

**Tucker Middle School
STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK
2014-2015**

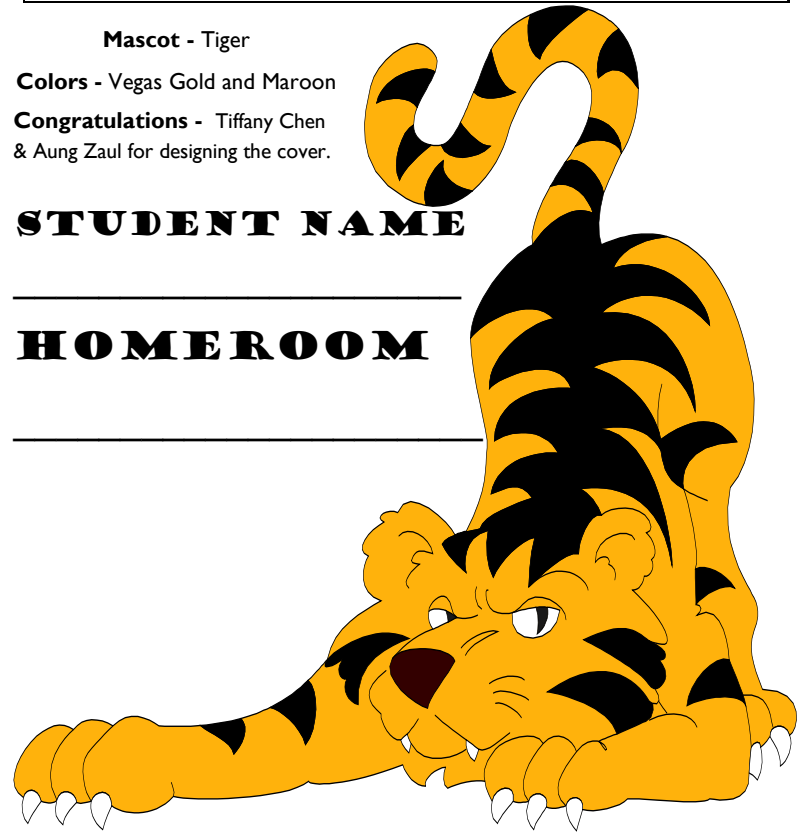
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STUDENT NAME

HOMEROOM



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www.tuckermiddlepta.org

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Handbook Signature Page 2014-2015

Parents/Guardians:

My signature on this document acknowledges that I have read and understood the policies, procedures, and protocols listed in my child's school handbook. I also understand that my child and I will be held accountable to the policies, procedures, and protocols as set forth in this school handbook.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student:

My signature on this document acknowledges that I have read and understood and/or have had explained to me the policies, procedures, and protocols listed in my school handbook. I also understand that my family and I will be held accountable to the policies, procedures, and protocols as set forth in this school handbook.

Student's Signature: _____

Student Name –Print _____

Date: _____

Home of the Tigers
2014-2015



August 2014

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Tucker Middle School! The next few years will be exciting times for our school and for each of you. I am pleased to serve as your principal at Tucker Middle School and I look forward to working with students, parents, and the community. I also appreciate all of your support and dedication to TMS.

Our major focus at TMS is on the **ACADEMIC** success of all our students. Since each child is unique and special in his or her own way, we believe instruction should be tailored so that each child will achieve. Our teachers are awesome and are always willing to go above and beyond to ensure student success.

Additionally, our number one priority is and will always be the safety of our students. Further, we support parental participation in the total school program. Any parent who would like to volunteer to work in the security office, main office, or as copy aids may sign up in the main office. We are asking parents to join the PTA as well as attend parent meetings and trainings. Our goal is 100% participation.

Students, by familiarizing yourself with this handbook, as well as the student code of conduct, you will be able to make the best choices in any given situation. Please discuss this handbook with your parents and guardians so they will also understand our expectations and your rights and responsibilities. Thank you parents for entrusting us with your child's education. Please also visit our website at <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/tuckerms/>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathy Cunningham, Principal

Dr. Kathy Cunningham, Principal

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August

6 OPEN HOUSE
11 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (FULL DAY)**



September

1 HOLIDAY Labor Day (Schools/Admin Offices Closed)
11 CURRICULUM NIGHT

October

13 Staff Development Day (No School For Students)

November

24-28 HOLIDAYS Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)

December

19 End of First Semester
22-31 Winter Break (Schools Closed)

January

1-2 Winter Break (Schools Closed)
5 Teacher Workday (No School for Students)
6 Schools Re-Open
First Day of Second Semester
19 HOLIDAY Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Birthday Observance (Schools Closed)

February

16 HOLIDAY Presidents' Day (Schools Closed)

March

N/A

April

6-10 HOLIDAYS - Spring (Schools Closed)

May

22 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
25 HOLIDAY Memorial Day (Schools Closed)

2014-2015 PROGRESS & REPORT CARD CALENDAR -
see Tucker MS website

Community and Service Award 2014-2015

Middle Years Programme - Areas of Interaction

Community and Service

- How do we live in relation to others?
- How can I contribute to the community?
- How can I help others?

Community and service starts in the classroom and extends beyond it, requiring students to take an active part in the communities in which they live.

Giving importance to the sense of community throughout the programme encourages responsible citizenship as it seeks to deepen the adolescent's knowledge and understanding of the world around them. The emphasis is on developing community awareness and concern, and the skills needed to make an effective contribution to society.

Students are encouraged to make connections between their intellectual and social growth, thereby refining their affective, creative and ethical as well as cognitive development. This is achieved through a process of discovery of self and community, and reflections inside as well as outside the classroom.

Requirements: Students will be required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of community and service. All service hours must be completed by **April 30, 2015**.

Students who successfully complete their service hours will be presented with a Community and Service Award at the end of the year. The students with the highest number of hours will be inducted into the Tucker Middle School Community and Service Hall of Fame.

Students should follow the procedures outlined below to accrue hours;

1. Participate in a community service activity. The student will receive no monetary or non monetary incentives or rewards for the service.
2. The student needs to complete a community and service reflection form and return to Ms. **Johnson** – IB Coordinator.

Tucker After School Policy 2014-2015

August 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Tucker Middle School maintains a high standard of safety for all of our students. We requested in the form of this letter; in the Tucker Middle School Student Handbook; and at PTA meetings that students be picked up by 4:30. **Any student not picked up by 5:00 pm is left unsupervised and will be reported to the appropriate resources (i.e., Social Worker, DFACS, etc.)**

The safety of your child is our number one priority. Please make arrangements with your emergency contacts in case of situations that may detain you. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call 678 875 0902.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kathy Cunningham, Principal

REPORT CARDS



The following scale explains the meaning of the academic and conduct codes:

Excellent	A = 90-100	S = Satisfactory
Good	B = 80-89	N = Needs Improvement
Fair	C = 71-79	U = Unsatisfactory
Passing	D = 70	
Failing	F = 69-Below	

Grade Point Averages in the DeKalb County School System are computed on a 4.0 scale. All final grades are recorded in numerical form.

25 BOOK READING RECORD

1. _____
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25. _____





CONNECTIONS FACULTY & STAFF

Christine Mayfield	BUS ED	B229
John Reynolds	TECH ED	B222
Nathan Williams	TECH ED	B229
Eric Knapp	TECH ED	B222/229
Eugene Campbell	ART	A132
Christine Mayfield	FACS	B120
Adrienne Schmidt	SPANISH	B204
Susanna Miller	FRENCH	B203
Joanne Grammont	SPANISH	B209A
Jasmine Johnson	SPANISH	B209B
Tim Simmons	CHORUS	B158
Lawrence Jennings	BAND	B146
Min Kang	ORCHESTRA/Band	B153
Lea Whitfield	Media Specialist	Media Center
Jasmine Johnson	IB Coordinator	B219 1B

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH -GYM

Corey Williams	Roderick Russell	Beverly Storey
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ATTENDANCE POLICY



TARDINESS

Students tardy to school are to check in at the

Security Desk, with a parent or guardian. In an

emergency situation, the student must have a note

from the parent stating the reason for the absence. Tardies are excused on the same basis as the absences. Please see "Absence" on the previous page.

CHECKING IN

Any student arriving at school after 8:30 a.m. must report to the Security Desk and check in. A parent should accompany the student to the Security Desk in order to verify the student's tardiness and time of arrival. Students are not to report directly to class.

CHECKING OUT

The parent/guardian must come to the Security Desk to sign his/her child out of school. Please send a note to the Main Office with your child when you know that he/she will be checking out of school.

Please include the date, child's full name and the reason for checking out. This will expedite the procedure for checking out of school.

There are will be no checkouts after 3:00.

STUDENT ILLNESS

If you are ill during the school day, report this to your teacher. You will be sent to the counseling office with a pass and your parent/guardian will be notified.

MAKE-UP WORK

When a student has an excused absence, he/she may make-up any work missed. It is the student's responsibility to see that this is done at the teacher's convenience, outside of the regular class period and within five days of return, unless the student circumstances warrant an extension which must be approved by the Instructional Assistant Principal. If the work is not completed, the student receives a zero for the incomplete work. A student who has been suspended must be given the opportunity to make-up the work missed.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR



Students are expected to express pride in themselves and their school through appropriate behavior and dress. Caring for school property and equipment by helping to keep it clean (without litter) expresses pride. Walking not running while in the building; using your inside voice rather than yelling, and keeping to the right as you move through the hallways expresses pride, maturity, cooperation and safety. Refrain from using inappropriate words, language, or gestures. Kind, caring attitudes and behaviors always show class.

Unfortunately some students choose inappropriate actions that cause a major disturbance to our school environment. These actions include but are not limited to: writing graffiti, setting fires, possession and igniting firecrackers, throwing food, possession of eggs, shaving cream, water balloons, water guns, etc. Students involved in this type of activity will be subject to disciplinary action. Tucker is a drug and weapon free school zone and any possession of such items will not be tolerated.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual Harassment is a form of misconduct which (1) is not welcomed, (2) is a persistent conduct that is personally offensive, (3) debilitates morale, and (4) interferes with student effectiveness. Harassment will not be tolerated in any form. **Harassment comes in many forms including:** requests for sexual favors and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical actions of a sexual nature. **The harasser can be:** any school employee, another student, a 3rd party, (non-student or non-employee). Students that are sexually harassed should report such misconduct to any staff member or an administrator immediately.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE (Bullying and Verbal Threats)

Students that attend Tucker Middle School have the right to go to their classes without the fear of being picked on or being bullied. Verbal threats of any kind will not be tolerated by the administration, and students found guilty of any form of verbal harassment will be suspended and a formal hearing may be held. Students should not make any comments that are inappropriate, risqué, or that may make any individual uncomfortable, whether they are verbal or written. Any body gestures that intimidate others are a form of bullying and will not be allowed.

8th Grade FACULTY & STAFF (678) 875-0915

Mr. Reggie Perry, Administrator



<u>8T</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>8S</u>	<u>Room</u>
Ms. Fowler	A304	Ms. Essix	A331
Ms. Hunte	A303	Mr. Hayes	A330
Ms. Willson	A305	Ms. Rollins	A332
Mr. Cosby	A302	Mr. Walker	A329
		Ms. Sellers	
<u>8M</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>8Tigers</u>	<u>Room</u>
Dr. Battle	A307	Mr. Harris	A338
Ms. Martin	A308	Ms. Bryant	A335
Ms. Williams	A309	Ms. Mozley	A336
Mr. Hudson	A310	Ms. Mann	A337
		Ms. Bush	A337
		Mr. Constant	A337

8th Grade			
Breakfast	7:45-8:20		
HR	8:10-8:30		
Announcements	8:30-8:40		
1	8:45- 9:30		
2	9:35- 10:25		
3	10:30 - 12:10		
Lunch	Team	Table	Time
	8T	1	10:25-11:00
	8S	2	10:40- 11:05
	8M	3	12:045 - 11:10
	8Tigers	1	11:00—11:25
	Allyene	11:30-12:00	Whitney 12:00-12:30
4	12:20- 1:10	CONNECTIONS	
5	1:15-2:05	CONNECTIONS	
6	2:10-3:00		
7	3:05-4:00		

7th Grade FACULTY & STAFF (678) 875-0916Ms. **Monica Black**—Administrator

<u>7T</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>7S</u>	<u>Room</u>
Ms. Jackson	A204	Ms. Sims	A207
Mr. Benton	A203	Ms. Khan	A210
Ms. Turman	A205	Ms. Greyer	A209
Ms. Hansbury	A202	Mr. Chin	A208
<u>7M</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>7Tigers</u>	<u>Room</u>
Ms. Russell	A231	Ms. McPeck	A234
Ms. Loggins	A230	Ms. Walker	A234
Ms. Clinton	A232	Ms. Hicks	A235
Ms. Camp	A229	Ms. Woodruff	A235
		Mr. Allen	A236
		Mr. Ricks	A236
		Mr. McGee	A237

7th Grade			
Breakfast	7:45– 8:20		
HR	8:10– 8:30		
	Announcements 8:35-8:40		
1	8:45– 9:30 ELT		
2	9:35-10:25 CONNECTIONS		
3	10:30-11:20 CONNECTIONS		
4	11:25-1:15		
LUNCH	Team	Table	Time
	7T	3	11:30– 11:55
	7S	1	11:35 – 12: 00
	7M	2	11:45– 12:10
	7TIGERS	3	11:55– 12:20
	Whitney 12:00 – 12:30 Allyene 12:30- 1:00		
5	1:20 - 2:10		
6	2:15 - 3:05		
7	3:10-4:00		

STUDENT DRESS CODE

A student's dress and grooming are primarily the responsibility of the student and his/her parents. Appropriate articles of clothing, neatness and cleanliness are expected of all students at all times. Attire and appearance that are provocative or inappropriate tend to draw unfavorable attention, interfere with instruction, or threaten health or safety is not acceptable. Student's should adhere to the following:

The wearing of pants below the waist line, bare midriffs, halter tops/ tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, "off the shoulder" type shirts, tops/blouses revealing cleavage, short shorts, net/see through garments are not allowed.

Flip-flops, between-the-toe shoes without heels, bedroom shoes, or other footwear that interferes with the freedom of movement is not allowed.

Trousers/jeans with holes should not be worn during school hours. All males and females should wear a belt with trousers or pants.

Hats, hoodies, caps, girls' knitted caps/pile caps, scarves, bandanas, or gloves may not be worn in the building, carried in the hand, or hung from pockets.

Excessively long shirts must be tucked in. For safety reasons, pockets must be visible. Oversized jackets or coats that cover pockets are also not allowed; however, they can be worn to school. Once students arrive to school, jackets/coats need to be placed in lockers or teacher's class until the end of the day.

Mini-skirts must NOT be worn to school, even with legging or pantyhose. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be as close to the knee as possible and loose fitting. These items must reach two inches below the middle finger when the arm is extended toward the knee. Leggings or spandex like pants are not permitted unless worn under allowable "length" skirts. and dresses, pants or skirts with high splits is not allowed.

The administrative staff reserves the right to determine if student dress interferes with the learning process. Parents will be called to bring students appropriate wear or the student will be placed in In-school Suspension (ISS) until a parent can be reached. (See the Student Code of Conduct for specific consequences)

***Students are not allowed to carry book bags/backpacks or other large bags) during school hours.**

PTA & SCHOOL COUNCIL



Local Unit ID#00257808 District: 11

Council: DeKalb County

2014-2015 PTA Officers

President

Jennifer Winterscheidt
jpwinterscheidt@bellsouth.net

Co-Vice-Presidents

Rose Arnold
jrkj@comcast.net

Kim Evans
kewe3857@mindspring.com

Treasurer

Jennifer Smash
jennifersmashgo@gmail.com

Secretary

Megan Thomas
Megan_t@bellsouth.net

PTA Meeting Dates and Times TBD

TUCKER SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dr. Cunningham-Principal Michelle Penkava-Parent

Lisa Owen-Parent Christopher Muse-Parent

Jennifer Winterscheidt-Parent Raynor Bettendorf-Staff

Shannon Hansbury-Staff

Regan Willson-Staff

School Council Meeting Dates and Times TBD

6th Grade FACULTY & STAFF (678) 875-0917

Mrs. Tonya Izzard, Administrator



<u>6T</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>6S</u>	<u>Room</u>
Ms. Pharr	A104	Mr. Bettendorf	A131
Ms. Mau	A103	Ms. Locklear	A131
Dr. Csukas	A105	Ms. Baptiste	A130
Ms. Ebanks	A102	Mr. Presley	A130
<u>6M</u>		Mr. Lee	A132
Ms. Taite	A107	Ms. Palmore	A129
Ms. Bass	A110	<u>6TIGERS</u>	
Mr. Ryan	A109	Ms. Baiden	A134
Mr. Smith	A108	Ms. Gibbs	A135
		Ms. Markowsky	A136
		Mr. Rivers	A137

6 th Grade			
Break-fast	7:45- 8:20		
HR	8:10- 8:30		
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LUNCH	Team	Table	Time
	6T	2	12:35- 1:00
	6S	3	12:40 - 1:05
	6M	1	12:45 - 1:10
	6TIGERS	2	1:00 - 1:25
	Alleyne 11:30 - 12:00 Whitney 12:00 - 12:30		
6	2:15 - 3:05 CONNECTIONS		
7	3:10 - 4:00 CONNECTIONS		

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Lorene Bromfield	(678) 875-0902	Main Ofc	
Virginia Pribbenow	(678) 875-0905	Bookkeeper	B110
Toykaumi Hollins	(678) 875-0906	Registrar	B111
Angela Benson	(678) 875-0932	Counseling	B123
Chelsea Miller	(678) 875-0922	Attendance	B124
Paula Kuniansky	(678) 875-0961	Discipline	A221
Tamela Williams	(678) 875-0902	Title 1/Data Clerk	B112

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer Samuel McClinic SRO (678) 875-0904 B115

SECURITY

Deborah Benson, Campus Security	(678) 875-0948	B103
Derwin Cousar, Campus Security	(678) 875-0948	B103

TRANSPORTATION

678-676-5308

Liz Teal, Manager 678-676-1588

CUSTODIAL

Prince Haynes, Plant Engineer (678) 875-0909

Dan Cannon, Head Custodian

Jeff Faulkner	Exa Combs	Janice Reynolds
James Anderson	Rosa Ross	Vi Van Dang

CAFETERIA Cynthia Maldon, Cafeteria Manager (678) 875-0936

Mary Dill	Margaret Fletcher	Joann Howard	Dorothy Taylor
Veronica Wells	Barbara Walker	Martinique Smith	Cassandra Walker
Alysha Tolefree			

Tucker Clubs/Activities 2014-2015

Jazz Band	Lawrence Jennings
Orchestra	Min Kang
Gardenerds	Tim. Ryan
FCCLA	Christine Mayfield
Honor Society	Sabrina Aiken-Allen
Beta Club	Denise Markowsky
Academic Bowl	Stanley Hudson
Student Council	TBD
Ambassadors	Natasha Moon
TNN	John Reynolds
Science Olympiad	Nathan Williams
Reading Bowl	Lea Whitfield
Chorus	Tim Simmons
Football	Jermaine Walker
Boys Basketball	Johnny Cosby
Girls Basketball	Jermaine Walker
Cheerleading	Jacqueline Hunte
Girls Track	Jermaine Walker
Boys Track	Shango Rivers
Intramurals	Marshall Presley/Virginia Pribbenow
PEARLS	Chelsea Miller
Robotics/TSA	John Reynolds
SAT Club	Jacqueline Hunte/Tenille Fowler