

What Lies Ahead at Moody for 2011-2012?

There are two big changes on the horizon at Moody Middle School for next school year. *First, we are moving to a new master schedule that features a seven period day on Monday.* Students will have the same four blocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as on Wednesdays and Fridays. This schedule is very similar to what other middle and high schools already have in place. The shift is part of an effort to maximize resources, particularly the sharing of teachers between two or more schools.

<p><u>This is Monday's schedule:</u> Block 1: 8:30-9:20 (50) Block 2: 9:25-10:15 (50) Block 3: 10:20- 11:10 (50) Block 4: 11:15-12:33 (78) <i>Lunch 6: 11:15-11:39 (24) (49 instruction)</i> <i>Lunch 7: 11:42-12:06 (24) (49 instruction)</i> <i>Lunch 8: 12:09-12:33 (24) (49 instruction)</i> Block 5: 12:38-1:27 (49) Block 6: 1:32-2:21 (49) Block 7: 2:26-3:15 (49)</p>	<p><u>This is Tuesday through Friday's schedule:</u> Block 1: 8:30-10:00 (45 class / 45 Activity Period) Block 2/5: 10:05-11:35 (90) Block 3/6: 11:40-1:40 <i>6 Lunch 11:40-12:05 (25 Lunch/90 instruct)</i> <i>7 Lunch 12:10-12:35 (25 Lunch/90 instruct)</i> <i>8 Lunch 12:40-1:05 (25 Lunch/90 instruct)</i> Block 4/7: 1:45-3:15 (90)</p>
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Benefits of the new schedule:

1. Time is built-in for an “activity period” that is spread over four days, following the first block on Tuesday through Thursday.
2. All classes will meet three times each week.
3. Monday's class time will allow the teacher to provide an overview of the rest of the week.
4. The schedule stays consistent for each week, thus students will always know which classes occur on each day.

Our next big change is in the area of community and service. A new focus on community and service will begin in the classroom with opportunities for students to explore the types of communities and needs that exist in the world. Students will have opportunities to increase their awareness of their own strengths and interests. The students will then combine these elements to pursue meaningful and authentic service to communities in need. **To allow for a greater depth of understanding regarding the purpose and effects of service, we have reduced the number of required service hours to 20 for each grade level.** It is our intent to increase the opportunities for personal reflection and connections to the curriculum related to these 20 hours.

Sixth graders will begin their exploration of volunteerism following the introduction of the Areas of Interaction at the start of the school year. An understanding of the Areas of Interaction

places the service in a meaningful context. It is for this reason that 6th graders may not complete service hours prior to starting school.

Rising 7th and 8th graders may begin their service during the summer by completing up to 10 hours. The remaining 10 hours must be completed during the school year.

Throughout the past few months we have reflected upon the feedback shared by you, our parents. It is our intent, as we plan for the next school year, to create more of a sense of balance at Moody in our expectations, goal setting, and programming. You will hear more about our journey towards *learning, living and leading in balance*. 2011-2012 is going to be a great year! Go Raiders!