Hello Timberwolf Families!

My name is Jill Barrett and I’m excited to join the staff of EMS as the new Principal. I’m very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and a high-quality middle school experience.

Before joining EMS, I served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past 17 years, primarily with the Auburn School District. Some of the roles I have held include 2nd – 9th grade classroom teacher, special education teacher, reading specialist/staff developer, dean of students, and assistant principal.

After many conversations and opportunities to work with staff at EMS, one thing is certain; there is a shared value that student learning encompasses more than just academics. In addition to great instruction, we will continue and grow our work in:

- Student leadership and student connection to school
- Social and emotional growth and support
- Digital citizenship

Lastly, I am forever grateful to Mr. Rabb for the hours he spent with me leading up to the end of the 2016-2017 school year. The generosity of time and wisdom shared was above and beyond anything I had anticipated. As I told Mr. Rabb, I have been pinching myself daily. I am truly blessed to be part of our Timberwolf family!

Sincerely,

Jill Barrett
Principal
BACK-TO-SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 28 Timberwolf Day — 7th & 8th Grade 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
6th Grade/New Student Orientation 12:30 p.m.— 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5 First Day of School — Doors open at 7:30 a.m.
+ 6th graders and new 7th & 8th graders who were not able to attend the August 28th orientation; pick up your schedule in the cafeteria and report to the gym.
+ All returning 7th & 8th graders who have paid their fines, pick up your schedules in the cafeteria and report to your 1st period teacher at 8 a.m.

6 Fall Sports begin — All paperwork must be turned in to be eligible
19 Open House—6:30pm

OCTOBER 5 Picture Makeups & Retakes

6 No School-Teacher In-Service Day
21 Fall Newsletter posted on-line

NOVEMBER Fall Concert — TBA
9 No School — Teacher planning
11 No School — Veterans’ Day
16,17,20,21 Conference Days K-8 — Students 1/2 Day, 11:15 a.m. Release
22 Early Release 1/2 Day — 11:15 a.m.
23,24 No School — THANKSGIVING VACATION

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Mark Tuesday, September 19th, on your calendar as EMS OPEN HOUSE. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with an introduction to middle school staff. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their student’s teachers and walk through his/her daily schedule.
You will also have an opportunity to become acquainted with our educational program. We encourage your participation in this important event.

Enumclaw School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Title IX Coordinator &
Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator
Director of Human Relations
2929 McDougall Avenue
Enumclaw WA  98022
360.802.7113

Section 504/ADA Coordinator
Director of Student Support Services
2929 McDougall Ave
Enumclaw WA  98022
360.802.7104
**IMPORTANT**

Fall sports season begins September 6th!

Turn in all of your child’s eligibility paperwork at the Athletic Clearance table during Timberwolf Day. Athletic forms can be found on our webpage at: [http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/schools/middleschool/athletic_information.aspx](http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/schools/middleschool/athletic_information.aspx)

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**INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Private or school insurance is required to participate in any sport.

School insurance is available for students to purchase if they aren’t covered. Forms are available in the EMS Office and at the sports activity clearance table at Timberwolf Day, August 28th.

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**Athletic Clearance**

- Turn in a current physical form with doctor and parent information completed. The signed physical date cannot expire before the end of the season in which your student is participating. Physicals are good for 2 years and cannot expire during the season the student is participating in. Physicals that are still valid will be transferred to the High School. **We highly recommend you schedule physicals during the summer to prepare your student for the fall sport season!**

- Students must have medical insurance. School insurance forms are available in the Main Office.

- Turn in a Blue Card with current emergency information. One of these must be filled out for each sport and turned in approximately two weeks before that sport begins. On Timberwolf Day, we will accept Blue Cards for FALL SPORTS ONLY.

- Students and Parents must sign a Concussion Form required by the State of Washington. (This form is available at the athletic clearance table, main office and our school website)

- Purchase a $21 ASB card and pay a yearly $52 athletic user fee. (Non refundable after the first competition) Football requires an additional $38 fee. (Non refundable after equipment is passed out)

- Maintain passing grades in 5 classes.

- The student shall not have reached their 15th birthday prior to June 1, 2017.

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**Fall Sports**

- 7th/8th Boys Baseball
- 7th/8th Girls Fastpitch
- 6th/7th/8th Coed Track

**Fall ASB Club**

Yearbook club (year-long)

Coaches send home practice & game schedules with athletes at the beginning of each season.

Varsity & JV game schedules are also available on our EMS website: [http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/schools/middleschool/athletics_schedules.aspx](http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/schools/middleschool/athletics_schedules.aspx)

Order your 2017-18 Timberwolf Spiritwear now!

The Enumclaw Middle School store at Cloud 9 Sports is open! Please logon with the link below to order a variety of clothing options.

[https://e9sportssm.tuosystems.com/stores/enumclaw-middle-school--zht60](https://e9sportssm.tuosystems.com/stores/enumclaw-middle-school--zht60)

Order by Sept. 10th to receive your items in early Oct.

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**The Center for Disease Control recommends a Meningococcal conjugate vaccine for all preteens and teens at 11 to 12 years old. Please read the link below and talk to your family Doctor.**

TIMBERWOLF DAY
Monday, August 28, 2017
6th graders and new students: 12:30-3pm
7th & 8th Graders 9:00-11:00

Orientation:
Meet the 6th grade teachers, administrators and counselor.
Take a tour of EMS.
Learn how to open a locker.

Shot Records:
Please bring your required immunization records for the 6th grade. State law requires up to date immunizations by the first day of school. Our school nurse will be available to drop off your record and answer any questions.

Purchase:
♦ ASB cards: $21 (year-long savings & required for sports/ASB Clubs)
♦ Enhanced ASB sticker: $21, allows entry into Enumclaw High’s home sporting events for free.
♦ Yearbook: $23 on Timberwolf Day, $28 if purchased after Timberwolf Day.
♦ Athletic User Fee: $52 for the entire year of sports (non-refundable after the first competition)
♦ PE Uniforms: $7 shirt, $13 shorts

The above fees are collected at main cash station and can be paid with one check.
Cash or checks payable to EMS for exact amount, please.
We will also have one station where credit and debit cards will be accepted.

♦ Lunch Account deposits will be accepted in the Cafeteria. (cash or check only)
♦ School pictures: Lifetouch Photography will be here taking pictures of all students for ASB cards and the Yearbook; purchasing photos is optional. Order forms will be available at Timberwolf Day or online.

★ After Timberwolf Day, fees will not be accepted until the first day of school. ★

P.E. Uniforms
EMS requires students to wear a physical education uniform for class.

TOP: Must be a plain red or white (solid color) T-shirt, no collars, buttons, pockets, pictures, etc. allowed.

SHORTS: Must be solid black with elastic waistband, pull-on style gym short with no pockets, zippers, snaps, belts, etc. No bicycle style shorts, or spandex tights allowed.

Free & Reduced Lunch Procedure
EMS collects applications and then sends them to Central Kitchen for approval. Applications turned in on Timberwolf Day are usually cleared by the first day of school.
After Timberwolf Day, please allow 5 days for approval.
Students need to reapply each year — accounts have a grace period through September. Reapply today.

Stop by the Attendance Office on Timberwolf Day to apply for your Family Access login or apply online:
http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/families/familyaccess/application.aspx
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Returning 7th and 8th Graders—scheduled times by last name:

- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM  A-F
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  G-L
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM  M-R
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM  S-Z

Purchase:

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FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE:
A student 11 years or older will need his/her TDAP immunization before school starts. This is required by state law.

All immunation exemptions will be required to have a physician’s signature. This includes personal, medical or religious reasons. Certificates of Exemption can be obtained in the Health Room or Attendance Office.

Reminders:
• A Parent Note for a student illness or injury will be accepted for three days only for limited PE activity. If your child receives an injury that requires them to miss PE, we must have a doctor’s note excusing them from their PE class.

• If your student is to receive over the counter medications or prescription medications during school hours, we are required by the State of Washington "WAC" rules to have an "Authorization of Medication Form" signed by both the prescribing doctor and parent. All medication must be in its original container and signed in by student’s parent or guardian with appropriate documentation. These forms will be available on Timberwolf Day and in the EMS Health Room on the first day of school.

• If your student requires medication here at school you may bring in medication and complete the authorization form on Timberwolf day. The Nurse will also be in the office on August 25th 8am-2pm.

PARENTS, PARTNER WITH US!!

Partnerships between staff and students, schools and families assure that your student will meet the work and behavior expectations established for our school and will help promote their overall success. There are opportunities to volunteer your time in a variety of ways, such as office assistance, chaperone and supervision assistance, faculty and student recognition activities. If this is something that interests you, please be sure to stop by our Volunteer Sign-up table at Timberwolf Days on August 28th or at our Open House on September 19th.

We want you to join our team. We will be better for it.

School Supplies
Organization is one key to school success.

We require all students to have the following supplies on a daily basis:

❖ A large 3 ring binder
❖ 10 Dividers & loose notebook paper (college ruled)
❖ Spiral notebooks
❖ 3-ring pencil pouch
❖ ball point pens (2 blue/black & 2 red)
❖ 2 pencils
❖ Ruler
❖ Eraser
❖ Pocket calculator
❖ Markers
❖ Highlighter
❖ Glue stick
❖ Graph paper (7th and 8th grade only)
❖ Earbuds

Additional supplies:
6th grade:
❖ PeeChee folder
❖ Colored pencils

7th grade:
❖ 3 composition notebooks
❖ Set of colored pens (red, blue, green & black)

Art students:
❖ Pencils with erasers
❖ small pencil sharpener
❖ Set of colored pencils (12-24 count)
❖ Colored Markers
❖ Glue Sticks

Exploratory Arts/Music
❖ 1 spiral bound notebook
We want our students to understand the importance of education, to take it seriously, and to be prepared for their eventual transition from school to the workplace. To help establish a proper learning atmosphere and prepare students for eventual careers, we expect students to come to school in clothing that would be acceptable in the workplace—to "dress for success". While we realize there is no absolute workplace standard, we nevertheless believe a general standard is possible. We believe students' clothing should be neat and clean. Shoes are required by state law and stockings, for health reasons, are strongly recommended.

The following types of clothing would not be appropriate in most work settings and therefore should not be worn to school.

The following “Dress Policy” will be enforced:

1. Shorts, skirts or dresses that are shorter than the bottom of the longest finger when a student, while standing, extends his/her arms down the sides of the torso with extended fingers. The skirt, shorts or dress must extend beyond the fingertips.
2. Shirts and crop tops that expose the midriff when arms are lifted to shoulder level or that expose cleavage are not allowed.
3. Clothes which are see through or expose undergarments or excessive skin.
4. Pants that are more than 2 sizes larger than the waist, and/or worn below the waist. (Sagging)
5. Tank tops, halter tops or other shirts which have straps that are narrower than 3 finger width are not allowed. No visible bra straps or undergarments.
6. Shirts with inappropriate messages or slogans will not be allowed. Clothing promoting alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sex, or dark, negative, or antisocial motifs will not be allowed.
7. Hoods are not allowed during school hours
8. Sunglasses or eye coverings other than those prescribed for vision needs.
9. Chains- pocket or otherwise; or spiked protrusions.

PRE-PAID LUNCHES

- Prepaid lunches may be purchased during our Timberwolf Day. Parents or students may also apply lunch money to their accounts from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. of each school day. It will be credited to the account at the time of the deposit.
- Deposits may also be made online through Family Access Online at any time of day.
- Students will also be able to use lunch account funds to purchase snack items. Parents can track what their students are purchasing, or when their account is in need of funds by using Family Access Online.
- No refunds were issued for money left in lunch accounts. Instead, students’ balances will be available in September at the school they attend.

From Our Counselor

Thank you for a great year at EMS! I am very excited to come back and have the opportunity to grow with each of you some more.

With summer, I hope you all take a break and recharge your learning batteries! Remember to take care of yourselves. Self-care means that we take time to show value to ourselves. We can do this by showcasing our creativity, moving about and exercising, enjoying the sun, meeting up with friends, or even showing our gratitude for what we have. As we practice self-care, we can help ourselves be well.

Summer provides a great time to think about how you have changed and goals you might have moving forward. You will be presented with many opportunities and I hope you do not limit yourselves. You can do great things when you believe and work for it!

While I will be out of the office for most of the summer, I will be back mid-August to put the final touches on schedules and prep for the 2017-2018 school year! Till then, I will be periodically checking my email at Kristina_grundmanis@enumclaw.wednet.edu If there is an emergency, please contact the appropriate authorities. Have a totally awesome summer!

Phone Policy....

Cell phones must be turned off and put away during each school day — this includes calls to parents. Office telephones will be provided for students’ emergencies and urgent needs.

If a student is ill, he or she needs to report to the Nurse’s office for their safety. They will be allowed to call parents while being cared for and kept safe. There is no need for the distraction of cell phones during the school day.

If visible, cell phones will be confiscated by staff and held by an administrator.

Thank you for your support!
TAKE NOTE!

NOTES FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Remember to excuse your student’s absence through Attendance at:
(360) 802-7160
messages can be left at this number anytime of the day during the school year or e-mail Mrs. Liebel at:
dawn_liebel@enumclaw.wednet.edu
If you do not call, please send a note with your student the day he or she returns to school. When you need to pick up your student early, for any reason, please send a note with your child that morning and come in to sign him or her out.

BUS NOTES

If you plan to bring your student to school rather than having him or her ride the bus, please make sure your student knows which bus to ride home:
• Routes will be posted in the Courier Herald in August
• Call the Transportation at 802-7232 for bus information.

ALSO: If you normally bring your student to school, please contact the Transportation Department if you want your child to ride his/her bus so the driver will allow your child to ride.

Bus notes must be written by a parent and students must turn the note into the Attendance office before school begins each day.

Please call in absences and tardies to:
EMS Attendance Office
360-802-7160
dawn_liebel@enumclaw.wednet.edu

Family Access at EMS

Family Access is an online tool for parents to stay connected with their student’s progress at school. This private student profile has everything parents need to know to keep their child on track and successful in school: attendance, assignments, grades, food service and links to teachers’ e-mail addresses. Parents need to apply for their login and password online at http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu and click on Family Access. Select online application and fill out. Your information will be emailed back to you. You may also apply in person at EMS or the District Office. Bring your photo ID to pick up your user name and password from EMS or the Help Desk at the District Office.

PROGRESS REPORTS

All teachers will now be sending Progress Reports by email. If your family does not have email, a paper copy will be sent home with your student.
Please contact us at 802-7150 if you do not receive any Progress Report notification. Continue to monitor your student’s progress through Family Access. If you still do not have a Family Access login, go to the Enumclaw School District website, click on Family Access and fill out the online application. Your information will be emailed to you.
Timberwolf Newsletter is paperless!

Look for this and future Newsletters quarterly on our school website:
http://www.enumclaw.wednet.edu/schoolsites/ems/index.html
or
Request a paper copy sent home with your student.

Daily Bulletins and many other resources are also available on the EMS website

Summer Office Hours:

Office Closed: July 6-Aug 13

Office Opens:
August 14 - September 1st  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

School begins! September 5th
School hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main Office: 802-7150
Attendance Office: 802-7160