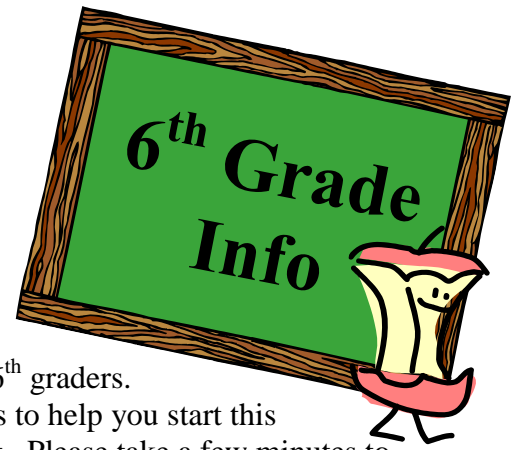


## Welcome 6th Grade Student and Parents!

We are excited to have you join the Grizzlies at Spencer County Middle School!



Your future teachers want to make this year successful for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The following information is provided by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to help you start this year smoothly and prepare you for your job- a full time student. Please take a few minutes to review the information below and keep it as a reference.

**Demerits.** Starting in August your full time job is to be a sixth grade student. In order to do your job well you need to be prepared, work hard, and maintain a good attitude. It's up to *you* to take ownership of your academics and help make this a productive year.

If you are doing your job well, you don't need to worry about demerits. You may earn demerits for not meeting expectations, including tardies, missing assignments, inappropriate classroom conduct, etc.

Demerits are totaled weekly by core academic teachers. If you earn five demerits in one week, you will miss freedom time on Friday. If you earn five demerits in a week for two consecutive weeks, you will earn an after-school detention (ASD). You may also earn an ASD for three tardies in a core academic class during a nine week grading period. If continued behavior issues exist or behavior disrupts the learning environment, you should expect to earn in-school detention for a class period(s) or after school detention based on what the teacher deems suitable.

**Grizzly Bucks.** Sixth graders participate in a token economy system called Grizzly Bucks. Throughout the year you have opportunities to earn Grizzly Bucks and participate in auctions just for doing your job- being a student. Auctions are held throughout the school year and allow you to place bids on prizes with the money you've earned. However, if you don't do your job well, you may lose your money. The chart below describes ways to earn and lose money.


+Earnings+ \$100	-Expenditures- \$100
Completed Homework	Leave the Classroom
"A" on an Assessment	Cell Phone
Display of Grizzly Character	Not Prepared
T-Shirt Friday	Gum



To make Grizzly Bucks successful, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers encourage participation from parents and local businesses. If you are interested in donating auction prizes, working with local business to collect donations, or organizing auction events, please contact Luke Penrod at [luke.penrod@spencer.kyschools.us](mailto:luke.penrod@spencer.kyschools.us).

**Student Dress Code.** Please be aware of the SCMS student dress code listed below. The student dress code information is taken directly from the SCMS student handbook; for more detailed information please refer to the student handbook in your agenda. If a student violates the student dress code, parents will be called to provide appropriate clothing. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action.

<b>Prohibited Dress</b>	
<b>The following is <i>not</i> allowed during the regular school day at Spencer County Middle School.</b>	
1. Hats, scarves, bandanas, or sunglasses.	6. Gang colors and symbols.
2. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, low cut, or crop shirts.	7. Chains (clothing, jewelry, or wallets) or pocket knives are not allowed.
3. Clothing with rude, vulgar distracting imprints, or discriminates against any group, race, or creed should be worn.	8. Body piercing, except for ears.
4. Tobacco or alcohol logos or images.	9. Spandex/lycra, stretch material, or pajama-like clothing.
5. Jeans with holes above the knees.	10. Writing on any body parts with ink or sharpies

<b>Additional Dress Code Guidelines</b>	
1. No heavy coats are to be worn during school hours, except with teacher permission.	
2. Backpacks of any type are to remain in the locker during the school day. (Purses and drawstring backpacks are allowed, see image.)	
3. Shorts, skirts and dresses must have a hemline no shorter than 4 inches from the back of the knee crease.	
4. Waists of pants should be at or above the waistline. No sagging, dragging, or bagging pants.	

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams.** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade is made up of two teams for the core classes. If any questions or concerns arise during the school year, please e-mail the teacher or reach them by phone via the school office at #477-3260.

Blue Team	Gold Team
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Beth Burge (Language Arts & Tier 2 Intervention) <a href="mailto:Beth.Burge@spencer.kyschools.us">Beth.Burge@spencer.kyschools.us</a>	TBA (Language Arts)
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Many of your teachers send out information via e-mail or class website. Please look for this additional information at the beginning of the school year to stay up to date with what's going on at SCMS.

We look forward to a successful year!

Sincerely,  
Your 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers