



Greenacres Middle School

SCHOOL FUN FACTS:

- ♦ Greenacres Middle School is built on the original Central Valley High School Site.
- ♦ Greenacres Middle School has been remodeled twice: The first time was in 1980 when the large gym at the north end of the building was added. The second time was in 2004 when the current commons/lunch room was added to the south end of the building. In addition, the gym floor was raised to be on the same level as the rest of the building. Prior to 2004, a person had to go down five or six stairs to get into the gym.
- ♦ Greenacres opened its doors in the fall of 2004-05 with 572 students; by 2006-07 GMS grew to over 700 students. We have remained full for the past 13 years.
- ♦ Tyler Johnson of the NHL Tampa Bay Lightning went to GMS 2003-2005



GREENACRES MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greenacres Middle School Families,

>Welcome to Greenacres Middle School, we are the Bruins!

Greenacres is in the process of transitioning from a large middle school of 770 students to a school that will open its doors in the fall to 550 students and their families in grades six through eight. Though the number of students might be reducing, our school, known for a safe, positive culture as well as caring learning environment will only improve.

Greenacres Middle School has continually provided excellence in learning and teaching. Our highly qualified and dedicated staff is amazing at leading students through their adolescent years. Along with a quality education, we provide students with a variety of extra and co-curricular activities that will enhance their overall middle school experience.

Our PTA and parent partnership with school has provided ongoing opportunities for students in a variety of ways including technology in the classrooms, school dances, Math is Cool, and Science Olympiad just to name a few. We look forward to our collective ongoing commitment to making Greenacres Middle School great.

Bruins: Building Relationships Understanding Individual Needs

Vern DiGiovanni
Principal, GMS



Tips for helping students transition to a new school:

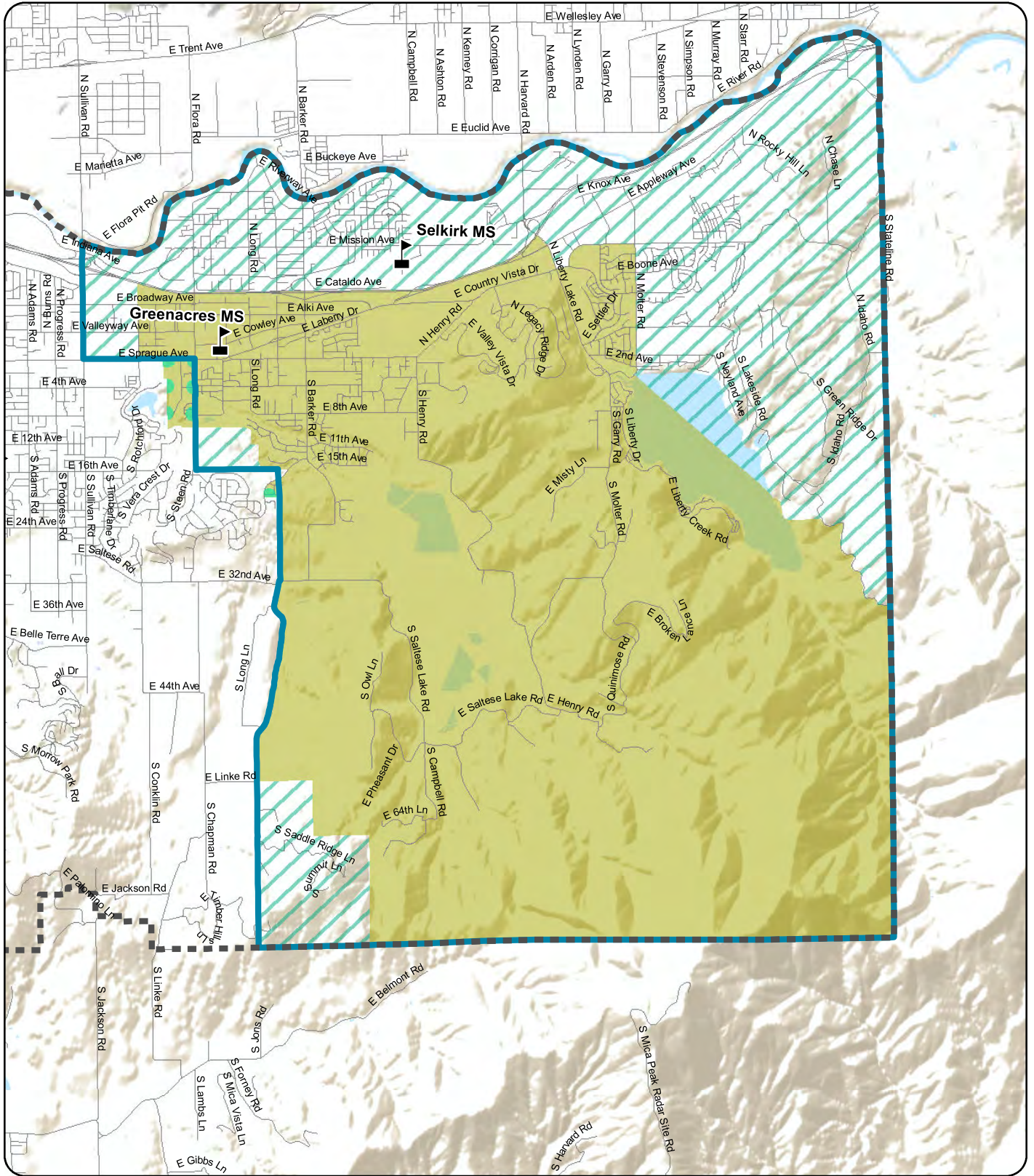
As the parent, you know your child best. Each child may need different levels of reassurance in their transition to a new school. Below are some suggested ideas to help with this transition. It is highly recommended that if your child is struggling with the transition for parents to contact the school's counselor to get some assistance in this transition.

Suggested ideas to help adjust to a new school:

- ◆ As a family, attend as many events as possible at the new school. Events put on by the school or parent group is an easy way to meet new students and the staff at the new school. School welcome events are listed on the back page.
- ◆ Stay positive. Even though this transition may be challenging, a positive outlook on the situation will empower your child to have a great attitude with the change.
- ◆ Stay informed with the happenings of the new school. By scouring the school's web site, Facebook page, or other social media avenues you will be in a great position to know what is happening at the new school.
- ◆ Be prepared for the rough times that may come. It is normal for your child to express some reservations or concerns. As a parent, be ready to ask questions about their concerns, listen to them and empathize with their reservations. If necessary seek help from the school counselor to talk with your child about these concerns.
- ◆ Remind your child about other 'firsts' they've experienced. Each child tries things for the first time throughout their lives, so use these experiences to remind your child about past successes.
- ◆ Contact the school to meet some 'key people.' A time to meet key people in a school, such as the principal or secretary, is a great way to hear more about the school. This is also a time for you to ask questions and get to know routines and procedures about the new school.
- ◆ Become involved in the new school. As the school year gets underway, join the school's PTA/PTO. This is a great way to meet other families and to get involved.



Greenacres Middle School Boundary Changes



- District Boundary
 2019-2020 Attendance Area
- Middle School Location
 Attendance Area Expanded
- Existing Attendance Area
 Attendance Area Reduced



School Welcome Events:

Mark your calendars...

- **PTA General Meeting • New Parents Welcome**

March 12, 2019, 6-7:30 pm in the GMS Commons; for all GMS parents and guardians

- **5th & New Families Parent Night**

April 10, 2019, 6-7:00 pm in the GMS Commons; parent information about GMS

- **Student Orientation and Tour**

April 12, 2019, (times TBD) CVSD will transport current 5th-grade students to visit GMS, overflowed 6th & 7th-grade students this same day

- **Sneak Peek**

August 28, 2019, 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Gym – all 6th-grade students
12:30-1:15 pm in the Commons – all new 7th & 8th-grade students
9-10:00 am in the Commons – PTA presentation for all new GMS parents



Middle School Transfer & Choice Guidelines

Due to new middle school attendance areas (boundaries) for the 2019-2020 school year, district Administrative Procedure 3130AP District Area Transfers (see below) was revised on 11/26/18 for the upcoming school year, and will be followed with regard to existing attendance area transfer students and new requests for attendance area transfer.

Below is a summary of the revisions to 3130AP District Area Transfers that will govern all middle school choice requests for the 2019-20 school year. This entire administrative procedure can be accessed from the CVSD website (www.cvsd.org) by clicking on "School Board" link, then clicking on the "BoardDocs: Meetings, Agendas, Policies and Procedures" link. Students who are approved for District Area Transfers (Accepted Choice requests) are responsible for transportation to and from these respective out-of-attendance area middle schools.

Policy: 3130AP • Section: 3000 - Students

Middle School Attendance Area Transfer Requests (2019-2020 School Year)

Due to new middle school attendance areas (boundaries), beginning in the 2019-2020 school year the following procedure will be followed with regard to existing attendance area transfer students and new requests for attendance area transfer:

1. All students who were previously attending non-attendance area schools in the district will be expected to attend their new attendance area schools in the fall of 2019. State laws that govern students of district employees will continue to be followed (RCW 28A.225.225).
2. Only students living in the Selkirk Middle School attendance area may apply for choice by March 29, 2019 to attend Greenacres Middle School in the fall of 2019. Only students living in the Greenacres Middle School attendance area may apply for choice by March 29, 2019 to attend Selkirk Middle School in the fall of 2019. The process for choice request approval will remain consistent with the parameters of this administrative procedure.
3. All students may apply for choice by March 29, 2019 to attend North Pines Middle School, Bowdish Middle School, Evergreen Middle School, or Horizon Middle School in the fall of 2019. The process for choice request approval will remain consistent with the parameters of this administrative procedure.
4. Preference will be given to non-attendance area students who are approved for in-district choice in the 2018-19 school year, and are applying to remain at their nonattendance area school, over new non-attendance area students (first applying for choice in the 2019-20 school year) wishing to access the school.