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Thank you for choosing to send your child to our school! We strive to create an atmosphere of creativity and academic excellence by fostering positive relationships and accountability for behaviors. We teach our students to work hard so that they can play hard as we establish a structure of goal setting and incentives that are meaningful to them. We look forward to partnering with you and your child to create a successful school experience!

OFFICE STAFF

Jamie Price, Principal--jprice@mpsbuffs.org
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Click below to access the
MPS 2025–2026 District School Calendar

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Parker Staff Roster

PIC STAFF LIST 2025-2026		
Last Name	**First Name**	**Position**
Adams	Jarrett	Band Director
Aguirre	Judith	ELL Teacher
Alvarez	Olga	Custodian
Beshears	Kourtnee	LPC
Brewster	Rae	5th/6th Special Ed
Cervantes	Cassandra	ATS
Duff	Sarah	5th Grade Math
Emerson	Denise	Librarian
Harris	Jill	5th Grade Reading
Hart	Ashleigh	6th Grade Reading
Hart	Doug	5th Grade Science
Hearod	Ethan	Paraprofessional
Helm	Yolanda	6th Grade Reading
Hoover	Melissa	Counselor
Howell	Jennifer	Office Assistant
Inman	Lounette	6th Social Studies
Johnson	Denisha	Custodian
Johnson	Derek	Band Director

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Kennon	Holly	Art
Kirkpatrick	Romona	Paraprofessional
Lesnau	Lacy	5th Math Special Ed
Lopez	Tiffany	Band Director
Lopez	Francisco	Band Director
Lund	Lexey	5th Grade Science
Mack	Samy	6th Grade Social Studies
Maddux	Erika	6th Math Special Ed
Mason	AJ	5th/6th Athletics
Matthews	Brienne	6th Math
Moore	Jeff	Campus Police Officer
Neill	Holly	5th Grade Social Studies
Neill	Phillip	PE Teacher
Nelson	D'Aunn	Title 1 Paraprofessional
Owens	Amy	5th Math
Price	Mark	Band Director
Price	Jamie	Principal
Rampey	Ashley	6th Math
Roldan	Wendy	5th Reading Special Ed
Rollins	Kole	Paraprofessional
Scherman	Rebekah	6th Science
Sherrill	Twylia	5th Grade STEM
Sistrunk	Billie	CAT Director

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Skimbo	Johnny	5th Social Studies
Smead	Amy	5th Reading
Sontag	Grant	Behavior Counselor
Stephenson	Amy	6th Reading Special Ed
Strobridge	Victoria	Paraprofessional
Sutterfield	Tiffani	Assistant Principal
Talbert	Brock	6th Grade Science
Thompson	Rhonda	Computer Teacher
Todd	Billie	Secretary
Yott	Claire	5/6 Special Ed
Zuniga	Marina	Custodian

MORNING PROCEDURES

Our school opens at 7:15am every morning for student drop–off. Students will eat in the cafeteria and then go to the gym with a teacher until being dismissed to outside recess (weather permitting) at 7:30am. We will close the north gate (6th grade drop–off area) at 7:30 to have a morning recess from 7:30–7:35am. All students will report to 1st hour at 7:35am. The tardy bell rings at 7:45am.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Pick–up begins at 3:00pm. We are the FIRST school to release, so plan to start with us if you pick up at multiple schools. All parents will be given a sign with their child 's name at Open House to display in their car windshield. A teacher will come out to the car line at 2:50pm to send names to our Lead Pick–Up Teacher. Once the bell rings at 3:00pm, car kids will come out to the pick–up area. Please make sure your car sign is visible.

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**Students that walk home will be released once the car line has cleared for safety reasons (approximately 3:15).

LOCKERS

All students will be issued a locker. Our lockers do not have locks on them. Students have the option to bring their own combination lock or key lock to use on their locker. Students who bring their own lock will need to leave a copy of the combination or key in the office. **Students are not allowed to carry their phones on their person during the school day, so it is suggested that you have a lock for your locker or it can be checked in at the office until 3:00pm.**

CHROMEBOOKS

Every Parker student will use a Chromebook in all of their core and some specials classes as a resource for instruction. Yearly insurance is available for $25. Families will have to opt–in or opt–out of insurance for the year prior to October 15th.

SCHOOL MEALS

Breakfast and lunch are FREE at Parker! Students can bring their own lunch. Students may purchase additional items for lunch. Money can be loaded onto your child's My School Bucks account or they can bring cash. **Students cannot carry around food (only a water bottle) during the school day unless a 504 with specific accommodations are required. It must be consumed in the cafeteria during the designated time.**
Monthly Breakfast and Lunch Menus are posted on the school website: CLICK HERE

LUNCH CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

Students are not allowed to have fast–food/restaurant food brought to school for lunch. We do allow students that earn Character Club to have fast–food/restaurant food brought to school on their designated day as an incentive for earning Character Club.

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WATER BOTTLES

Students will need to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. We have 1 water fountain that can be used if students forget their water bottle.

SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The complete MPS Student Handbook is available on the school website: www.mpsbuffs.org
Listed below are the issues that we generally handle the most during the school year:

- Cell Phones and Smart Watches (even if they are wifi only) are not allowed to be worn or carried on a student while at school. If students bring their cell phone or smart watch, they can leave it in their locker or check it in the office. Please review our cell phone policy with your child: PARKER CELL PHONE POLICY
- Toys are not allowed at school.
- Dress Code:
    - Bare midriff cannot be shown.
    - Shorts and skirts should be at mid–thigh
    - **All dress code violations are up to the discretion of the Principal.*

DRESS CODE

The McAlester Board of Education has established a student dress code to allow students to express themselves while establishing and maintaining a positive, safe and inclusive learning environment for students to engage in education. Generally, dress and grooming standards are determined by the students and their parents will not be questioned. The only requirements the board of education insists upon are that students' dress and grooming shall not lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming will materially and substantially disrupt or interfere with a student's education, school activities, or create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others. In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation shall establish a dress and grooming code for the public school system.

Hats/Headwear: Students shall not wear hats or headwear in the building unless a medical or religious exception exists.

Clothing:

- Shirts may not be sheer or mesh and must cover the entire trunk of the body. Messages on shirts shall not include illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other products that may not be utilized by children. Vulgar and/or obscene messages are prohibited and will be subject to discipline under the student discipline code.
- Pants, shorts, skirts and skorts shall be worn at the waist and must be not shorter than mid-thigh.
- Hats or headwear may be worn on spirit days with the permission of the administration. With the exception of religious and medical hats or headwear, other head coverings are prohibited.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in the building unless medically necessary and documented.

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WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Every week, teachers will give assignments that are due by Friday unless assigned otherwise. Our goal is for all students to submit their work to stay on track! For students who do not submit their work on time, they may be assigned Academic Detention from 3:00–4:00pm from Monday through Friday. Teachers will send home a note or have the student call home to notify parents that they were unable to complete their assignment and when they will need to stay after school. We want our students to be responsible, practice time management and not fail their classes for missing assignments.

Teachers will give a a copy of their syllabus and expectations at Open House and send on the Parent Square app after school starts.

OPTIONS FOR SPORTS

- Fall Sports–PRACTICE WILL BE DURING SCHOOL unless Coach Mason calls additional practice
    - Girls (Softball & Basketball), Boys (Basketball)
- All students and parents will be required to sign a contract with academic and behavior expectations for their child to participate in basketball. The majority of our games occur during the school day, so if students are behind in their classwork, they will not be allowed to leave class to play in the game.
- Students must maintain a "80 or higher" average in all of their classes to participate in the games. We check grades every Monday to determine their eligibility for the week.
- Behavior and consequences that are given will be factored into a student's participation in athletic practice and games.
- Winter Sports–We are planning to offer wrestling for 5th and 6th grade. Practice will be at 7:00am when season starts.
- Spring Sports–PRACTICE WILL BE DURING SCHOOL unless Coach Mason calls additional practice
    - Girls (Track/Field), Boys (Baseball, Track/Field)
    - Tennis for Boys & Girls (Practice will be after school when season starts)

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- **Same ACADEMIC & BEHAVIOR expectations for FALL AND SPRING SPORTS**

5th Grade Classes

- All 5th grade students will be enrolled in Math, Reading, Social Studies, Science and two classes of Special Electives Rotation of (Art, PE, STEAM, Library will rotate each quarter) for the full school year. All students will also have one RTI class the last 30 minutes of the day.
- Students can choose to participate in Athletics for one of their electives. They will be enrolled for the semester if they are participating in the sports that are practicing during school time.
- All 5th grade students will have the opportunity to try out for Band at the end of the year for their upcoming 6th grade year.

5th Grade Car Line Route

Click Here : https://youtu.be/xFk07bisX6A

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5TH CAR LINE

LINE UP ON 6TH STREET HEADING NORTH. TURN RIGHT INTO THE FRONT CIRCLE & PICKUP YOUR CHILD. TAKE A LEFT EXIT AT THE END OF THE CIRCLE AND DRIVE SOUTH ON 6TH STREET.

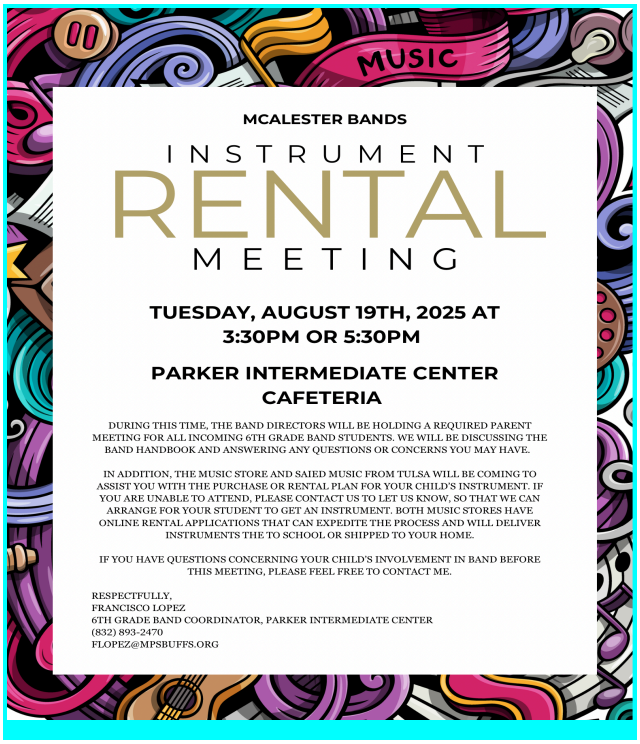
5TH GRADE DROP OFF & PICK UP:
ENTER THE FRONT CIRCLE DRIVE FROM POLK OR SOUTH 6TH STREET.
IF YOU ALSO HAVE A 5TH OR 6TH STUDENT, THEY WILL PICK UP WITH THEIR YOUNGER SIBLING.
(EXIT LEFT TURN ONLY ON 6TH)

Parents may also park in the football field parking lot and walk across the street to the designated pick up location with your car tag. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE SENT ACROSS THE STREET. A parent/guardian must pick them up from the crosswalk or car line area.

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6th Grade Classes

- All 6th grade students will be enrolled in Math, Reading, Social Studies, Science and 1 Elective (Band or a rotation of Typing) for the full school year and 1 Rotation of Career Explorations or Athletics.
- All students will also have one RTI class the last 30 minutes of the day.
- All 6th grade students will have the opportunity to choose Band. 6th grade is the only beginning band class offered to McAlester students. Students who choose NOT to take band will not have an opportunity to join at a later time.
- All NEW 6th graders will try out instruments on the first day of school and meet with a director to select their instrument if they choose to join the band. The Parent and Rental Meeting for instruments will be on Tuesday, August 19th in the Parker Cafeteria at 3:30pm and 5:30pm. Families will meet with the directors then have the opportunity to visit 2 music stores about rental options. If your child already has an instrument or you need help with a rental, email Mr. Lopez at flopez@mpsbuffs.org



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6th Grade Car Line Route

Click Here for Video: https://youtu.be/6F-RnUNjsy4



6TH GRADE DROP OFF & PICK UP:
HEADING SOUTH ON 6TH STREET, TURN LEFT INTO THE GATED DRIVEWAY NEXT TO THE PLAYGROUND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SCHOOL.
EXIT-RIGHT TURN ONLY ONTO 6TH

**Parents may also park in the football field parking lot and walk across the street to the designated pick up location with your car tag. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE SENT ACROSS THE STREET. A parent/guardian must pick them up from the crosswalk or car line area.*

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SCHOOL VISITORS

We love having people come visit our school! You will need to check in at the office, scan your driver's license and get a visitor badge before entering the building.

Schoolwide Character Program

At Parker, we implement the PBIS or Positive Behavior Intervention Systems.
Click the following areas below to learn about our programs:
Parker PBIS CHARACTER PROGRAM
Parker Character Reward Program for Buffalo Bonus Cards
Parker CHARACTER TRAITS WORD OF THE MONTH

Other Incentive Programs at Parker Include:

- **Positive Office Referral**

Every week, a teacher will nominate one student that displays the character word of the month. The teacher will fill out the Google Form "Positive Office Referral". The office will call students down individually and make a parent contact. The student will earn 30 minutes in the game room.

- **Monthly Character Assembly**

Teachers will select one student from their grade level and fill out a nomination form. Mrs. Hoover will read the nomination forms at our monthly assembly and have the selected child come to the front to be recognized. Mrs. Hoover will send home a lunch invitation form with each nominated child to invite their parents to school for lunch the following week. Students whose parents are unable to attend can invite a friend to sit with them. We will have a designated area for the Character luncheon. **Character Club students can have lunch brought in on their designated celebration day from local restaurants or fast food.**

Assembly Dates: (Times TBA)

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September 26th
October 31st
December 5th (Combine November and December)
January 30th
February 27th
March 27th
May 8th (Combine April and May)

AR Goals

We use the Accelerated Reading Program at our school. The program takes the STAR Reading score from a child and gives them a lexile range that helps guide our teachers, librarian, and students to choose books that are challenging yet achievable to increase reading comprehension. Students are also assigned a 12 point Reading Point Goal each 9 weeks of school. After a student reads their book, they take an "AR Test" that asks comprehension questions and gives them points and an accuracy score based on how many questions they answered correctly.

We use AR to monitor reading progress, set individual goals and teach our students how to be responsible and accountable for their learning. For our students that meet their individual AR goal with an 80% average comprehension score from their book tests will earn the following:

AR Incentives (Date/Times TBA)

1st Quarter: Chadick Park Picnic and Play
2nd Quarter: Inflatables in Gym
3rd Quarter: Field Day at FB Stadium
4th Quarter: Water Slides Day

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We have many students who wish to challenge themselves and reach for higher goals. We have created the following incentives for our students:

Mrs. Price's High AR Goal Incentives

Students who earn 10 AR points over their goal with a 90% comprehension average during the 9 weeks will earn 3 signed Buffalo Bonus Cards.

Mrs. Sutterfield's 20 Point Over Club

Students who earn 20 AR points over their goal with a 90% comprehension average during the 9 weeks will earn the following incentives:

- ★ 1st Quarter: Slushies from Sonic
- ★ 2nd Quarter: Ice Cream Sundaes
- ★ 3rd Quarter: Pizza Party
- ★ 4th Quarter: Snow Cones