staff.
- ⇒ Ways to encourage safe and responsible technology use.

Academic Success

Improve Organization

- ⇒ Encourage your child to use their planner; follow up to see that they are including HW, test and project dates and deadlines.
- ⇒ Students should spend some time each evening organizing their binders and assignments.
- ⇒ Have your child get everything ready for the next day before bed.

Monitor Progress

- ⇒ Check your child's grades and discuss any concerns.
- ⇒ If you see your child struggling set up a conference to include teachers, parents, school counselor, and your child.
- ⇒ Make sure you see interim reports and report cards each of the four grading period.
- ⇒ Minimum standards for promotion—4 points in each core class (Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science) with at least one point in the second semester.

Provide Support

- ⇒ Expect your child to do their homework independently, but be available for help.
- ⇒ Work with them to break large assignments and projects into smaller tasks.
- ⇒ Empower your child to become a self advocate.

Using Technology

- ⇒ Know what devices your child is using and how frequently.
- ⇒ Set up rules and parameters for social networking.
- ⇒ Discuss appropriate, respectful use of social network sites.
- ⇒ Use the parental controls.
- ⇒ Make sure your child knows that once they post or send a message, you can never get it back!

School Website

www.leonschools.net/montford

- ⇒ Use the website frequently to answer questions.
- ⇒ Join our listserv for helpful and important messages.



Set Times to “Unplug”