

## Our Students

ETHNICITY	%	#
American Indian	1%	6
Asian	8%	46
Black	5%	26
Caucasian	50%	288
Hispanic	21%	122
Pacific Islander	4%	24
Multi-Racial	11%	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>574</b>
Female	51%	291
Male	49%	283
Size of Smallest Class		4
Size of Largest Class		33
Average Per Class		25

## Our Staff

STAFF	%	#
Classroom Teachers	58%	28
Support Staff	10%	5
Administrators	4%	2
Classified	19%	9
Classroom Aides	4%	2
Office Staff	4%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>48</b>
Staff Ethnicity		
American Indian	2%	1
Asian	4%	2
Black	2%	1
Hispanic	0%	0
White	92%	44
Staff Gender		
Female	69%	33
Male	31%	15

## Attendance Rate

The Attendance Rate for the 2015-2016 School year was 94%

- 7% of our students had perfect attendance for a semester or year.

## Boundaries

Fife School District is located east of the city of Tacoma in the Puyallup Valley. The district is about ten square miles in area and falls in both Pierce and King Counties of Washington State. The district includes two cities – Fife with a population of 4,970 and Milton with a population of 6,238 as well as a portion of the City of Edgewood. The district also includes the unincorporated area of Trout Lake and Fife Heights. A section of the Port of Tacoma is also included in the district.

There is easy access to the district from the Fife/Milton exit #137 off Interstate 5, between Tacoma and Seattle. The drive to Tacoma is about ten minutes, to Seattle-Tacoma international Airport about twenty minutes, and to the City of Seattle about thirty minutes.

## Involvement Opportunities

At Surprise Lake Middle School education is a cooperative endeavor. Our parent group is called Partners in Education (PIE). They meet the first Tuesday of each month during the school year at 7:00 pm in the SLMS Staff Room. All parents are members of this organization when their student enrolls at our school. Through this parent group you can become a classroom volunteer, a chaperone for our various activities or a volunteer for one of the many programs sponsored by the PIE. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school at (253) 517-1300. Your support and help is appreciated.

We also encourage support from businesses. If your business is interested in forming a school/business partnership with SLMS, please contact Principal Mr. Jim Snider at the number listed above.



## Surprise Lake Middle School 2015-2016 Performance Report

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## Performance Report

Surprise Lake Middle School is a caring educational environment where parents, staff and students work together to ensure that all students become healthy, self-directed young citizens.

Surprise Lake Middle School serves grades 6-7 with a student body enrollment of approximately 574.

The SLMS faculty is committed to providing an innovative curriculum, which includes a seven period schedule. We provide a strong basic skills program, a competency based math curriculum. Our core classes at 6<sup>th</sup> grade create a smooth transition from the elementary to the middle school setting. We provide academic challenge courses at all levels, as well as a special needs program, which places students at an appropriate instruction level.

## School Mission

The Surprise Lake Middle School mission is to provide middle level education programs that set high academic and social expectations, and through meaningful opportunities for self exploration, build confidence and encourage lifelong success.

## School Vision

As a school, we are committed to successfully transitioning our students from the elementary experience into Columbia Junior High. We recognize that achievement is the key to self-esteem, responsible citizenship, and a lifetime love of learning.

## Facility Information

Surprise Lake Middle School was built in 1972 on 17 acres. The two-story building facility contains 20 classrooms built around an open concept library. The other building has a gym, cafeteria, and 8 classrooms. In 1992, the building was remodeled adding five classrooms and enlarging the gymnasium. In 1998 four portables were added to the campus.

## Special Accomplishments

Surprise Lake Middle School is committed to excellence in all areas as evidenced by the following 2015-2016 accomplishments:

- 56% of our student body achieved Honor Roll status (3.0 gpa or above)
- 2% of our student body earned a perfect 4.0 gpa.
- Washington State History Fair
- District Science Fair
- District Art Show
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science students traveled to Florida

### Staff Awards/Distinction:

- Certified Employee of the Year :
- Kelcie Fingarson
- Classified District Employee of the Year:
- Charity Giboney

## Fife School District Non-Discrimination

Fife School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Ben Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent: [bramirez@fifeschools.com](mailto:bramirez@fifeschools.com). Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Nancy Fitta, Director of Special Programs: [nfitta@fifeschools.com](mailto:nfitta@fifeschools.com). Fife Public Schools: 5802 20<sup>th</sup> St. E., Tacoma, WA 98424. 253-517-1000.

## Financial Resources

- The Fife School District's general budget, which does not include construction money, was \$35,966,142.00 for the 2015-2016 school year. Our average per pupil expenditure was \$10,746.00
- Surprise Lake Middle School's 2015-2016 budget was \$96,094.00. not including staff salaries and benefits.



## Regular and Special Programs

In addition to the basic programs for grades 6-7 enhancements include:

- Band, Choir
- Computer Technology
- Art
- Special Education
- English Language Learner Classes (ELL)
- Integrated Curriculum Projects
- Student Activities
  - ASB
  - Yearbook
  - Knowledge Bowl
  - Athletics
  - Science Club
  - Technology Club
  - Newspaper Club
  - Lunch Activities
  - Art Club
  - Talent Show
  - Academic/Cultural Assemblies