Making Knights, Tigers and Bears: Bulldogs

Transitioning from 5th to 6th grade
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A little about me...

Let's get it started

What will you need:
- Your phone
- Pencil or Pen or Markers
- Resource Kit
Who?

- Monroe County Schools
  - 4 fun facts about MC

- 2nd Oldest Female College In the World: Tift College

- TLC’s 7 Little Johnstons

- Atlanta Falcons Birdlady
Who?

- Monroe County Schools
  - 5 Schools
    - 3 Elementary Schools
    - 1 Middle School
      - 2 locations
        - 6th grade
    - 1 High School
      - Around 4300 students
Who?

My Dream Team
- 3 Elementary School Counselors
  - 5th Grade Teachers
  - Each School Admin Team
- My Admin Team
  - Principal
  - 2 Assistant Principals
  - Co-Counselor
  - IC
  - 6th Grade Teachers
  - Media Specialist
  - Parent Involvement Specialist
  - Student Volunteers
  - All Cafe and Custodial Staff
What?

- Core Curriculum
- Lunch and Learns
- Field Trips (Students)
- Visitation Night (Parents)
- Open House
- After the first day...
During my time at each school, I get with each counselor to identify grade level “superstars”.

- Transition Step #1
  - Core Curriculum
    - Next Slides
  - Lunch and Learns
    - Mini Q & A

- Planning
  - Starts in November/December
    - Calendar
  - Confirmed with MVPs
    - Confirmed with Admin. Team
    - Confirmed with Teachers

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What?/When?

- Planning
Welcome to the Sixth Grade!

Monroe County Middle School
6th Grade Campus
6th grade classes
2015-2016

Math
Science
Social Studies
ELA
Specials #1
Specials #2

= 6 teachers total
A day in the life of a 6th grader...

● Arrival
  ○ When you arrive in the morning, you report to the lunchroom. Breakfast is served until 8:00 a.m.
  ○ If you chose to not eat breakfast, you will report to the gym until 7:45 a.m. At 7:45 a.m. you will report homeroom.
    (Here you will watch the school news, recite the pledge and your teacher will take attendance.)
  ○ During homeroom, you will go to your locker to get all of your materials for your morning classes.
Just a reminder

- At 8:00, you are late.
A day in the life of a 6th grader...

Connections

● Connections classes are like “specials” in elementary school. These are classes that explore other areas of learning.
● P.E., Band, Chorus, Business Education, Technology, and Art

(Students may sign-up for Band and Chorus.)
● You will be assigned 2 connections per semester.
Connections

PE
Band
Chorus
Business Education
Robotics
Art
Agriculture
Technology
A day in the life of a sixth-grader!

• Lunch
  - Our lunch time is scheduled between our academic classes. (There are two academic classes before lunch and two after.)
  - We go to lunch and sit with our class.

• Lockers
  - After lunch, we have another locker break where you will get all of the materials you will need for your afternoon classes.
Bulldog Break
A day in the life of a sixth-grader!

- Dismissal
  - At the end of the school day, students go to their locker one last time - to put away books and gather any materials they need for homework.
  - Students are dismissed to their ride or bus by intercom and must stay in the classroom until they are called.
School Rules

- All school rules can be found in the agenda.
- All school rules and classroom rules will be reviewed during the first days of school - all students are expected to behave appropriately.
- School and classroom rules are strictly enforced.
Expectations of Sixth Graders

- Your sixth grade teachers will expect you to:
  - Follow all school and classroom rules.
  - Be in dress code each day.
  - Be respectful to your teachers and peers.
  - Come to each class prepared.
  - Complete all classwork and homework assignments on time.
  - Enjoy the 6th grade!
Lockers

- Lockers are a privilege, not a right!
  - You will get three locker breaks each day.
  - You are expected to get your materials during locker breaks, not in the middle of class.
  - You are expected to keep your locker neat and tidy - no trash or wadded up papers!
  - Abusing your locker privileges can result in your locker being taken away from you.
Hallway Expectations

- Right side of the hallway
- Silent Transitions
PBIS
Code of Conduct
Positive Attitude
Act Responsibly
Work Hard
Show Respect
Welcome to the Sixth Grade!

- Starting middle school can be a little overwhelming and there are many new experiences awaiting you!
- Your teachers understand this and will do all they can to make your transition to the middle school as pleasant as possible!
- We look forward to helping you achieve your personal best at MCMS!
Ideas to use...

- Who could you use on your DREAM TEAM?
  - MVPs?
- Who would not be helpful on your team?
  - Why or Why not?
What?

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What?/ Where?

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● **Field Trips**
  ○ Each school comes to tour the 6th grade campus
    ■ Each school creates a permission slip and arranges transportation

● **What is it like?**

● **Who are the teachers? What are they like?**
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● Visitation Nights (Parents)

Night #1 Leadership University

■ Academic Support/ Curriculum Changes
  ● Advanced Classes
    ○ Requirements
    ○ School Supply list/Dress code

Night #2 Parent Visitation Night

One STOP Shop
What?

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What?

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Open House

- During Pre-Planning
What?

Core Curriculum
Lunch and Learns
Field Trips (Students)
Visitation Night (Parents)
Open House
After the first day...
After the first day...

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• New students
  ○ Mini Boosters on transition info
  ○ Follow-Up for the first 8–12 weeks of school
Things to remember...

- Minor things
  - Directional Signs
  - Sign example
  - Elementary Flyer
  - Info for parents
  - Plans for your other students during transition events
    - Layout Plan
  - Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
  - Create an agenda for everything
  - Leadership U
  - Sign-in Sheets
  - Example

- Major things
  - Needs Assessment Data
    - Teachers
    - Students
    - Parents
    - 5th grade needs assessment
    - Data to use...
  - Student Tour Guides (Volunteer Club)
    - Info session
    - Notes
    - Walking tours
    - Parent helpers
    - +50 students for clubs
  - Student Transition Documents
    - Mega Tracking Sheets
    - RTI/504/EIP files
      - Attending 5th grade meetings
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WHY?

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Students  Parents
TPS

Think- Complete your graphic organizer
Pair- Compare with an elbow partner
Share- Share one idea with the group
Q&A
Resource Kit

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