

# **Bristow Middle School**

## **6th Grade Orientation**



**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.**

# Agenda

- Meet staff members
- Information on our school, programs and initiatives
- Bristow Ambassador-led tour
- PTO sponsored reception in the cafeteria

# Bristow Middle School

## 7 Major Beliefs

1. All persons need to feel safe in school
2. Family and Community Partnerships are critical
3. Each person in the school community is important and will be treated equally and fairly without judgement
4. All students can learn at high levels and achieve success
5. A positive attitude and environment fosters success for all
6. Respect, integrity and honesty are our core values
7. Creativity is respected and essential

# BRISTOW CARES: A Community Service School

As a school we try to help those less fortunate than ourselves

- Each team has a community service project that students participate in:
  - American Cancer Society
  - Raised funds for education in 3rd World Countries
  - Turkey Trot Funds and Food Project for Bristow Families
  - Gathering socks for veterans
  - PJ Day for CCMC
  - Make a difference with Blankets - Project Linus
  - Art Club - Beautifying community convalescent homes
  - Holiday Helping Hands for Bristow families

*As a school we have raised thousands of dollars and donated food and clothing for those in need with many of our projects coming from students!*

# Typical Schedule

Period	Class
	Advisory
1	<b>English</b>
2	<b>Math</b>
3	<b>World Language</b>
4	<b>Science</b>
5	Lunch
6	Learning Lab – Band/Choir/Orchestra/Quest
7	<b>Social Studies</b>
8	Art/Technology and Engineering/Music/Wellness
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# Student Activities

*Many clubs are developed based on student interest.*

- **Big Band – Audition**
- **Voices of Bristow – Audition**
- **Bristow Bows – Audition**
- **Drama Club/Production**
- **Unified Theater Production**
- **Chess Club**
- **Science Club**
- **Art Club**
- **Model United Nations**
- **WEB Program**
- **TEA Club**
- **Coloring Club**
- **Yearbook Club**
- **Intramurals**
  - **Morning Gym**
- **Girls who Code**
- **MakerSpace Club**
- **Kindness Club**
- **Running Club**
- **Bristow Ambassadors**

*A Late Bus is available for students; it leaves at 4:15 p.m.*



# School Counseling Services

## Bristow's Developmental Guidance Program

- Educational Planning
- Career Exploration
- Personal/Social Development

### • **Classroom lessons** - including topics such as:

Social Emotional Learning, Conflict Resolution,

Digital Citizenship, Career Exploration, High School Transition

### • **Individual meetings** based on need

– referred by teachers, administration, students or parents.

- **Small Support Groups** and Lunch Groups as needed.

# Parent Communication Tools

- Formal Communication Tools/Opportunities
  - PowerSchool Parent Portal
  - School Web-site
  - Team Blogs
  - Library and Makerspace Website
  - Electronic Monthly PTO newsletter
  - Good news post cards
  - Good news emails
  - Conferences twice a year (fall-mandatory/spring optional)
  - Team meetings
  - Report cards
- \* Two-way communication is necessary for student success!



# Initiatives at Bristow Middle School for 2019-2020

## Continued Implementation of:

- **Welcoming Schools - Creating an environment where all staff, students and parents feel a part of the whole**
- **Developing Literacy Skills** in all content areas/Improved Math skills aligned to district and state standards
- Team Building Activities through our Advisory Program
- Continued Community Service Projects
- Continued Technology Based Initiatives
- Integrating Library Research Skills into Curriculum Projects
- **Student Leadership and Advocacy**
- **Continue to guide students with appropriate Social Media use**

# Upcoming Transition Events

- **Parents/Students – Choose the middle school that best fits your needs by early April. Turn in your cards with your intentions as soon as possible.**
- **Our staff will be attending 504/PPT/Team meetings at the elementary level**
- **Student visits to Bristow – This spring**
- **Summer 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team welcome letters**
- **Monday August 26th - WEB program begins**
- **Schedules given during our summer open house – before school opens**
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade/new parent orientation – 30 minutes prior to summer open house**
- **6th grade family picnic – September**
- **Open House/Curriculum night – Fall 2019**

# Bristow Middle School...

- Strives to be a challenging learning environment for all students.
- Enjoys and appreciates the middle school child and all that goes with them
- Is a positive, safe and healthy learning environment.
- **What makes us different:**
  - Small size
  - Family/community feel
  - Opportunities to get to know kids deeply

# Questions???

