GUNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Open House
2019-2020

“Our Quest: SUCCESS”

AGENDA

- **3:00 PM**
  - Students report to TA classroom
  - Parents report to Cafeteria
- **3:15 PM**
  - Introductions
  - The school day/bell schedule
  - Academic programs
  - Electives
  - After school activities
  - Math Pathways
  - Technology
  - Important dates
  - First day logistics
- **3:45 PM**: Q & A Session
- **3:55 PM**:

Welcome to the Gunston 2019-20 School Year!

Gunston MS PTA

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Administrative Staff

- Dr. Lori Wiggins, Principal
- Carl Seward, 6th Grade Assistant Principal
- Shana Curtis, 7th Grade Assistant Principal
- Marcelo Flores, 8th Grade Assistant Principal
- Briana Milton, Director of Counseling Services
- Luis Matos, Activities Coordinator
- Carissa El-Chehabi, Instructional Technology Coordinator (ITC)

Counseling Staff

- Lindsay Carr, 6th Grade Counselor
- Eric Jefferson, 7th Grade Counselor
- Sharon Kolody, 8th Grade Counselor
- Samantha King, 6th Grade Montessori Counselor & Program Coordinator
- Marlene Cordero, EL Counselor (Grades 6-8)
- Coretta Brown, Counselor/ Testing Coordinator

The School Day / Afterschool

- 7:50 AM - 2:24 PM
- Breakfast is served at 7:20 AM (Regular Price: $1.75)
- Classes will run on a Modified Block Schedule
- 4 minutes between classes
- Lunch: 31 minutes (Regular Price: $3.10)
- PM 1: 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
- PM 2: 3:29 PM - 4:09 PM
- Late Bus: Monday - Thurs at 4:21 PM

Academic Calendar Year

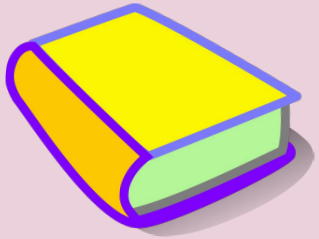
Gunston Academic Programs

- Traditional
- Spanish Immersion
- Montessori
- EL
  - English Learners

Teacher Advisory (TA)

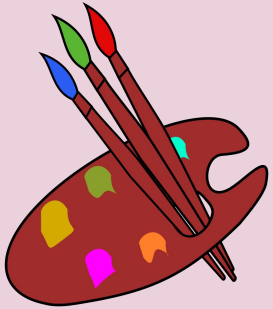
- Meets EVERYDAY for 30 minutes
- **Monday-**Community/Relationship Buildings Activities
- **Tuesday-** Social-Emotional Learning
- **Wednesday**- Work it Out
- **Thursday** -D.E.A.R (drop everything and read)
- **Friday**-Flex Friday

- Teacher help, completion of projects & assignments
- Team-building activities
- Distribute report cards & other important school information
- Locker assignments
- Morning announcements / Good Morning Gunston



6th Grade Electives

- Exploratory Rotation or “The Wheel”
- Students take appx 5 weeks of the following classes throughout the year:
  - Chorus
  - Art
  - Keyboarding
  - Tech Education
  - Family & Consumer Science (FACS)
  - Theatre Arts
  - TV and Video Journalism



Music Electives

- Full Year Electives
- Orchestra
- Band

6th Grade World Languages

- World Language semester paired with Reading semester course
- Transitional Spanish
- Spanish for Fluent Speakers

6th graders in the Spanish/Reading split should have a passing score on their 5th grade reading SOL*

Sports & After-School Clubs/Activities

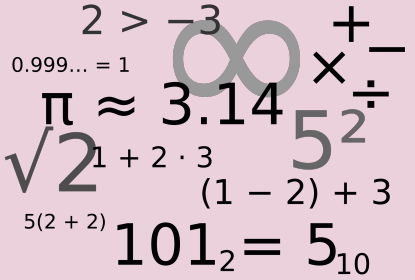
Luis Matos-Malave, Activities Coordinator

- Soccer (Boys & Girls)
- Basketball (Boys & Girls)
- Tennis (Co-Ed)
- Cheerleading (Co-Ed)
- Swim (Boys & Girls)
- Dive (Boys & Girls)
- Ultimate Frisbee (Boys & Girls)
- Wrestling (Co-Ed)
- Track & Field (Co-Ed)

- *A current medical physical is needed to participate*

Math Pathways

Julie Taegel- Math Coach



- **<u>Math Placements are based on:</u>**
  - Teacher Recommendation
  - Final Grades
  - SOL scores
  - Math Inventory assessment
- Math Strategies - An elective math class based on recommendation

Technology at Gunston

<u>Carissa El-Chehabi - ITC</u>

iPad Rollout

Signed iPad contracts

iPad damage

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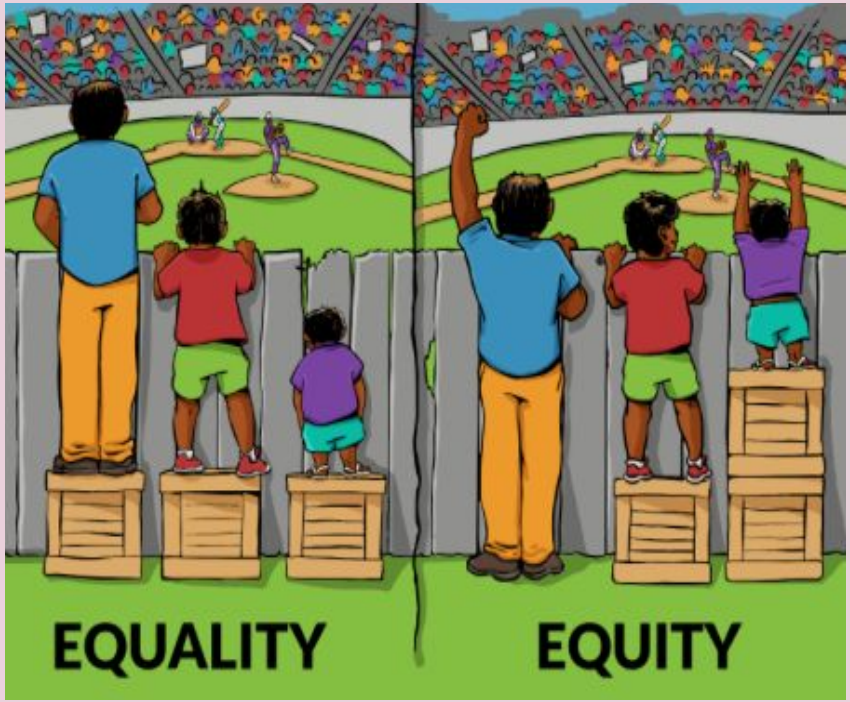
ParentVue



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Important Upcoming Dates

- September 3rd- First Day of School!
- September 19th- Back To School Night
- October 24th -Fall Parent/Teacher Conference Night
- October 25th -Fall Parent/Teacher Conference Day

First Day of School Logistics

- All 6th grade students report to Theatre 1
- They are greeted by their TA teacher and escorted to class
- All students will receive their class schedules on the first day of school

Thank you for your attention!

What Questions Do You Have?