

Shifting Gears 2018

**Lunch included
Tuesday-Friday!**

Who? All Rising 7th Grade Kilmer Students
What? Kilmer Middle School Transition Program
Where? Kilmer Middle School

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

**Session I July 30-Aug 3
Session II Aug 6-Aug 10**

**12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Early Bird Special Price: \$165.00.
After June 1, \$175.**

****registration is not complete until payment is made****

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

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 learning

Tools of Technology

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

Registration is open February 8th until sessions are full. Registration form must be completed online at <http://goo.gl/LiuM9n>. Once submitted, click on the link to My School Bucks to complete registration. Students may only participate in one session.

Cancellation fee of \$25 prior to June 1, 2018. No Refunds will be given after June 1, 2018.

School Contact(s):

Amy Hansen alhansen@fcps.edu

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

FAQ

My son or daughter is not currently a registered FCPS student OR we are brand new to the school system:

- **If you are new to Fairfax County Public Schools, you will need to create an account.**
- **When prompted to select a school, choose from one of the following schools (you do not have to attend the school to register to purchase school store items):**
- **Freedom Hill ES, Lemon Road ES, Stenwood ES, Westgate ES.**
- **Once registered, go to “school store” to purchase “shifting gears”-make sure the week you have registered for matches the one you select. If it is NOT available, the session is full.**
- **If you have any issues after you have attempted the above, please contact Amy Hansen at the email address on the front of this flier.**

What exactly is Shifting Gears?

- **Shifting Gears is a week-long orientation camp for rising 7th 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. Lunch is provided Tuesday through Friday. However, students will need to bring a bag lunch on the first day. 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?

- **Shifting Gears has had a positive impact on both students and staff! Here’s what our students are saying:**

“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 am so thankful I learned how to work my 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!”