

Yellow Springs
Middle School & PTO
Meet and Greet

THINKING
Boldly

CARING
Deeply

ADVOCATING
Courageously



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The Middle School Philosophy



Responsive

Using the distinctive nature and identities of young adolescents as the foundation upon which all decisions about school are made.



Challenging

Cultivating high expectations and advancing learning for every member of the school community.



Empowering

Facilitating environments in which students take responsibility for their own learning and contribute positively to the world around them.



Equitable

Providing socially just learning opportunities and environments for every student.



Engaging

Fostering a learning atmosphere that is relevant, participatory, and motivating for all learners.

It is our vision that the middle school experience supports the development of the whole child.





We must operate from the belief that we have great kids who contribute positively to our school community.

Q: How will hallways be monitored? Is there surveillance?

A: There are separate hallways and common areas for the students (see next 4 slides). These areas are covered by security cameras.

Q: Will there be "Buddy" classes?

A: Because of scheduling difficulties, there will not be assigned "Buddy classes like there have been at Mills Lawn. However, younger students may be paired with older students when appropriate situations arise.

It is our vision that the students on our campus support each other with intentional experiences across grade levels.



Drop off and pick up will happen in parking lot behind the HS Gym.

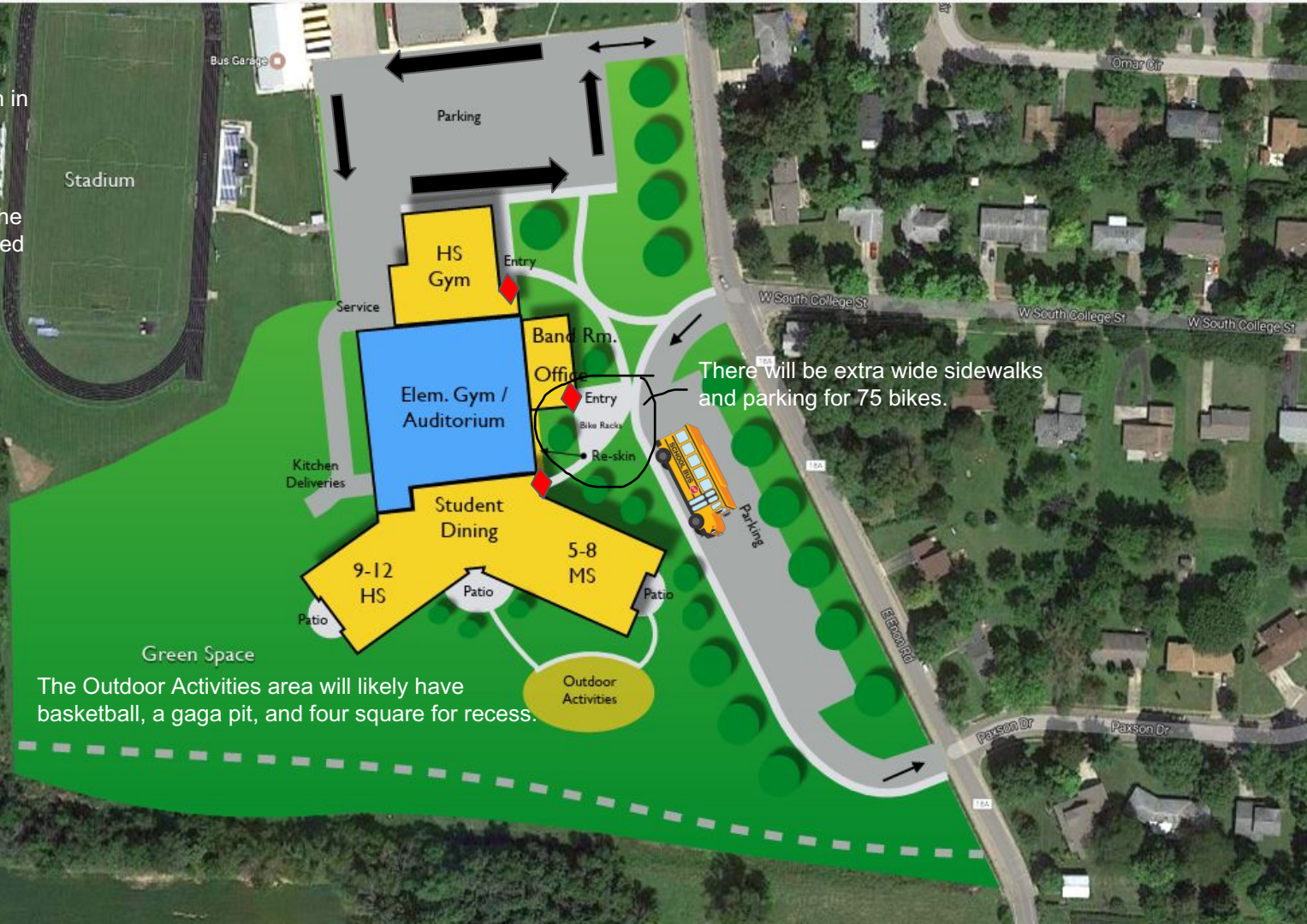
All students will enter one of the three doors, highlighted with red diamonds.

There will be extra wide sidewalks and parking for 75 bikes.

The Outdoor Activities area will likely have basketball, a gaga pit, and four square for recess.

KEY

- Additions
- Renovations





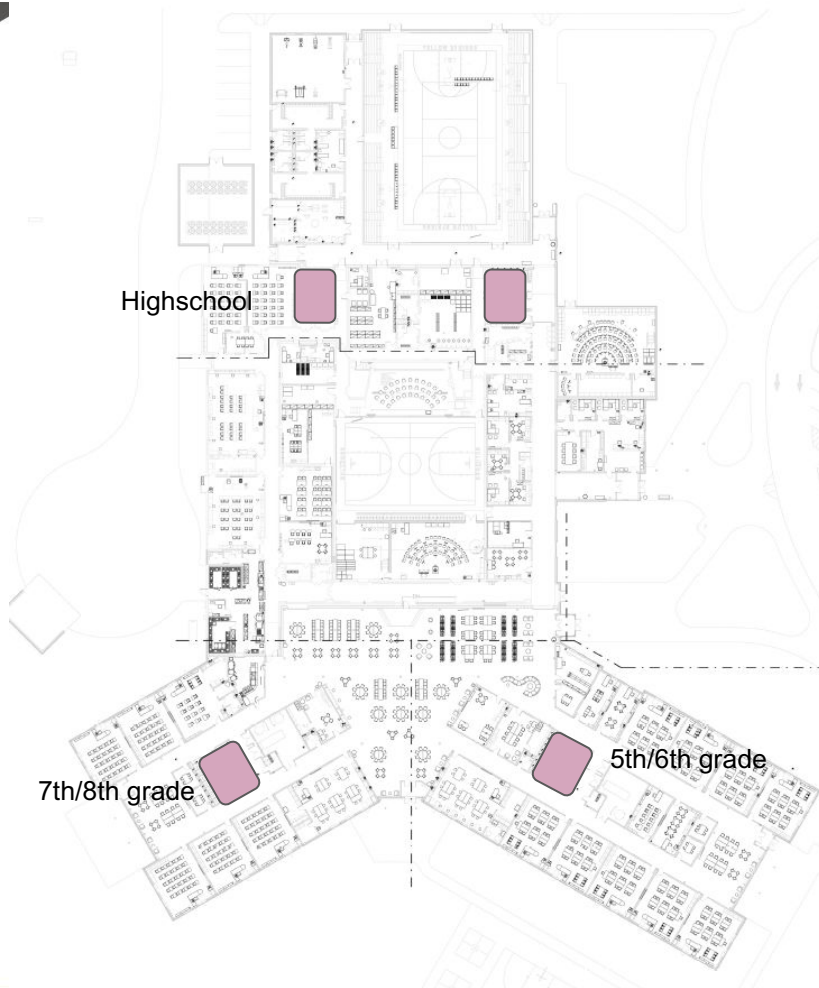
The light blue areas are 5th/6th grade elective spaces
The medium blue areas will be used by 5th/6th grade students during the day.

The dark blue areas are 7th/8th grade only

The two green blocks are 5th grade classrooms
The two yellow blocks are 6th grade classrooms

The four orange blocks are 7th/8th grade classrooms





The pink areas are bathroom banks.
There are no community bathrooms.
Each room has a toilet and a sink with
floor to ceiling walls and doors.





The orange blocks are special education, guidance counselor, clinic, and small group spaces.





5th/6th grade will have recess followed by lunch together.

7th/8th grade will have lunch followed by recess together.

Students will eat lunch in the purple areas. Either inside or outdoors on the patio (weather permitting). The patio has enough seating for 60 students.

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*A Typical
Day*

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What does the typical school day look like?

Building Schedule:

- Building Open and Breakfast - 7:45am - 8:00am
- School Day - 8:00am - 3:00pm
- Building Closes - 3:20pm (unless under the supervision of an adult)

It is our vision that students all arrive on time, engage in meaningful learning opportunities throughout the day, and go home both tired and satisfied.

Q: Will all students be bused together? What is the rationale behind extending the school day by 30 minutes?

A: The explanation behind the decision to combine bussing and change the school day start/end times can be found at [https://go.boarddocs.com/oh/yellowev/Board.nsf/files/DRZR886C3A29/\\$file/Proposed%20Arrival%20and%20Dismissal%20Times%20\(1\).pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/oh/yellowev/Board.nsf/files/DRZR886C3A29/$file/Proposed%20Arrival%20and%20Dismissal%20Times%20(1).pdf)

Q: How will the extra 30 minutes be used?

A: Elective courses, for example: music, live and performance arts, NEW STEM elective (coding and programming focused, multi-media based, “maker space”)





What does the typical school day look like?

5th/6th graders will have a cubby in the classroom to store their things.

5th and 6th Grade:

- Begin with a daily homeroom
- Travel class to class as cohorts
- Daily recess and lunch period (50 minutes) The first 25 minutes will be recess, followed by 25 minutes for lunch.
- Majority of time spent with Ms. Barclay, Ms. Turner-Smith, Ms. Courtright, and Ms. Folkerth
- Flexible WIN Period

It is our vision that the structure of the day supports a smooth, whole child focused transition to the middle school.





What does the typical school day look like?

5th and 6th Grade:

- Classes
 - STEM Block (Math and Science)
 - Humanities Block (ELA and Social Studies)
 - Music (Instrumental → Band or Orchestra)
 - Live and Performing Arts (2nd Semester)
 - STEM (1st Semester)
 - Health and PE (5th - 1st Semester, 6th - 2nd Semester)
 - Visual Arts (6th - 1st Semester, 5th - 2nd Semester)
 - Flexible WIN Period
- 5th and 6th Grade Class Assignments Will Be Late - Function of the State

It is our vision that students engage in meaningful, interdisciplinary, PBL work throughout their school days.





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7th graders will carry backpacks. There is potential for students to "check-out" existing lockers or use hooks in the hallway for hanging items.

7th Grade:

- Students start in 1st Period
- Travel class to class as their schedule dictates
- Daily recess and lunch period (30 minutes) After 15 minutes for lunch, the students may go out to recess.
- Rotate through different teachers
- Flexible WIN Period

It is our vision that the structure of the school matches the developmental needs for more freedom and responsibility.





What does the typical school day look like?

7th Grade:

- Classes
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - ELA
 - Music (Band, Orchestra, Choir)
 - Health and PE (1st Semester)
 - STEM (2nd Semester)
 - Live and Performing Arts, Visual Art, Career Exploration (Trimester Rotation)
 - Flexible WIN Period

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Special Events

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Expeditions

- 5th Grade - Starbase
- 6th Grade - ? An educational experience will replace Young's Dairy (Young's will be used as an incentive trip instead)
- 7th Grade - Into the Wild
- 8th Grade - Washington DC

It is our vision that students will complete a meaningful learning expedition during each school year (grades 5-10).





Incentives

- Young's
- Get Air
- Skateworld
- Kings Island
- Other

It is our vision that we spend more energy celebrating good habits and behaviors than we spend attending to misbehaviors.





Co- and Extra-Curricular Offerings

It is our vision that students will engage in multiple afterschool activities to help provide a well-rounded educational experience.

*Chess is offered through E-Sports October-February. There is the possibility of an in person chess club, depending on instructor availability.

Q: Will there be a Safety Patrol?

A: There isn't a plan for one yet, but could be added

	5th	6th	7th	8th
Theater Shows	x	x	x	x
Music Open Studio	x	x	x	x
Student Council	x	x	x	x
E-Sports	x	x	x	x
Power of the Pen			x	x
Cross Country (begins in August)			x	x
Volleyball (begins in August)			x	x
Co-ed Soccer (begins in August)			x	x
Basketball (begins in November)			x	x
Cheer Club (begins in November)			x	x
Co-ed Baseball (begins in March)			x	x
Track and Field (begins in March)			x	x





Traditions

- **Halloween Parade** MS/HS has a "Costume Contest"
- **Skate Nights** PTO Skate Nights will continue to be open to 5th and 6th grade students
- **Field Day**
- **5th and 6th Grade Dance** PTO will continue to sponsor the 5th/6th grade dance
- **Talent Show** There will be a talent show for at least K-6 to participate
- **Other PTO and School Events** The goal of the PTO is to continue to support the 5th/6th grade students and teachers

It is our vision that some old traditions will come along to middle school, while others that may not serve 5th and 6th grade students will be left at Mills Lawn School, and other new traditions will be created.

*Please reach out to PTOMillsLawn@gmail.com if you have additional questions or comments!



Next Steps

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Timeline

- Gym, Office, and Band Room Open Late May/Early June
- Middle and High School Wings Open Mid August
- Choir Room, Scene Shop, and Theater Open in November

It is our vision that students and families will have ample opportunities to tour the facility and meet staff during the week before the school year starts.

Q: When will there be an Open House?

A: Due to construction constraints, the date for Open House will have to be announced with short notice. It will likely be the week before school starts.

Q: How will communications go out to parents?

A: The MS/HS uses Parent Square. During the school year, parents can log into their child's Progress Book.



Thank you
for a great year ahead!

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