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*School Colors - Navy, Silver & White*

*School Mascot - Cougars*

***The Cougar Core Values***

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Participation*

*Compassion*

# Kernodle's Cougar Core Values

At Kernodle, we believe that students are responsible for their own behavior and ultimately, their own identity. Certain attitudes and behaviors are expected at Kernodle. We follow a set of core principles to guide behavior, expectations and identity development. We promote four core values as a set of ideals for students to memorize, understand and follow. Kernodle's four core values are:

**RESPECT, COMPASSION, RESPONSIBILITY and  
PARTICIPATION**

All our students are expected to learn what these Four Core Values mean in the context of daily school life and to be guided by them in their attitudes and behavior at all times.

### *Vision Statement*

*Kernodle Middle School's vision is to become a professional learning community, upholding a standard of excellence, fostering academic and social growth through creativity, caring, collaboration, and reflection.*



### *Mission Statement*

*We are a community of learners dedicated to providing a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all students in their quest for academic, social, and personal excellence, as they strive to become contributing members of society.*

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**GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2008-2009**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| August 20, 21 .....              | Optional Teacher Workdays             |
| August 22 .....                  | Protected Teacher Workday             |
| August 25 .....                  | District Mandated Workday             |
| <b>August 26 .....</b>           | <b>FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>         |
| September 1 .....                | Labor Day Holiday                     |
| September 23 .....               | <i>Early release day for students</i> |
| October 22 .....                 | <i>Early release day for students</i> |
| October 24 .....                 | <i>First Grading Period Ends</i>      |
| October 27 .....                 | Protected Teacher Workday             |
| November 4 .....                 | Optional Teacher Workday              |
| November 11 .....                | Veterans' Day Holiday                 |
| November 26 .....                | Vacation                              |
| November 27, 28 .....            | Thanksgiving Holiday                  |
| <b>December 22- Jan. 2 .....</b> | <b>WINTER BREAK</b>                   |
| January 19 .....                 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday       |
| January 23 .....                 | <i>Second Grading Period Ends</i>     |
| January 26 .....                 | Protected Teacher Workday             |
| February 19 .....                | <i>Early release day for students</i> |
| February 20 .....                | District Mandated Workday             |
| March 20 .....                   | <i>Early release day for students</i> |
| March 27 .....                   | <i>Third Grading Period Ends</i>      |
| March 30 .....                   | Protected Teacher Workday             |
| <b>April 13-17 .....</b>         | <b>SPRING BREAK</b>                   |
| May 25 .....                     | Memorial Day Holiday                  |
| <b>June 10 .....</b>             | <b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>          |
| June 11.....                     | Protected Teacher Workday             |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Alternative Transportation:

**Due to limited capacity on buses, students WILL NOT be permitted to ride on a different bus. If you have any questions about this policy, please call the Transportation Department at 316-5865.**

### Daily Schedule:

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|------|---------------------------|
| 8:00 | Office Opens              |
| 8:15 | Building Open to Students |
| 8:40 | Tardy                     |
| 3:45 | Dismissal                 |
| 4:30 | Office Closes             |

## GRADE LEVEL SCHEDULES

*At the time that the handbook went to the printers, the grade level schedules had not been finalized.*

**Hall Lockers:** Lockers assigned to students are the property of Kernodle Middle School. Students are not to share lockers or combinations for any reason. **ONLY school- issued locks are to be used.** Lockers are not to be exchanged with another student without permission from their homeroom teacher. Students should use lockers only at times designated by teams. The Principal or his designee may inspect lockers at any time. Do not place stickers or signs on the inside or outside of your locker. Your locker and its combination lock are your responsibility. **Replacement locks will be available at a cost of \$7.00.**

**Lost & Found Items:** If you have lost an item, please tell your teachers. There is a lost and found area in the PE locker rooms and each grade level hallway.

**Promotion Policy:** Students must pass five of the seven courses taken during the year to be promoted, and may not fail more than one of the core subjects (language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies).

All **eighth grade students** must achieve the following for promotion to the ninth grade as per North Carolina State Gateways.

- Meet grade level promotion requirements
- Demonstrate grade-level proficiency by scoring at Level III or above on state End-of-Grade tests in reading and mathematics.
- Demonstrate adequate progress in writing by scoring at or above proficiency Level 2.5 on the grade 7 writing assessment.

### Report Cards

November 3  
February 3  
April 6  
Mailed Home

### Interim Reports

September 24  
December 8  
February 25  
May 7

Report cards will be issued each nine weeks. Any student who owes the school money will not receive his/her end of the year report card until the debt is paid.

### Grading Scale:

**A 93-100**  
**B 85-92**  
**C 77-84**  
**D 70-76**  
**F 69-below**

**Textbooks:** Teachers issue student textbooks. Students must take good care of these books. If any book that has been issued to a student is lost, the student must pay full price to replace it. Also, students are financially responsible for damages to any textbook. Replacement textbooks may be acquired from the administrator in charge of textbooks.

The **Check Acceptance Policy** is as follows:

Returned checks are subject to electronic recovery for the face value and state allowed fee. We have the right directly or by agent to resubmit your check electronically and/or deposit a paper draft to withdraw the state allowed fee, without your signature, for each returned check as permitted by law. If you have any questions concerning our check acceptance policy, please call 1-877-891-5422.

**Your payment by check constitutes your acceptance of these terms. CASH only after May 30, 2009.**

**Telephone:** Students are not to receive or make phone calls except in an emergency. Classroom phones are not for use by students.

**Cell Phone Policy:** All student cell phones and other electronic devices on campus must be stored in “off” mode in their lockers during the instructional day. From 8:40 am until 3:45 pm no student should have a cell phone outside of their locker.

- Cell phones cannot be used inside the school building at any time.
  - No other electronic devices, such as music players, are ever allowed within the school building. KMS is not responsible for the loss of these items if they are brought to school.
1. First violations will result in confiscation of the device which must be retrieved by a parent.
  2. Second confiscations will be kept for 5 days and retrieved only by a parent.
  3. Third confiscations will be kept for 10 days.
  4. Each additional confiscation will escalate the time kept by one week.
  5. GCS policy states, “Repeated violations may result in up to 3 days OSS”.

**Forgotten Items:** We ask that parents bring forgotten items (textbooks, lunch, and articles of clothing, money, etc.) to the school office. Office personnel will notify your child at the appropriate time to come and pick up these items. We ask your cooperation in this matter to minimize disruption of the learning process.

**Gifts for Students:** Gifts for students are not permitted at school. No gifts will be delivered to students.

**Visiting the School:** All visitors to the school must report to the office to receive a Visitor’s Pass before proceeding to any part of the building or grounds. Student visitors are not allowed on campus during school hours, nor are they permitted to attend classes with friends or relatives.

**Weather Policy:** When snow or other severe weather conditions occur, it will sometimes be necessary to cancel school, delay the opening of school, or dismiss classes early. The Guilford County Schools will make an announcement of cancellations, delays, or dismissals as soon as a decision is made. Listen to a local radio or television station. If no announcement is made, school will open or dismiss as usual. **Please do not call the school for information since telephone lines must be kept open.**

To avoid disruptions in your schedule, please remember to make plans early in the year for your child care arrangements in case snow, ice, or other severe weather closes school. Also have plans developed in case there is early dismissal due to inclement weather. Hopefully, these plans will not involve the use of our school telephone since we have only a limited number of lines available.

**Emergency Information:** Students and their parents should make certain that current, correct emergency information as (address, home and work phone numbers, and emergency contact person) is on file at school.

**Student Illness and Injury:** Any student who becomes ill, injured, or is involved in an accident while at school should report to the main office for assistance.

**Student Planner:** At the beginning of each year students are issued a Student Planner. This planner is to be used for daily assignments, a home-school communication log, and a hall pass. Students are to travel with their planner correctly filled out on the hall pass page. Students found out of class without an appropriate pass can be considered skipping. Arrangements to use the restroom should be made during class change. Students with physical needs that require frequent restroom visits should provide a note from a doctor. If lost, a new planner can be purchased for \$10 in the main office.

**Drink and Snack Machines:** Snack and drink machines are available for use at the end of the school day and during after school activities. All students must use good judgment in keeping the school campus neat and clean in order to continue the privilege of having these concessions.

## **ATTENDANCE – 2008-2009**

***What are the Middle School Attendance Requirements?*** Students are limited to six (6) absences per semester or twelve (12) absences per school year. Any absences beyond six (6) and twelve (12) would require make-up time. When an absence qualifies for make-up time, it must be made up immediately following that absence. If the absence occurs at the end of the first, second or third marking periods, the absence must be made up within ten (10) days. During the last marking period, all absences must be made up within that marking period. Four hours of make-up time will constitute one day of absence. Students will have two days per each day's absence to make up assignments, with exceptions considered by each school's principal.

Each school will design its own Extra Help Program for making up time; programs may include opportunities for making up time before school, after school, on weekends or teacher workdays.

***What is the Process of Notifying Parents/Guardians of Absences?*** Parents/guardians will be notified of students being absent on the following schedule:

After 3 absences

After 6 absences

After 10 absences

**Excessive absences will be a factor in consideration for retention.**

***Absentee Information:*** All students who are absent from school for a day or any portion of a day must bring a written note from home within 3 days of their return. This note must be presented to your AA teacher.

If at any time a student is absent from school more than five consecutive days, the parent/guardian should contact the school and give reasons for the extended absence.

Students who fail to attend school regularly will be referred to the school social worker. The parent/guardian will be notified after a child has accumulated three and six unexcused absences in a school year. Violation of the Compulsory Attendance Statute 115C-378 can result in prosecution if absences cannot be justified. Any student with ten consecutive days of unlawful absences will be withdrawn from school on the eleventh absence.

***Morning Arrival:*** Middle school car riders should not arrive before 8:15a.m. No supervision will be provided before this time. Sixth grade students should assemble in the cafeteria, Seventh grade students should assemble in the gym and Eighth grade students should assemble in the Commons area. Students are dismissed to breakfast at 8:15am. Students are not permitted in the halls without a pass prior to 8:40 a.m.

***Tardy:*** Students arriving after 8:40 a.m. are tardy. A note (doctor, dentist, parent note) should be presented to the secretary in the front office. There the student will receive an Admit to Class slip. **In order for a student to be present for a full day they must attend school until 12:15p.m.** ***Car Riders are not excused if tardy:*** Only late bus riders will be excused, and they will receive admit notes directly from the secretary in the Main Office area. **Students with excessive tardiness will receive disciplinary action.**

***Early Dismissal Notes:*** A note from the parent with the following information is required:

- reason for leaving early
- time of departure
- name of person who will pick you up
- signature of parent/guardian

The note must be presented to the secretary in the Main Office area by 8:55a.m. All students must report to the main office before leaving school if being dismissed early. The parent/guardian must sign the student out in the main office.

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***Unless it is a family emergency, we will only call for students, without prior notice of an early dismissal, at the end of the class period. Students who have notes, but forget to come to the office at the time indicated, will be called at the next class change.***

**A student is counted absent if he/she leaves before 12:15pm or arrives after 12:15pm.**

***Afternoon Car Riders:*** Students not involved in extracurricular activities should be picked up by 4:15 pm. Supervision is not provided after 4:15 pm.

**Homework Requests:** If a student is absent only one day it is the student's responsibility to request work upon return to school the next day. If the absence is **two or more days**, you may call the Guidance Office to have assignments gathered. **Please call prior to 10:00a.m.**, to ensure that assignments will be ready in the Guidance Office by 4:00p.m. **It is the parent's responsibility to pick-up assignments.**

**Prior Approval Notes:** Parents must submit a written request to school administration for approval prior to any absence for reason other than illness, doctor's appointment or death in the family. All work missed is expected to be made up as noted above.

## **MEDICATION**

***(Prescription and Non-Prescription)***

**Medication:** (This includes aspirin, Tylenol, etc.)

Medication must be delivered in person by the parent or guardian at the time the **authorization form** is submitted. The school will assume no responsibility for students who self-medicate.

**It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to:**

- Provide to the school the medication in an appropriately labeled container which includes the student's name, the name of the medication, the unit dosage to be given, and the time and method of administration.

- Provide new containers with appropriate labeling when medication changes are made, and to remove medications from school premises when they are discontinued by the health care clinician. (Note: A health care clinician is defined as a licensed health care provider who can prescribe medication under North Carolina statute.

- Ensure that the "Authorization of Medication for a Student at School" form is completed, signed by the health care clinician and parent/guardian, and returned to school. A new form must be filled out each school year.

- Inform the school in writing if he/she wishes to withdraw authorization for medication to be given at school. The withdrawal of authorization is documented on the "Authorization of Medication for a Student at School" form.

- Remove medication from school premises at the end of the school year. All medication that is not removed will be destroyed.

**Responsibility of Medicines:** Any medicine not properly kept in the main office will be treated as a prohibited substance and any student or students involved may be subject to discipline under the Guilford County Drug Policy.

## **GUIDANCE OFFICE**

The counselors are available to help students succeed in their school experience. The Guidance Office assists students in their intellectual, emotional, and social growth by providing individual and group counseling, guidance programs and a forum where students can speak openly and confidentially.

## **COUNSELORS**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Mrs. Bennett (A-L)<br>Dr. Meadows (M-Z) |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Dr. Meadows                             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Mrs. Bennett                            |

We encourage and invite all students to use the Counseling Center as needed. Students may request an appointment with their counselor after following the established procedures:

1. The Counseling Center and home base teachers will have request forms for students to fill out when they need an appointment.
2. Homebase teachers will turn in the request to the Counseling Center during their first planning period.
3. Counselors will contact students.
4. Students, who come to the Counseling Center at anytime, should have their planner signed by his/her teacher or counselor and should show the planner to the counselor or secretary.

**Conferences:** Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teachers by phone or e-mail to schedule a conference.

**Withdrawal/Transfers:** Parents should notify the Counseling Center prior to a student's withdrawal from school. Time is needed to collect books, materials, and grades. A transfer form stating the student has properly withdrawn and a list of current grades will be given to the parent when this process has been completed.

## **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

**Discipline:** One of the most important lessons education should teach is discipline. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies the whole education structure. It is the training that develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people.

**Respect Self:** Give your best effort at all times. Come to class prepared to learn. Be on time for class and bring necessary materials (paper, pencils, books, PE clothes, and planners). Actively participate in class in a positive and productive manner.

**Dress Code:** Students will be expected to keep themselves well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Any form of dress or appearance which is considered destructive and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school, or any dress which might, in any way prove embarrassing to the student, will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to clothing that has pro-violent, hate, race, or offensive words/graphics. The following items of clothing have been determined to be unacceptable: Spandex knit pants/shorts, jeans with holes above the knee, tank tops/muscle shirts, mesh or see-through clothing, halters or midriffs, tops that expose cleavage are not permitted, tops must have straps that are at least two inches wide, hats (male or female), bandannas (male or female), hanging chains, sagging pants, chokers or wristbands (which could be considered dangerous), sunglasses, short shorts, short skirts, short dresses and track shorts split on the side, shoes with rollers on the bottom as well as other items deemed inappropriate attire by school administrators. NO pajamas, bedroom shoes or night clothing attire should be worn to school. Profanity, suggestive slogans, and/or references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products on clothing are prohibited. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be required to immediately change to appropriate clothing or call home for appropriate clothing. **Students with repeated dress code violations will receive disciplinary action.**

**Respect Others:** Keep hands and feet to yourself. Use appropriate language. Be polite and positive (refrain from put-downs, name calling, profanity, and vulgarity.) All students are expected to abide by the GCS and KMS behavior guidelines for after school activities.

**Respect Property:** Keep the school buildings and grounds clean. Keep personal property safe. (Keep personal items including book bags in your own lockers, and leave valuables at home.) **The following items are not allowed on campus at any time: radio, tape players, CD players, pagers, cellular phones or (any other electronic toys or devices).** Any inappropriate items will be held in the office for parents to pick up with administrative approval. **Students are not permitted to chew GUM in school.**

### **Movement on Campus:**

- ***Move on campus quickly.*** Come to class on time, follow route to class designated by team, walk at an appropriate pace.
- ***Move on campus quietly.*** Talk at an acceptable level and be considerate of others, close lockers quietly.
- ***Move on campus safely.*** Walk to class! (Without sliding, jumping, or running.) Always keep to the right side of the hallways and sidewalks.

**Acts of Affection:** Inappropriate displays of affection such as hand holding, hugging, kissing, etc. among students will not be allowed during school or at related activities or functions.

**Bus Conduct:** **Riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right.** A student's failure to follow bus rules and regulations may result in a suspension from riding a bus for a designated length of time. No food, drinks or electronic devices are allowed on buses.

**Possession of Drugs:** Students shall not possess, use, sell, transmit, deliver, or distribute any drugs or alcoholic beverages or any other controlled or illegal substances or drug paraphernalia at any time while at school or at any school-sponsored activity.

**Gang Intervention Policy:** Kernodle Middle School, in an effort to “enhance a safe, secure learning environment and to help foster an attitude of respect for the rights of others”, has adopted the following policy: This policy prohibits any gang-related involvement and activities at school, during school-related functions, or on school property. The school has identified gang activity and/or involvement as wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, graffiti, or other items that are evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang. Immediate and severe disciplinary measures (**including suspension**) will be taken against any student in violation of this policy.

**Weapons on Campus:** **NO WEAPONS REAL OR TOY** are allowed on school property. No guns, no explosives, no knives - *no weapon of any kind*. **IT’S THE LAW**. Anyone who breaks the law on school property or violates the School Code of Conduct is risking criminal arrest, suspension, or both. The Guilford County School Board and Administration practices **ZERO TOLERANCE** with respect to weapons on school property.

**ASD (After School Detention):** Any teacher or administrator may detain a student before or after regular school hours for misbehavior. Guilford County and Kernodle Middle School rules and policies apply to all school related activities including, but not limited to, sports events, dances, club activities, and field trips. Parents must be given 24 hours notice in order for them to arrange for transportation.

**OSS (Out of School Suspension):** Suspension prohibits students from entering the school grounds or attending any day, night, or after-school activity, or riding a school vehicle during the period of suspension.

## **MEDIA CENTER**

**Hours: Monday through Friday  
8:00a.m. until 4:00p.m.**

With teacher permission, single students or small groups of students may come to the Media Center for checkout or research at any time during its hours. After school visits should be arranged 24 hours in advance and should be approved by a parent, teacher, and media staff member.

## **Circulation Policies**

**Checkout:** A total of two items may be checked out for a two-week period. Overnight materials include reference books, teacher-reserved books, and electronic equipment. Additional item for checkout must be approved by a parent, teacher, and media staff member.

**Overdue Materials:** Borrowing privileges will be suspended until books and equipment are returned.

**Damaged or Lost Materials:** Borrowing privileges will be suspended until the replacement cost of damaged or lost materials are taken care of.

**Procedures and Rules:** *Students* are expected to help the media staff maintain an atmosphere of focus and purpose appropriate to the media center so that everyone can read and study effectively.

### **Students Should:**

- Students should present their signed planners and sign in at the circulation desk when entering the media center unless they are visiting with a class.
- Follow classroom behavior rules and consequences when in the media center.
- Practice quiet and purposeful use of the media center.
- Respect the rights of others to work effectively.
- Use media center computers for searching the schools collection or for researching class assignments only.
- Have a signed permission on file and follow the Guilford County Schools Acceptable Use Policy when online.
- Save online documents to a data disk rather than print unless given permission from the teacher and media staff.
- Return all materials to the proper place.
- Push chairs under the tables before leaving.

## ***Resources Available:***

**Print collection:** The print collection includes over 10,000 fiction, nonfiction, reference, and magazine titles.

**Electronic databases:** Includes encyclopedia, periodical, and special references CD-ROMs

**Internet:** available with parent permission and teacher supervision. (Helpful web links selected by teachers and the media specialist are available through the school's web page and may be accessed from school or home.)

**Multimedia:** Is software such as Hyperstudio and PowerPoint; hardware such as digital cameras, flatbed scanners, and video cameras.

**Parent Resource Center:** Includes helpful resources for parents and families.

**Accelerated Reader:** A reading incentive and testing program to develop reading skills.

**Broadcast Team Elective Class:** A limited number of students will be selected by recommendation for this semester-long elective. Student will learn video production and reporting skills for morning school news program

### ***Student Media Assistant Elective Class:***

A limited number of students will be selected by recommendation for this year-long elective. Students will learn all the technical, research, management, and clerical skills it takes to keep the media center running. Relevant field trips will be planned.

**Special Events:** Include book fairs, contests, and special guests.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### Dress & Other Policies:

- Each student is required to wear tennis shoes during PE class. No flip flops or sandals. Shoes must be tied at all times for safety reasons.
- Jewelry is not acceptable at any time during PE. This is for the safety of the student and those around them. New piercings must be covered with tape or a band-aid.
- **No spray deodorant, perfume or cologne will be permitted in the locker rooms.**
- ALL students must participate in our PE/Health program. For \$15.00 a student will receive a new KMS shirt and pair of shorts. The uniforms must be kept in the lockers which are provided for each student. We strongly suggest that the uniforms be laundered at least once a week. (Uniforms will be sold during the first week of school. Checks should be made payable to

**Kernodle Middle School.**) If uniforms are lost, a new one must be purchased at the cost of \$7 per shirt and \$8 for shorts. Uniforms should not be altered in any way.

- Each child is provided a lock and locker. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with their lock. There is a \$7.00 replacement fee for locks.
- Students will share a locker with another student in their class. Students are responsible for placing personal belongings in their **assigned** locker. If "valuables" are left unlocked, the PE staff is not responsible if theft occurs.
- Student athletes are required to dress out on game days.
- Every student's grade will be comprised of PE and Health for the quarter. During Health, students are responsible for written assignments, in class as well as homework. Students are also expected to maintain a separate binder for their health assignments. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to participate in Red Cross CPR certification. Additionally, ALL students participate in Family Life during the spring semester unless parents send a letter indicating that their child should not participate.
- If you are ill or injured and expect to be excused from participating, you must present a note from home. To be excused for more than 2 days, a doctor's note is required.
- Failure to comply with any of these policies will result in points being deducted from the student's grade. Students are required to wear their KMS uniform. If they forget their uniform, they are still expected to dress out in what they wore to school that day.

## **CAFETERIA**

All students are required to eat in the cafeteria during their lunch even though they may bring their own lunch. The cost for a school lunch is \$2.10 and breakfast is \$1.00. Checks for the week should be made payable to Kernodle Middle School Cafeteria and be given to the cashier. Due to the cafeteria disruption we ask that you do not have take-out or fast food (such as pizza) sent to the school for lunch. Food or drinks are not allowed outside the cafeteria for any reason at any time. (Picnic area may be used for special activities.) Students should not leave the cafeteria for any reason without teacher permission. **Beverages brought from home must be in a sealed drink can or sealed carton.** Each student is responsible for keeping the cafeteria table and floor clean.

**Federal Lunch Program:** Application for free or reduced lunches may be obtained any time during the year from the office. Students must have a parent complete the applications and return them to the main office. Reduced lunch fee is \$0.40 and reduced breakfast is \$0.30.

## **ATHLETICS**

Kernodle Middle School provides the following teams for participation:

- ***Fall:*** Boys' and Girls' Volleyball & Soccer, Football, Cheerleading
- ***Winter:*** Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Cheerleading, Wrestling
- ***Spring:*** Boys' and Girls' Track, Boys' Baseball, Girls' Softball, Golf

**Eligibility for Sports:** All students in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade who successfully pass **five courses** each semester and pass a **physical examination** are eligible to tryout for athletic teams. North Carolina Athletic Association requires all students to have a physical to participate in sports. This includes try-outs. Forms may be obtained from the coaches or the front office. They are valid for one year. In addition, a student must be in attendance at least 85% of the previous semester. This means that the student would not be able to miss more than 13.5 days in a semester to be eligible to participate in middle school sports.

## **PTA OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009**

|                                    |                  |                                       |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| President                          | Tammy Romano     | 288-3734<br>tammy-romano@triad.rr.com |
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**Dances:** The Kernodle PTA sponsors dances and grade-level Fun Nights. They are open only to Kernodle Middle School students. A permission form is needed in order to purchase a ticket. Tickets are sold prior to the dance/fun night. School dances/fun nights begin at 7:00p.m. and end promptly at 9:00p.m. Students must be present at school on the day of the dance/fun night in order to attend. **Also, two weeks good behavior (no out-of-school, in-school, bus suspension, office referral or after school detention) prior to the dance/fun night is required to attend a dance.**

## **CLUBS**

The organization of clubs varies from year to year depending upon the needs of students' interests and availability of sponsors.

**Battle of the Books:** This club is for students who love to read and is sponsored by the Media Center staff. Club members will read a variety of books that have been selected by a state committee and are read statewide. Guilford County Schools sponsor a contest/celebration in the spring between the middle schools in the county. All grades are welcome.

**Chess Club:** Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, the School Chess Club is a fun place to improve your game and meet other students interested in competitive chess. This club will meet on Wednesdays after school and two interschool tournaments are held each year. This club is open to all students. (Mr. Boyles)

**Campus Life:** Campus Life is a multi-denominational, student-led club. The purpose of the club meetings is accountability, outreach and follow-up. This club is open to all students. (Mr. Rogers)

**Dance Team** – This club is for students who love to dance. Club members will learn a variety of dances which they will perform at home basketball games and other community events. (Mrs. Scott)

**FCA** -Fellowship of Christian Athletes – (Mr. Bell)

**Fun Buddies** – (Mrs. Stubbelfield & Mrs. Weigel)

**Global Cultures Club** is dedicated to learning and sharing about different cultures around the world. We meet once a month and are open to 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders. (Mrs. Sally Smith, Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Cagle)

**History Bowl** – (Mrs. Person)

**Jump Rope Club** – (Mrs. Person)

**Girls in Science:** The Girls in Science Club is open to 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls who have a love for science. Our club primarily focuses on environmental science and environmental issues. We also participated in the Bennett College NASA Science Week. (Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Nelson)

**Investment Club:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Investment Club meets for ten weeks in the fall of the year and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Investment Club meets in the spring. We are participants in the North Carolina Stock Market Simulation. SMS is a motivating approach to learn about the American economic system. Student teams invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in stocks and compete statewide for portfolio and essay awards. (Mrs. McKinney)

**Jr. Mathcounts:** Jr. Mathcounts is a club for sixth graders who are strong in math and interested in mathematical problem-solving and mathematical challenges. Members meet prior to school once a week. These students will be given a test in January to determine the eight members of our Middle School Math Day Team. (Ms. Bentley)

**Literary Magazine** – (Mrs. Furrow)

**Mathcounts:** Mathcounts is a club composed of three teams: one each for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders interested in mathematical problem - solving. Members meet prior to school once a week. In early January, students take a test to determine the five members of the school team. The school Mathcounts team competes in regional competition in February. (Mrs. Marshall)

**Pep Band:** Pep Band is open to all band members in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades by audition only. Auditions will be held in late October each year and selected students will practice after school on Monday and Thursdays from 3:45 – 5:30. The Pep Band will perform at all home basketball games. (Mr. Auman)

**S.A.V.E.:** Students Against Violence Everywhere or S.A.V.E. Chapter 1329 is a student initiated program that promotes nonviolence within our school and community. It provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and suggests reasonable alternatives through a variety of safe activities for students, parents, and the community. Students meet every other Thursday afternoon from 4 PM to 5 PM. Participation in a certain number of meeting and activities, including some weekend activities are required by each member in order to maintain their membership. If you are interested in participating in this club get and complete an application form from the sponsoring teacher. The club is open to all grade levels. S.A.V.E. is a national non-profit organization. Educational materials and National Chapter dues are financed

through contributions. Please consider making a tax free contribution to this chapter.

(Mrs. McKinney)

**Science Olympiad:** Students perform experiments and create inventions to solve scientific problems. The team members compete against other middle schools from across the county each Spring. (Mrs. Price)

**Sewing Club:** Sewing Club is open to Eighth grade students who are interested in making personalized canvas bags that is perfect for carrying gym clothes, etc. Each student will need to commit to meeting two times a month. Space is limited to eight students to allow for individual attention. Students will be required to spend less than \$5 for supplies. (Mrs. Edwards)

**SMART** – (Mrs. Turner)

**Yearbook:** The Yearbook Club is a small group of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. These students are chosen to capture the year in photographs and stories. Each member is expected to attend all meetings in order to help with photography, write captions, design layouts, as well as alphabetize names, sort pictures and organize content for the edition of the yearbook.

**Student Council:** Represents all three-grade levels. Officers are elected in the spring of each year. The student council sponsors several service projects each year. This organization offers the opportunity to develop leadership skills. (Mr. Rogers)

## PARENT SIGNATURE

*I have reviewed this student handbook with my child.*

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*Parent/Guardian signature*

*date*

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*Student Name (please print)*

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**I will learn and follow the Four Cougar Core Values of: Respect, Responsibility, Compassion and Participation.** I understand and will abide by the terms and conditions regarding the use of the Guilford County School Internet System. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense or violation of the "Code of Student Conduct." Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Name of User: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom (AA) Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I have read the Terms and Conditions and Acceptable Use Guidelines for the use of the Internet connection. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the staff will supervise its use as fully as possible.

I recognize that it is impossible for the staff to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them, the school or the school system responsible for materials on the network in violation of this policy statement.

Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in the school setting. I hereby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_