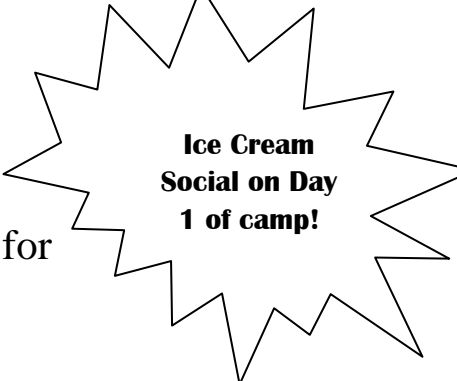




**Lunch included
Tuesday-Friday!**

Shifting Gears 2015

Sponsored by the Kilmer MS PTA



**Ice Cream
Social on Day
1 of camp!**

Kilmer Middle School Transition Program for Rising Seventh Grade Students

Location: Kilmer Middle School

Session I July 13-17

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session II August 3-7

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150.00 payable through the Kilmer PTA website with p4sso.com
registration is not complete until payment is made

7th Grade class schedules and locker assignments will not be available during this program!

Program Details:

Middle School Curriculum

- *Four Core Subject Areas
- *Summer Reading List
- *Reading Comprehension
- *Writing Process

Middle School Strategies

- *Layout of the Building
- *Trouble Shooting with Lockers
- *Using your planner to stay organized

The Middle School Student

- *Goal-Setting
- *Self-Advocacy Skills
- *Conflict Resolution
- *Cooperative

Tools of Technology

- *Keyboarding Skills
- *Fun Programming
- *Study/Test Taking Skills

Registration is open from February 25 – June 1
or until sessions are full

Access registration forms online at <http://goo.gl/FB0VZS>
or via the Kilmer PTA or Kilmer Middle School website.

Students may only participate in **one** session.

No Refunds will be given after June 1, 2015.

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****Transportation must be provided by parents/guardians****

****Bagged lunch required for Monday ONLY****

FAQ

What exactly is Shifting Gears?

- Shifting Gears is a week-long orientation camp for rising seventh graders. Some things your student will experience include making new friends from different schools, learning how to effectively work in a group with other students from diverse backgrounds, become proficient at their locker, understand middle school expectations, and be exposed to a sample of core classes.

Will lunch be provided?

- Yes. Students will need to bring a bag lunch on the first day only. We will have an ice cream social where families will be encouraged to socialize with each other and staff.

What impact has Shifting Gears had on students coming to Kilmer?

- I am so glad you asked! ☺ Shifting Gears has had a positive impact on both students and staff! Here's what our teachers and students are saying:

Kilmer Students:

“I was so glad to learn about the PAWS class. I didn't know what that was about. I also liked that I got to meet some of the teachers before school started!”

“We had so much fun! I liked that we were able to talk about our “fears” and “cheers” of middle school. I was glad to see I wasn't the only one who was nervous about certain things...like changing for PE!”

“I learned how to work a locker! And I am really glad I learned how the lunches and Paws work.”

“The end of week competition was amazing! At the beginning of the week, our team didn't really know each other. By the end of the week, we were all working hard together and cheering each other on. We even exchanged numbers and kept in touch over the summer before school started!”

Teachers:

“As a teacher, it's nice for me to meet prospective students. When those doors open in September, it's fun to recognize the faces from Shifting Gears.” –Evelyn Momplaisir, English 7 & AVID teacher

“I love the small ratio of students to teacher. As an 8th grade teacher, I love meeting and building relationships with students who may wind up in my class the following year.”

– Amy Hansen, English 8 teacher