

Welcome to Rising 6th Grade Parent Virtual Night

Welcome to the Griffin
Wildcat Community &
Welcome to the Class of
2029!!!!!!



Our Current Administrative Team

- Dr. Lorelee Hill – Principal
- Dr. Kacie Phipps – 6th Grade AP
- Mrs. Lynzee Courtney – 7th Grade AP
- Mr. Roderick Langston – 8th Grade AP
- Mrs. Nneka Butler, AP
- Mrs. Mia Beasley, Instructional Specialist
- Mr. Marcus Griffin, SSA



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Preparing for a Smooth Transition into 6th Grade

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Rising 6th Grade
Parent Night – held
on March 10th

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Rising 6th Grade
Student Visits to our
Griffin campus –

- Monday, March 14th –
King Springs & Labelle ES
- Tuesday, March 15th –
Nickajack & Norton Park

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Rising 6th Grade
Parent Virtual Nights

- Monday, March 21st
– King Springs &
Labelle ES
- Tuesday, March 22nd
– Nickajack &
Norton Park

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Rising 6th Grade
Summer Camp – 2
days 9:00 AM – 1:00
PM; Date TBD

Our Counseling Dept. in conjunction with Campbell HS Vertical Team is offering...

- Middle School Mindset Workshop – Virtual event on April 14th
- Afternoon and Evening Session available
- Flyer sent out via CTLS Parent with information
- We want to support YOU as you transition into being a MS Parent

Information about Academic Classes

Placement Decision Matrix used for each content area individually

Based on several criteria

For 7th and 8th Grade we also include teacher recommendations as the students have been Wildcats and we will better know their capabilities

Decisions will be announced at the end of June

Information about Connections

For the first week of school, your student's schedule will include connections classes, however, they are merely placeholder classes. The first week of school, our students spend a day in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus.

We want our students and parents to know about each of these programs & the expectations.

Students are then given a date to make a choice if students will be in band, orchestra, and/or chorus.

Then connections schedules are created, placed in ParentVue, and typically start the 2nd week of school.

What does lunch look like during the 1st week?



We make sure that our teachers review with our students what will happen at lunch time before lunch starts on Day 1.




Each classroom teacher is assigned a specific lunch line, specific tables, and table washers are chosen for the week.



Students who aren't purchasing a lunch stay with their teacher and go right into the cafeteria. Those purchasing lunch will line up in a designated area of the main hallway and proceed into the cafeteria.



There are fluctuations in class sizes and lunch times during the first week of school, however we make sure that everyone gets through the line and has time to eat 😊.

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How we make
sure your
student
knows our
expectations...

- We teach our Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Schoolwide Expectations from the very beginning. At Griffin we focus on:
 - BE HERE
 - BE READY
 - BE RESPECTFUL

And you'll BE GREAT AT GRIFFIN



PBIS Expectations

- For common areas:
 - Hallways
 - Cafeteria
 - Restrooms
 - Arriving on campus
 - Getting Breakfast
 - Vending Machines
 - Dismissal
- Our classroom teachers develop classroom expectations for each class – in many classrooms our students provide input to develop.



PBIS Points

- Our students earn points for following our schoolwide expectations.
- Our bus drivers and cafeteria workers award points as well.
- We keep track of points on an app – so our students know how many points they have and they can log on to check this as well
- Students can redeem their points in a variety of ways. Some teachers have classroom stores, some offer specific incentives to spend points, and we have our famous quarterly Cool Cat Parties.
- What is a Cool Cat Party?

Checking Students In and Out

- Students may check-in at Student Support
- Enrolling adults and contacts with "check-out rights" can check out students (must show ID) at Student Support

Other Important Information-->

- To meet with teachers and/or staff members, please reach out to the person to make an appointment in advance
- Please do not bring in fast food for your students to eat at lunch. Students can bring lunch items from home.

Arrival...

The earliest we let students into the building is 8:15 AM.

Students enter into the building through the Fine Arts Door (in between Student Support and the bus port). They go into the cafeteria where they can study, read, work on an assignment, just chill, or play assorted card/board games.

At 8:50, students are dismissed to go to get breakfast, visit vending machines and proceed to the 6th Grade Pod/Enrichment Hall for their first class.

Arrival for Bus Riders...

- Buses arrive to campus at various times from 8:50 – 9:15 AM.
- Our students are always able to get breakfast before heading to their first class.
- If their bus is late, they are not marked tardy.
- Buses often run late at the beginning of any school year, so be patient and check the **Here Comes the Bus** app for arrival times to your student's bus stop.



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Dismissal

- Similar to lunch, our teachers will check with their students in EVERY class the first day of school to make sure they know their bus number.
- If your student will be a car rider, or just an occasional car rider, we use a car rider number system. You can pick up a car rider form at Meet & Greet, or get one at any time moving forward.
- We dismiss our walkers in 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade first, and they exit the building through the Fine Arts Hallway Doors.
- We then call out the numbers of the cars that are at the beginning of the line each day. The remaining students typically go to the theater to wait until the car line has moved sufficiently for their numbers to be called.
- When you arrive on campus with a car rider, please use your hang tag in your vehicle. But we will ask for your number just in case you don't have it or if you are in the process of getting one. Don't worry – we have you covered 😊.
- Our entrance becomes one way at the stop sign for dismissal, so you will be directed which way to go.
- Dismissal can be a lengthy process at the beginning of the year. You may want to wait until 4:30 to even arrive on campus.

Bus Dismissal

- We typically dismiss buses by area of the building, but this school year we have dismissed by actual bus number. This is why it is very important for your student to know the bus number and we will check multiple times to make sure they know it.
- Even if they forget, we will have everyone's bus number, so don't worry. We got this!
- Late Buses – you may already know about the bus driver shortage we have dealt with all year long.
- At 4:45, students whose buses haven't arrived on campus are called to the cafeteria, chorus room, or another specified classroom to be supervised until their bus arrives.
- CTLS Parent Daily Notifications to let you know which buses have left late.

How do we communicate?

- CTLS Parent
- Griffin Website – there is SO much on our website – check it out.
- Twitter - @GMS_Wildcats
- Email
- Phone Call
- Please make sure that your contact information, address, phone number(s), email(s), and emergency contact information is correct in our system.



What does your student need the 1st day of school? The first week?

- Something to write on and something to write with.
- Lunch money or money on their account.
- Students do not need backpacks or lots of things to keep up with as they will be learning SO much and focusing on getting to class, learning procedures, getting to know new students, and getting used to changing classes and teachers.
- Phones need to be put up in their backpacks and can only be used for instructional purposes with teacher permission. Your student **DOESN'T NEED** a cell phone at school. They can call you from Student Support if there is an emergency.



Staying Involved...

- This is an important time for your student's development, so please stay involved and keep track of his/her progress.
- Join PTSA – we couldn't do what we do every day at Griffin without them. They support our students EVERY DAY.
- Get involved with The Griffin Foundation and consider donating to our annual Give2Griffin Campaign.
- Volunteer – there are so many ways to be involved. WE NEED YOU!
- Attend our monthly GSPN Live Meetings
- Read our Weekly Newsletter
- Bring your family to our monthly campus cleanups – usually on Saturdays from 9 AM – 12 PM. It's a great way to help us beautify our campus and meet members in the Wildcat Community.



We are SUPER excited about the 22-23 school year...

- We have shared lots of information with you....
- What questions or concerns do you have?

Thanks for attending!

- Please feel free to reach out to myself, or any administrator, or our student support office if you have any questions moving forward.
- Our emails are our first name. last name @cobbk12.org
- School phone number: 678-842-6917
- We hope tonight's virtual program offered you some more insight into your student's day during the first week.