



Hartford Upper Elementary School

*Incoming 5th Grade Parent
Orientation*



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Important People

*Administration, Guidance Department
Health Office*

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Organization

Team Structure, Schedule, Classes

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General Information

*Attendance Policy, Clubs, Parent
Pick-up , Medication*

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Self-Guided Building Tour

Hartford School

Fast Facts



891

students

Proj. 2024-25
(5th-456 6th-435)



96

Staff members



44

Homerooms



8

Teams



Mascot

Duke

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Hartford Office Staff Introductions

- Administration
- Guidance Department
- Child Study Team
- Health Office



Hartford Administrative Team

5th



***Ms. Mary Anne Vastardis
Assistant Principal***



***Mr. Marques Stanard
Principal***

6th



***Mr. Shawn Blackshear
Assistant Principal***

Hartford Counseling Office

5th



Ms. Jaclyn Kennedy
School Counselor



Ms. Simone Sabatini
Student Success Counselor

6th



Ms. Mary Beth Perella
School Counselor

Child Study Team



Ms. Erica Nikoo

School Psychologist

**Ms. Samantha
Nimms**

**Learning Disabilities
Teacher Consultant**

Ms. Charlene Hunt

School Social Worker



Ms. Lisa Doulong
School Nurse
(BSN, RN,CSN)



Ms. Erica Fusco
School Nurse
(BSN, RN, CPN,
CSN)

Health Office Guidelines

If Your Child is Sick:



- Check PowerSchool phone numbers
- Have a prearranged plan for who will pick up

Medications



- Parent/Guardian drop off
- New orders
- Forms in District Parent Portal

Class Parties



- Store-bought food with labels
- Homemade food will be returned to you



Sports Physicals

- Needed for after school sport clubs
- Good for ONE calendar year from date of exam

PE Class



- Water bottle
- Dr. note to be excused
- Crutches/elevator

Absences



- 856-231-5899 option 2



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Our School Structure

Teams
School Day
Schedule

Student Dismissal/Parent Pick-up Procedures



Our 5th Grade Teams



Team Courage

- Ms. Rogers
- Ms. Kueny
- Ms. Grandinetti
- Ms. Musgrove
- Ms. Naticchione
- Ms. Wetzel



Team Inspire

Mr. Gaddy
Ms. Dyer
Ms. Ashton
Ms. Longo
Ms. Gaskins
Ms. Hamilton



Team Respect

- Ms. VonBerg
- Ms. Sano
- Ms. D' Amato
- Ms. Vitale



Team Effort

Ms. Krick
Ms. Booker
Ms. DiLeonardo
Ms. Bahm
Ms. Whitten
Ms. Henderson

Your School Day

- Parent Drop-off begins @ 7:45 in the lane closest to Hartford Rd
- Parents must wait with students in their cars prior to 7:45
- Enter the parking lot through the entrance closest to Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road- nearest to the marquee (not Jefferson Ave)
- Strongly encourage you to utilize buses

Morning Drop-off



Your School Day

- 7:45 am- Parent Drop-off is 7:45am (no earlier)
Students get off buses @ 7:45am
- 8:00-8:23 am- Homeroom/Advisory Meeting
- 8:25am- 1st Period begins
- 2:35pm- End of the day/PM Homeroom



5th Grade Schedule



Language Arts/Math

- 80 minute Block everyday



Related Arts/PE

- Rotational Schedule
- 60 min every other day
- 20-min recess

- 30-min lunch
- 1st lunch @ 10:27
- Last lunch @ 12:25



Science/SS



Lunch

Schedule

Sample 5th Grade Schedule

DYER A	HR	LA - A	GYM (Day 1) Related Arts (Day 2)	RECESS	LA - B	LE CI THRO OCKE	Lunch 30	LE CI THRO OCKE	LA - B	SS/SC A	HR
GADDY B	HR	MATH - B	GYM (Day 2) Related Arts (Day 1)	RECESS	MATH - A	LE CI THRO OCKE	Lunch 30	LE CI THRO OCKE	MATH - A	SS/SC B	HR

Student Dismissal/Student Pick-up

- Students must ride their assigned bus home and get off at assigned bus stop
- Bus assignments for families with separated parents
- Students are dismissed in two separate waves
- Clubs are on Tuesday & Thursday
- Late buses leave the school 4:00-4:30pm
- No Before Care Program/After Care Program (Offc. of Comm. Ed)

Student pick-up

- 5th grade side of building
- Must have ID
- Ongoing vs. occasional
- Other adults picking up a student
- Updated contact information very important/custody agreements



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General Information

- *Attendance Guidelines*
- *School Supplies*
- *What if I have a Concern?*
- *Who do I ask if....?*

Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities

- Over 30 different clubs and activities
- FALL/SPRING Season
- Club Days- Tuesday & Thursdays
- Transportation/Parent Pick-up
- Sports Physicals vs. School Physical

Club Examples

Wiffle Ball Club	Beach Volleyball	Model Rocket
Hartford Scoop	Student Council	Homework Club
Math Tutoring Club	Cooking Club	5 th & 6 th Basketball
Cross Country	Choir/Band /Orchestra	Art Club
Lego Builders	Chess	Honor Society

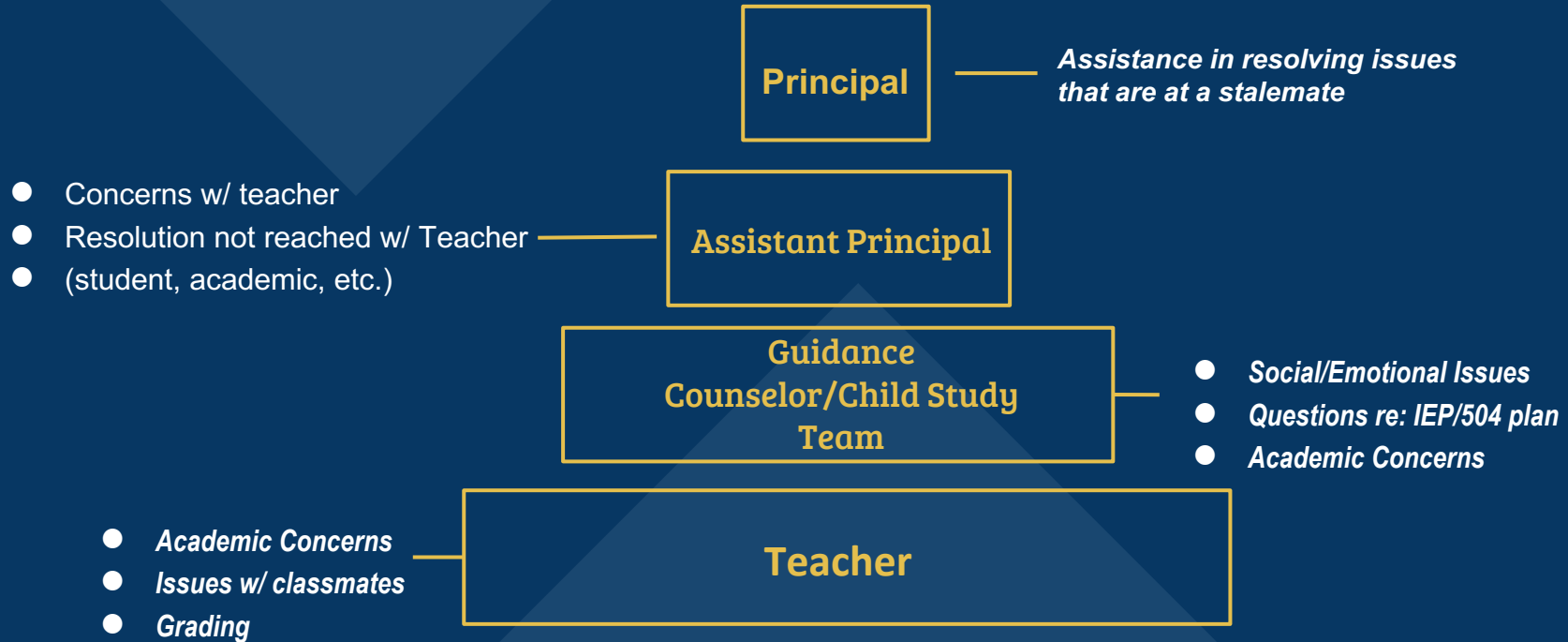
School Supplies

- Lists for each grade will be posted on the school website in mid-July
- Team Teachers will communicate any additional supplies needed
- All students will receive a locker to hold supplies
- Bookbags with wheels will not fit
- Lockers will be available during the summer to practice in July
- (1) planner will be given to each student
- Students' responsibility to write daily homework assignments & to make up missed assignments

Attendance

- Students are expected to be in HR by 8:00am
- Students taking the bus and arrive late will not be marked late
- Students in the Parent Drop-off lane after 8:00 will be marked late
- Communication is very important regarding attendance
- Students with a combined total of 10 absences/tardies referred to Municipal Court
- 5-day Notice
- Vacations
- Missed work, lasting longer than 10 days (leaving the country)

When Challenges Arise



Who do I Speak with if...?

I need a teacher with
certain traits for my
child to be successful

General 5th
grade questions

I need my child
separated from
another student?

Questions about
placement?

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