


6th OPEN House


BENITO MIDDLE SCHOOL
6:00 - 7:30


Thursday, Jan 25th





 Science
Ms. Demes & Mrs. Tanner



 Math
Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Orihuela, & Mr. Jenson

 History
Ms. Lind, Mr. Couillard, & Mrs. Fulton-Adams

 Critical Thinking
Mrs. Frump, Ms. Fielder, & Mrs. Dunn

 Language Arts
Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Dunn, & Ms. Burchfield

 Team Leaders
Mrs. Nolan & Ms. Burchfield

  Come join the BEST middle school that Hillsborough has to offer.
We are always an "A" school because we have an outstanding faculty, staff, and student body!



BENITO HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Double-Accelerated Math Classes
- ✓ Hands on Science Classes
- ✓ Critical Thinking Classes
- ✓ Art/Technology/Spanish and AVID Electives
- ✓ Award Winning Music Department
- ✓ Champion Athletic Department
- ✓ U.S. History Classes
- ✓ Language Arts/Writing Classes
- ✓ Benito Monthly Newsletter



BENITO

EVENT

SCHEDULE

JANUARY

2024

MR. WILLIAMS' INTRODUCTION

6:00 - 6:25: Introduction to the evening's events and schedule of activities. Learn about Cambridge and how it will benefit your child. Hear the great opportunities that Benito has to offer.

GROUP
#1

GREEN GROUP

Start in the Gym: 6:30 - 6:45
Head to the Media Center: 6:50 - 7:05
Tour of 6th Grade Classrooms: 7:10 - 7:25

RED GROUP

Start in the Media Center: 6:30 - 6:45
Tour of 6th Grade Classrooms: 6:50 - 7:05
Head to the Gym: 7:10 - 7:25

GROUP
#2

GROUP
#3

YELLOW GROUP

Start on the Tour of 6th Grade Classrooms: 6:30 - 6:45
Head to the Gym: 6:50 - 7:05
Finish in the Media Center: 7:10 - 7:25



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Meet the Teachers



Teacher Vibes

Mrs. Nolan



MATH
 *B.S. Degree
 *30-Years Teaching
 *Gifted Certified
 *Highly Effective Teacher

- *Teacher of the year 2012/23
- *Team Leader
- *Double Accelerated Teacher

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Ms. Burchfield



LANGUAGE ARTS
 *M.S. Degree
 *27-Years of Teaching
 *ESE/ESOL Certified
 *Highly Effective Teacher

- *Teacher of the year - 2017
- *Yearbook Advisor
- *Volleyball Coach
- *Team Leader

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Ms. Demes



SCIENCE
 B.S. Degree
 24 - Years of Teaching
 Highly Effective Teacher

- *Soccer Coach for both Benito Middle School and Wharton High School Girls' Team

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Mrs. Shaw



LANGUAGE ARTS
 B.S. Degree Rutgers
 17 - Years of Teaching

- *Highly Effective Teacher
- *ESOL Certification

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Mrs. Orihuela



MATH
*M.S. Degree
*30-Years of Teaching
Highly Effective Teacher

- *Teacher of the Year
- *Media Spec. Certification
- *ESOL Certification

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Mrs. Dunn



LANGUAGE ARTS & READING
*B.S.. Degree
*17-Years of Teaching
Highly Effective Teacher

- *Gifted Endorsement
- *Reading Endorsement
- *ESOL Certification

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Ms. Fielder



READING
*M.S. Degree
*30-Years of Teaching
*Highly Effective Teacher

- *Subject Area Leader for Language Arts/Reading
- *Gifted/Reading Endorsement
- *District Trainer 8-Years

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Mrs. Lind



HISTORY
*M.S. Degree
*38-Years of Teaching
*Opened Benito

- *Subject Area Leader for History
- *Highly Effective Teacher

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Mr. Couillard



HISTORY
*B.S.. Degree
*18-Years of Teaching

- *Taught overseas since 2008

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Mrs. Tanner



SCIENCE
*B.S. Degree
*10-Years of Teaching

- *Gifted Endorsement
- *ESOL Certification

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Teacher Vibes



Mr. Jenson



MATH

- *B.S. Degree
- *10-Years of Teaching

- *Gifted Certified
- *Highly Effective Teacher

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Mrs. Fulton-Adams



HISTORY

- *B.S. Degree
- *26-Years of Teaching
- Highly Effective Teacher

- *Peer Mediation Sponsor
- *World History/Geography/ U.S. History
- *2009 Geo Bee State Level

Candice.fulton-adams@hcps.net

Teacher Vibes

Mrs. Frump



READING

- *M.S.. Degree
- *25-Years of Teaching
- Highly Effective Teacher

- *Teacher of the year 2022
- *Reading Endorsement

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Coach Rash



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- *B.S. Degree
- 22- Years of Teaching
- Highly Effective Teacher

- *Teacher of the year 2018
- *Team Leader
- *17 -Years as Games' Manager

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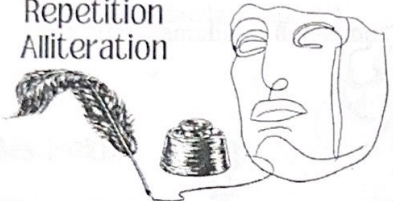
Language Arts



Poetry

Sonnets
Villanelle
Free Verse

Rhyme Patterns
Repetition
Alliteration



Essay Writing

Explanatory
Argumentative

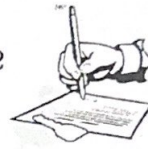
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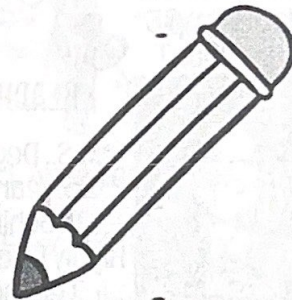
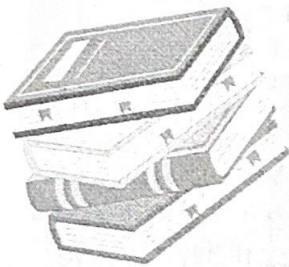
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Claim Evidence

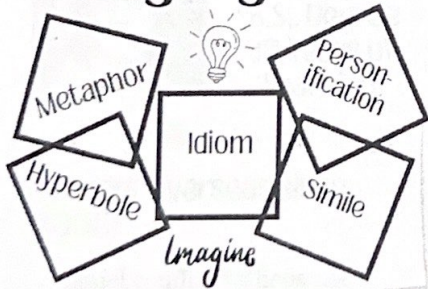
Commentary



Novel Studies



Figurative Language



Grammar



We are Benito Strong



Sample Bell Schedule:

Period	Monday	Tuesday
HR/1	9:35 - 10:16	9:35 - 10:27
2	10:20 - 11:01	10:31 - 11:20
3	11:05 - 12:29 Lunch A 11:09-11:43	11:24 - 12:55 Lunch A 11:28-12:03
4	12:33 - 1:15	12:59 - 1:48
5	1:19 - 2:00	1:52 - 2:41
6	2:04 - 2:45	2:45 - 3:34
7	2:49 - 3:30	3:38 - 4:30

6th Grade Schedule:

All 6th grade students are enrolled in seven (7) courses. These courses will be History, Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education (P.E.) Reading, Science, History and Wheel (Semester 1)/Elective (self-selected/Semester 2).

Accelerated and advanced courses are offered.



CANVAS

Benito Middle School uses the same learning program as our district, Canvas. Students will be able to access their seven (7) courses from Canvas. Also available will be the Benito Media Center course and school-wide announcements. Course content, assignments, curriculum, teacher emails, course grades in real time, and much more will be available in Canvas.

Transitioning from elementary school, Canvas is a great program for enabling students to be self-advocates and gain more independence as well as supporting families as they monitor student progress.

More information and access can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3zcJLYt>



We are Benito Strong

Reading Course Descriptions:

Both courses focus on Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards.

Intensive Reading: This course is designed for 6th-grade students reading below grade level. The course includes foundational skill benchmarks. Students utilize an online program, Language Live, that enables them to practice at their level of reading with crucial teacher instruction, feedback, and small group settings.

Critical Thinking: This course enables students to develop learning strategies, critical-thinking skills, and problem-solving skills to enhance their performance in academic and nonacademic endeavors. Students utilize McGraw-Hill StudySync online program, novel studies, enrichment activities, and research-based projects and learning activities.

No matter our students' reading level, we challenge students at their level. Our teachers have decades of experience teaching reading and are highly successful. We have school-wide book club opportunities, reading challenges, and district competitions. Our students make gains and that is reflected in our school grade history, straight A's!

**Reading and Language Arts are two separate courses in middle school.*

6th Grade Math at Benito!

Mathematics at Benito is engaging and fun!

The teachers here take great pride in getting to know their students and challenging them to become creative problem solvers. Classrooms at Benito utilize many styles of learning to bring out the best in each student. Student centers, small group instruction/remediation, and flexible grouping are just a few of the ways we provide a safe learning environment. We hope you will join us in our passion for educating young people.

Levels: Regular, Accelerated, Double Accelerated

Book used EDGEMS: has an on-line textbook, on-line practices, and on-line lesson videos. We also have individual student workbooks and fluency books.

To make your math career more successful please be sure to know your facts: Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication. Our students consistently score higher than the district averages due to our elevated expectations.

Regular Progression: Middle School: 6th grade Regular, 7th grade Regular, 8th grade Pre-Algebra. High School: 9th grade Algebra 1, 10th grade Geometry, 11th, and 12th multiple options.

Accelerated Progression: Middle School: 6th grade Accelerated, 7th grade Accelerated, 8th grade Algebra 1 (high school credit class, counts towards high school GPA). High School: 9th grade Geometry, 10th Grade Algebra 2, 11th Grade Pre-Calculus, 12th grade multiple options.

*Double Accelerated Math: There are criteria for this class. In March or April, the district will send us a list of students who will be invited to participate in the Double Accelerated Math program. Once that list arrives Mrs. Nolan will then mail a letter to the homes of the students who meet the criteria. More information will be provided at that time.

Syllabus

Regular Math:

Unit 1: Multi-digit operations

Unit 2: Ratios and Rates

Unit 3: Percents

Unit 4: Fraction Operations

Unit 5: Rational numbers and the Coordinate Plane

Unit 6: Integer Operations

Semester Exam

Unit 7: Expressions

Unit 8: Equations and Inequalities

Unit 9: Area and Volume

Unit 10: Statistics

PM 3 Test

Syllabus

Accelerated Math:

Unit 1: Multi-digit operations

Unit 2: Ratios, Rates and Proportions

Unit 3: Percents and Probability

Unit 4: Fraction Operations

Unit 5: Rational Numbers and Coordinate Plane

Unit 6: Sums and Differences of Rational Numbers

Semester Exam

Unit 7: Products and Quotients of Rational Numbers

Unit 8: Expressions

Unit 9: Equations and Inequalities

Unit 10: Area and Volume

Unit 11: Statistical Measures

Unit 12: Data Displays

PM 3 Test



SCIENCE AT BENITO MIDDLE SCHOOL!



Earth Science Curriculum:

- *Nature of Science
- *Rock Cycle
- *Plate Tectonics
- *Weather & Climate
- *Earth in Space
- *Earth Systems
- *EM Spectrum
- *Crosscutting Concepts

Personalized Learning

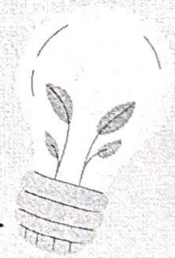
Interactive demonstrations & Investigations

Virtual Lab Explorations

Online Assessment Tools

Cross-Curricular Learning

We inspire to encourage students' interest in science with interactive content aligned with state standards.



6th Grade Social Studies

United States History

The district is changing the order of Social Study classes in middle school. The 6th grade curriculum will be U.S. History. Topics covered will include European Exploration, Colonization, the Road to Independence and the Revolutionary War, Creation of our Country, Civil War and Reconstruction.

The 7th grade curriculum will still be Civics, and then the World History Curriculum will switch to 8th grade.

6th Grade Electives

First Semester:

All 6th grade students will take Career Research and Decision Making, also known as "The Wheel".

This course is designed to give students the chance to experience each elective Benito offers plus explore the Creating a Community of Culture and Care (CCCC) and 7 mindsets curriculum.

Students will spend three weeks in the beginning of the year discussing the CCCC and 7 mindsets and doing activities with the following concepts: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, decision-making, empathy, hope, resilience, cultural awareness, relationship skills and growth mindset. Students will then follow an approximate 10-day rotation to meet each elective teacher, they will participate in hands on activities and explore what each elective is about.

Around the middle of November, students will begin choosing the elective they wish to focus on during the 2nd semester. The choices are Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Art, Avid and Technology. See below for brief course descriptions.

Second Semester-elective options for 6th grade

ORCHESTRA:

Students will get the opportunity to learn to play a stringed instrument. With the help of the Director, students will choose from the violin, viola, cello, or bass to play for the remainder of the year. At the end of the year, students will have the chance to showcase their hard work at a concert. Students use the Essential Elements for Strings method book.

BAND:

Students will have fun learning to play one of the following instruments: a wind instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, or tuba) or percussion instruments (drums and bells). With the help of the director, students will get to choose which instrument they play. Students will use the Standard of Excellence for Band method book and will showcase their progress at a concert at the end of the year.

CHORUS:

Students will learn proper vocal techniques through singing choral music in many styles. The skills of sight-reading and knowledge of music theory will be incorporated into the vocal

music in class. Students will be able to showcase their work in a spring concert and annually at the Benito Talent Show.

ART:

Visual Arts 1 will explore a wide range of 2D and 3D media skills, and techniques as students learn how to plan, produce, and reflect on Art. Projects may include: drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. No experience is required, only an open mind to try new things and get messy.

AVID:

Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an academic enhancement program that strengthens students' interpersonal skills and helps them develop their ability to become leaders through frequent peer and community engagement. AVID helps students develop intrinsic motivation, build their confidence, strengthen their presentation skills, and improve their soft skills to become college and career ready.

*New for next year:

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY:

The content includes but is not limited to web development, problem solving, animation and games, programming, coding, data & society, and physical computing.

More Elective Options in 7th grade:

SPANISH:

Students will acquire knowledge that allows them to communicate in the target language in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. After completing the Beginning Spanish and the Spanish 1 courses, students can master the language and apply it daily.