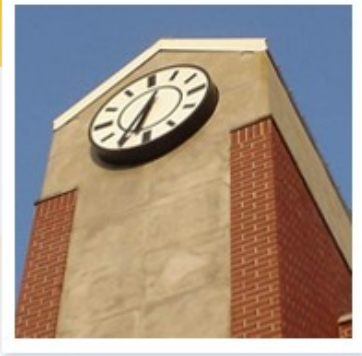


BGIS eNews

BGIS Website: <http://brocksintermediate.al.hci.schoolinsites.com/>



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Dear Family Members and Friends of Brock's Gap Intermediate Students:

This year, Brock's Gap is hosting our Veterans Day Program on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 8:45 A.M. All family members and friends of Brock's Gap students, who have served or are currently serving our country, are invited. If you will be able to attend, please fill out the Google Form [HERE](#). If you currently have a parent serving out of state or overseas, you are welcome to invite someone to stand in their place.

Also, as part of our Veterans Day Program, we are planning to have a slide show including pictures of family members and friends of Brock's Gap students who are serving or have served in the U.S. military. Whether or not you would be able to attend the program, we would love to include your picture of military family and friends. Please send your digital pictures to Christie Willis by Friday, November 3, 2017. You can email your pictures to chwillis@hoover.k12.al.us. If you have older pictures that are not in a digital format, you may bring those to Christie Willis, the Technology Teacher-Room 113, in a zip-locked bag with the necessary information: the student's name, their homeroom teacher, grade, and the relative's name in the picture and what branch of military they have served/are serving. Pictures will be scanned and returned back to the appropriate student in a timely manner.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Scott L. Mitchell, Ed.S

Principal, Brock's Gap Intermediate School
Hoover City Schools
1730 Lake Cyrus Club Drive
Hoover, AL 35244-4182
(205) 439-1600 school office



Dates to Note for OCTOBER / NOVEMBER	
Oct 30- Nov 3rd	Fall Book Fair
Oct 30— Nov 9	Collection of Toiletries for Veterans
Oct 30	BGIS Choir Field Trip to Montgomery
Nov 9	BGIS Veterans Day Program
Nov 10	Veterans Day Holdiay —No school
Nov 14	BGIS Spirit Night at Firehouse Subs

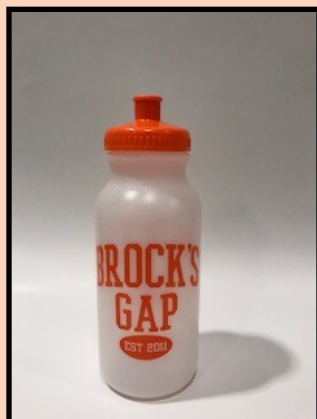


1730 Lake Cyrus Club Drive
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(fax) 205-439-1601

Show your BGIS school spirit!

All spirit items are now listed on
myschoolfees until supplies run out!

Limited quantities... so be sure to get
yours before they're gone!





We will collect supplies for homeless veterans in the lobby from November 1st-17th.

The people who work with the homeless veterans at the VA were totally overwhelmed with our large donation of items. They cannot use federal money for these items and depend on donations. Please encourage your students to participate in this worthy cause.

<https://tinyurl.com/HelpForHomelessVets>

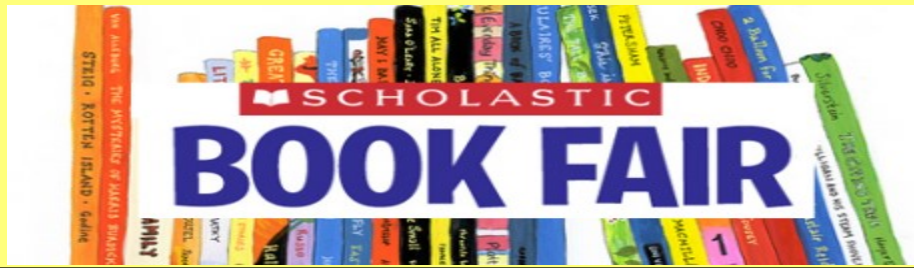
A graphic with the text "GET INVOLVED!" in a bold, blue, outlined font. The word "GET" is on the top line and "INVOLVED!" is on the bottom line. The exclamation point is large and stylized.

Get Involved at Brock's Gap

There are many opportunities to become involved in groups and clubs at Brock's Gap.

Check out the link below to see what students could be a part of here at BGIS.

<http://tinyurl.com/bgclubs>



The **BGIS Fall Book Fair** will be next week, October 30th—November 3rd. There will be so many books to choose from for every kind of reader. Can't wait to see you there!

***Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please email Ms. Stewart at rstewart@hoover.k12.al.us if you would like to help.



Katie's Krops Garden Club Update

Special thanks go out to Mr. Robert Estes and his family. They are our local experts and advisors when it comes to our garden program. Recently, although we didn't expect this much this late in the season, 20 lbs. of produce was harvested from our raised bed gardens. This past weekend these items were donated to a local food shelter to help those less fortunate.

Coming soon we will be harvesting our sweet potatoes. The kids have fun digging these up each year. In addition, we are ready to clean our beds by pulling up everything else except the peppers. They are still producing reasonably well, but the tomatoes, eggplant, and cucumbers will be removed. Our student gardening club will be working on these projects. Stay tuned for opportunities if you are interested.

School Curriculum



Curriculum Update

Cold Reads - Several parents have asked about the purpose of the "cold reads," so we want to share the school and district philosophy with you regarding these challenging assessments. Cold reads are assessments that we give periodically throughout the year to determine if students are mastering objectives and reading on grade level text. The text is at a 5th or 6th grade level and questions focus on previously taught objectives. These cold reads prove to be challenging for students, but it allows teachers to determine if your child has mastered the skills on a grade level text. This test is only a small part of your child's grade, so with hard work on classroom assignments and homework, strong grades are able to be maintained.

If you have questions or concerns your child's English language arts teacher or Mrs. Melissa Leahey, our Literacy Coach, will be happy to help.

mleahey@hoover.k12.al.us



Friday Night School



At BGIS for our 5th and 6th graders we have Friday Night School as an option for students who need to make-up work or spend additional time on assignments. This time is not considered a punishment; instead, this time is an opportunity for students.

Friday school will begin next Friday, September 15 from 3:15 P.M.-7:15 P.M. Arrangements must be made ahead of time through homeroom teachers. From time to time teacher may contact parents to request students attend this opportunity to help academic catch up. Students are allowed to leave early if they finish their work and arrange parent pickup. Parents simply park and wait at the front door in their cars until students finish in their room and are released to exit the building through the front lobby.

Friday Night School is facilitated by BGIS certified teachers who are working in this capacity to help students meet their academic needs. Different teachers sign-up and serve each week.

If you are interested in this opportunity, reach out to your child's homeroom teacher to make arrangements.

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

www.schoolcounselor.com

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take a moment to introduce ourselves to you and your family. Our names are Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Robichaux and are the School Counselors at Brock's Gap Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited and honored to be a part of this amazing team of educators and staff. We look forward to helping your student(s) succeed to meet their own personal goals for this school year and beyond.

Counseling sessions in a school setting are typically short-term in nature and focus on solutions to help your child succeed in all areas of their development. Counseling activities can include individual or group counseling and whole class lessons. Your student may be referred to counseling from a teacher, staff member or from you as a parent/guardian. To make a referral, you may visit our website or email us personally.

Please call or email us if you have ANY questions or concerns. We are thrilled to be working with your students! Have a great start to the school year everyone.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bruno

5th Grade Counselor

205-439-1624

cbruno@hoover.k12.al.us

Mrs. Robichaux

6th Grade Counselor

205-439-1634

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What's Trending



When your child is glued to their electronic device, ever wonder what app they're on? Here's a list of some trending sites/phone apps to keep you in the know!

Youtube is a video-sharing site and app. There are many videos on YouTube that may not be age-appropriate for kids. Plenty of inappropriate content can surface by typing in the most innocent of search terms, so parents will want to monitor kids' use. Videos here run the gamut, from commercial to educational to music videos to homemade clips. Many kids love YouTube and rely on it as a way of keeping up with popular culture. This is one of the Web's most popular destinations for people of all ages. YouTube does offer parents the ability to filter out objectionable content and comments using Safety Mode. However, Safety Mode doesn't catch everything. There is also a feature that allows you to create a youtube channel, which a lot of students have.

Kik is an app-based alternative to standard texting as well as a social networking app for smartphones. With features like video, sketch, bot search, and friend or group code scanning, the app can be used by kids as young as 13 but should really only be used by older teens and adults since it's so easy to connect with strangers.

Musical.ly is the world's largest creative platform. The platform allows any user to make videos and share with friends or with the world. It also has a social network component to it as well. ***You must be 13+ to use the application.***

Snapchat is an image messaging and multimedia phone app. It allows users to snap and share picture, make videos to communicate in the moment, and keep up with or follow what's going on with friends and others they choose to follow on the platform. ***You must be 13+ to use the application.*** There is a location setting that should be turned off if students are given permission to use the application. There is also a version for younger children called SnapKidz.

Instagram is an app that allows users to capture and share the world's moments. Users can follow their friends and family to see what they're up to, express themselves by sharing all the moments of their day, including the highlights and everything in between, too. Users can follow accounts from all over the world that are sharing things they might love. It has over 500 million users. Users can post photos, videos, edit pictures, go live (record live video and share), watch videos posted by friends, and send disappearing photos and videos to friends they follow. ***You must be 13+ to use the application.***

Houseparty is an application that allows users to host virtual "house parties". Parties allows users to connect and chat face-to-face in a virtual space. A party can host up to eight (8) users at a time. Users can send messages to one another during the "house party" or opt to participate in only face-to-face conversations. ***There is no minimum age required to use the app.***

Kiwi is an app and website lets people ask questions of friends or all users. Posts are tagged with your location (unless you turn it off), so all the kids at one school can be on the app.

Sarahah lets you send anonymous comments to friends. Some teens may use it to send anonymous messages with their schoolyard crushes, but more often it's used to transmit all the mean things teens would never say to a friend's face.

Live.ly is an app that allows users to watch live videos but are never entirely sure what they're going to see when they open it up.

Monkey-This app randomly connects teens with other Snapchat users around the world for a 10-second video chat. As with so many social networking tools, a teen's experience will depend a lot on other users' behavior.

Oovoo- Parents need to know that *ooVoo Video Call, Text and Voice* is a free app that teens can use to group video chat with up to 12 people, even if they're using different platforms (iPhone, Android, desktop computers, and more). *ooVoo* users also can send texts and make regular phone calls, including to international numbers (in-app purchase is required). **The developer's terms indicate people must be 13 or older to use the app. An important privacy and safety note: Unless teens change their account settings to limit or restrict public access, anyone can search for, see, and contact them.**



Career Spotlight



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year at Brock's Gap Intermediate School we are going to be doing career spotlights throughout the year. WE NEED YOU! We want our parents to be our spotlights. We are asking that you video yourself answering a few questions and the video will be shared in our broadcast announcements.

We are looking for a variety of people interested in telling our students about their career. Many of our students are unaware of the career opportunities available to them and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first hand knowledge of potential career paths. This is also a great way for you to get involved in BGIS and make an impact on the students' future.

If you are interested in recording a short 2 minute video telling the students about a "day in the life" of your job, please complete the following link. <http://bit.ly/2vDNqdu>

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. The information is also on the Guidance & Counseling page on the Brock's Gap website.

Thank you,
Catherine Bruno
Coley Robichaux

 **CHARACTER TRAIT**
of the Month

October 2017 | BOWERBIRD

CREATIVITY

Using your imagination to do
something unique



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CREATIVIDAD

Usando tu imaginación para
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SAY IT:

Creativity is using your imagination to do something unique.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Have you ever made up a game to play with friends or by yourself?
- Share ideas, dreams or thoughts you have had about something that you have created or want to create.

Ask a grown up:

- What does it mean to think outside the box?
- When are you at your most creative? Are you most creative when you are in a crowd, alone, busy, bored, happy, sad, etc.? Share your experiences.

SEE IT:

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in Manhattan, New York displays some of the most creative works of art in the world. Art is not just paintings or sculptures, but can also be movies, songs, architecture, photos and books. Two and a half million visitors from all over the world enjoy these mediums and more throughout the year at MoMA. Check it out for yourself at moma.org.

BE IT:

Research your area for opportunities to get your family involved in creative endeavors. Ideas include painting classes, pottery classes, and culinary classes. Participating as a family in these classes will give you an opportunity to exercise your creative potential and the opportunity to appreciate everyone's imagination

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CREATIVIDAD

Usando tu imaginación para
hacer algo único



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DILO:

La creatividad es cuando usas tu imaginación para hacer algo único.

CONÓCELO:

Pregunta a un niño/a:

- ¿Alguna vez has creado un juego con tus amigos o contigo mismo/a?
- Comparte ideas, sueños o pensamientos que hayas tenido acerca de algo que has creado o quieres crear. *Pregunta a un adulto:*
- ¿Qué significa “pensar fuera del esquema”?
- ¿Cuándo has tenido un estado muy creativo? ¿Eres más creativo cuando estás en una multitud, solo, ocupado, aburrido, alegre, triste, etc.? Comparte tus experiencias.

MIRALO:

El Museo de Arte Moderno (MOMA) en Manhattan, New York; muestra algunas piezas de arte más creativas en el mundo. Arte no es solamente pinturas o esculturas, también pueden ser películas, canciones, arquitectura, fotos o libros. Dos y medio millones de visitantes de todas partes del mundo vienen a lo largo del año a disfrutar de estos medios y mucho más en el MOMA.

HAZLO:

Investiga oportunidades en tu área para involucrarte con tu familia en experiencias creativas. Algunas ideas son: clases de pintura, talleres de cerámica o clases de cocina. Cuando participas en familia en estas clases te da la posibilidad de ejercitar tu potencial creativo y apreciar la imaginación de cada uno.



Character Trait of the Month

Creativity

Using your imagination to do something unique

October Character Winners:

6th Grade:

Explorers: Keyara Johnson & Ryan Calvin

Navigators: Zavier Long and Kalyn King

Discoverers: Annabelle Kotis and Ben Smith.

Voyagers: Aaron D'Angiolillo & Anna Kizzire

5th Grade:

Explorers: Jaxxon Schmidt & Sophia Hayes

Navigators: Matthew McCarty & Claire Stoudenmire

Discoverers: Victoria Tomasulo & Tylor Brannon

Voyagers: Cooper Dobnikar and Catherine Wallace



Check out the links to the Parent Alert Bulletin

[The Inside Out of Emotions in Children](#)

[Suicide Awareness & Prevention](#)

The Hoover City Schools Foundation presents a Parent Awareness Breakfast at each Hoover middle school in November. Parenting is hard and you may have a lot of questions so we've assembled a team of experts to help prevent substance abuse and establish help for those already struggling. All Hoover parents are invited.

See [invitation here](#).



Parents:

Flu season is upon us. If your child is diagnosed by a doctor with the flu please let the school nurse know. We try to track how many students get the flu. Thanks so much.

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

Please follow the Hoover City Schools Guidelines below when your child is sick.

1. Fever: Your child should stay home if he/she has a fever of 100 degrees (orally) or more and should remain home for **24 hours** after the fever has gone---**without the assistance of Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, etc.**
2. Vomiting or Diarrhea: Your child should stay home if he/she has vomited or has diarrhea (more than 1 loose stool) within 2 hours prior to the start of school. They must have eaten and tolerated at least 1 **normal** meal before returning to school.
3. Strep Throat: If you child has been diagnosed as having strep throat (this requires a special test by your doctor), your child should **stay home 24 hours after antibiotic therapy has been started.**

Our goal is to keep the entire school population as healthy as possible. Together we can accomplish this goal.

**Tyra Walker, RN
School Nurse
Brocks Gap Intermediate
Phone 439-1630
Fax 439-1601**

READ



Girls, Goals, and Good Books

When: Tuesdays (every other week)

Location: in the gym

Bring: a book that you are reading

Who: GIRLS

Sponsors: Mrs. Leahey, Mr. Williams, and Coach A

Students are responsible for a ride home at 4:00.

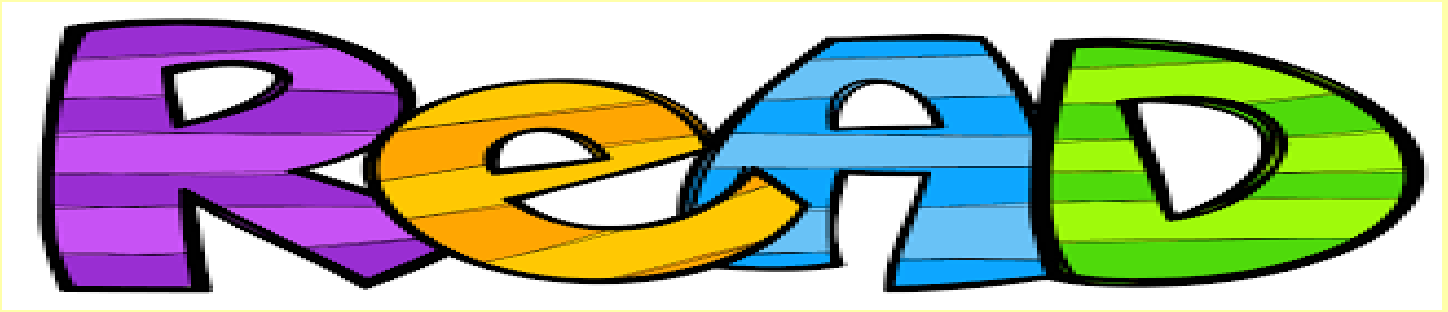
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October 24th

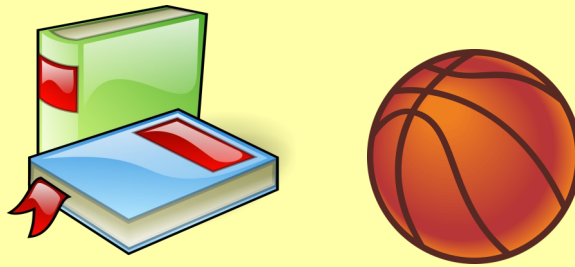
November 7th

November 28th

December 5th



Books, Boys, and Basketball



When: Tuesday, September 19th from 3:00 to 4:00

(every other week)

Location: in the gym

Bring: a book that you are reading

Who: BOYS

Sponsors: Mr. Williams, Coach A and Mrs. Leahey

Students are responsible for a ride home at 4:00.

School Lunch



October - 30	October - 31	November - 1	November - 2	November - 3
Personal Pan Cheese Pizza OR Chicken Corndog Curly Fries Peas & Carrots Fresh Salad Bar Mandarin Oranges Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Crisпитos OR Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Salsa Sliced Jalapeno Peppers Milk	Country Fried Steak OR Breaded Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Seasoned Green Beans Steamed Rice with Gravy Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Milk	Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR Beef Tips and Rice Sweet Potato Fries Steamed Broccoli Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Milk	Hamburger On A Bun OR Hot Club Hoagie Sandwich Baked Potato Rounds Cheesy Cauliflower Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Milk
November - 6	November - 7	November - 8	November - 9	November - 10
Cheese Sticks with Marinara OR BBQ Pork Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Italian Pasta Salad Mandarin Oranges Fresh Fruit Fresh Salad Bar Milk	Chicken Crisпитos OR Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Fresh Fruit Sliced Pears Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Salsa Cheddar Cheese Sliced Jalapeno Peppers Milk	Breaded Chicken Tenders OR Sliced Turkey Roast with Gravy Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Salad Bar Fresh Fruit Milk	Spaghetti with Meatsauce & Breadstick OR Cheese Calzone Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Fresh Salad Bar Milk	No School Veteran's Day



HOOVER vs. THOMPSON FOOTBALL GAME

Join us at the Met this Friday night, October 27th as the Bucs take on the Warriors. To pre-purchase your tickets for the Hoover-Thompson game click on the link below.

[Ticket purchase](#)





2017 THANKSGIVING CAMP

LAKE CYRUS SWIM & RACQUET CLUB

ELITE TENNIS ACADEMY

COACH MONTE CROSSWHITE USPTA/ISSA

NOV. 20-23 (MON-WED) \$125

\$45 DAILY

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN LESSONS OR CAMPS FROM LAKE CYRUS OR BIRCHTREE

OR IF YOU ARE A LAKE CYRUS HOMEOWNER,

2nd child/friend is FREE - 2 kids for \$125

LIMITED SPACE, ENROLL WHILE SPACE IS AVAILABLE

CAMP SCHEDULE 9:30-2PM

DROP OFF 9:25, INSTRUCTIONAL 9:30-11:30, LUNCH 11:30-12 MOVIE OR
TENNIS GAMES 12:30-2PM PICK-UP 2pm

LATER PICK UPS CAN BE PRE-ARRANGED

SIMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Disney
THE
LION KING
JR

FRIDAY &
SATURDAY
OCTOBER
27 & 28
6:30 PM



TICKETS: ADULT \$8 | STUDENT \$4 | FACULTY & CHILDREN UNDER FOUR FREE

The graphic features the words "Community Service" in a playful, hand-drawn style. "Community" is written in large, multi-colored letters (C: white, O: black, m: yellow, M: red, u: purple, n: blue, i: white, T: white, y: black) on small white cards pinned to a light background with colorful pushpins. "Service" is written below in a bold, black, hand-drawn font with a white outline.

Community Service

Community Service is defined as those activities which assist others or the community for which the student receives neither pay nor academic credit.

Suggested Activities includes: tutoring, yard work for an elderly neighbor, being a “mother’s helper” for small children other than your family, library volunteer, homeless shelters, Humane Society, church nursery, environmental projects, etc.

This form should be turned into either Mrs. Robichaux or Mrs. Bruno by May 7, 2018.

Students can pick up a community service form in the front office, 3tr floor office or from their counselor, Mrs. Robichaux (6th grade counselor) or Mrs. Bruno (5th grade counselor)

See form on next page.

Brock's Gap Intermediate School
Record of Community Service Hours

Name _____ Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

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Thirty (30) hours of service are required to earn an award.

<i>Date of Activity</i>	<i>Community Service Location/Activity</i>	<i>Hours Logged</i>	<i>Signature of Service Supervisor</i>

Total Number of Hours _____

I agree that I have performed the above hours.

Student Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date



HOOVER
CITY SCHOOLS

Anticipated Absence Form

Thank you for recognizing that attendance at school is vitally important if students are to be successful in their studies. If your child must be absent for a reason other than those listed as approved by the Hoover City Schools Code of Conduct and Elementary Handbook, you may request that the days missed be coded as excused. Please be aware of the following important information:

- Approval of your request is not guaranteed.
- Days requested cannot be excused if they will occur during state/district testing days or if the allowable number of absences for the semester has already been accumulated or will be accumulated due to the requested absence.
- Principals may advise against your child missing school due to low grades or prior attendance record.
- Parents and students are responsible for all missed work, and the teacher has the authority to determine deadlines for missed work being submitted.
- A **completed** Anticipated Absence Form **MUST** be submitted to the school office at least three (3) days in advance of the absence. This form is to be used for full day absences only.

Student Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Dates of Absence: _____ # of days: _____

Reason for Requesting an Anticipated Absence be Excused (You may attach explanation if necessary.)

My signature verifies that I understand the information provided regarding Anticipated Absences.

Parent Signature

Date

Administrator Signature

DATE

Approved

Approved with Reservations due to

____ Grades ____ Prior Attendance

____ Length of Anticipated Absence

Not Approved – Absence will be unexcused due to:

____ State/District Testing

____ Exceeds Allowable # Absences for Semester

____ Other (See Below)

***Teacher's Homework/Assignment:**

Period	Subject	9 Week Grade to Date	Comments/Assignments	Teacher Signature

***Teachers may opt to assign makeup work once the student returns to school.**