

Bowdish Middle School

SCHOOL FUN FACTS:

- ♦ The front entry to Bowdish is actually on Skipworth
- ♦ Our band and choir performed at the City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony!
- ♦ We are the only middle school offering Summer Sports Camps



BOWDISH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Bowdish Middle School Families,

On behalf of our staff and students, welcome to Bowdish Middle School! We are excited for our upcoming year! Our goal at Bowdish is to pursue excellence and work diligently toward academic goals as well as challenge ourselves to reach our highest potential with integrity and honesty. As part of our vision, we focus on organization, social skills, and the talents of all.

Our parents and community are a vital part of what we do. We communicate regularly with our parents/guardians and we invite you to contact us at any time. We encourage volunteers in our school and hope to see you at our events throughout the school year. Our staff also encourages student attendance at extra events; our students make our school amazing!

Bowdish is an active participant in the PACE character program. Each month, you will see that month's character trait advertised in various formats. We also focus on these traits in our daily work and celebrate student use of the traits. We partner with others in the community to keep our character education in the forefront of our work and consistent both in and out of the school environment. As Rockets, we are PACE:

R – Responsible & Respectful

O – On Time

C – Caring for Others

K – Kind Language

E – Effort

T – Trustworthy

S – Stay on task

I am honored to serve as the principal and I look forward to meeting you all!

Laura Lindley, Principal



Tips for helping students transition to a new school:

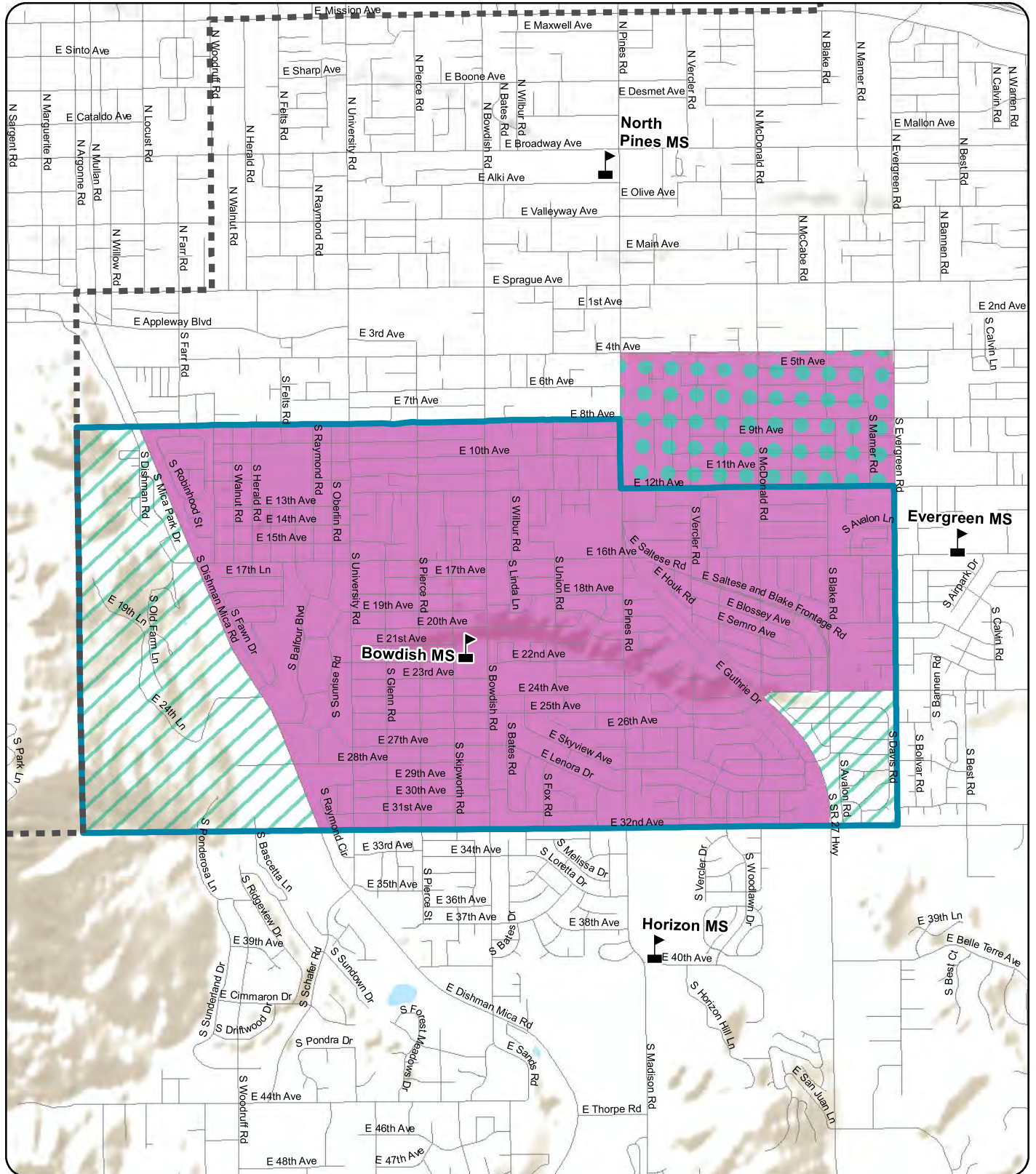
As the parent, you know your child best. Each child may need different levels of reassurance in their transition to a new school. Below are some suggested ideas to help with this transition. It is highly recommended that if your child is struggling with the transition for parents to contact the school's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



Bowditch Middle School Boundary Changes



District Boundary
 Middle School Location

Existing Attendance Area
 2019-2020 Attendance Area

Attendance Area Expanded
 Attendance Area Reduced



School Welcome Events:

Mark your calendars...

- **Spring Open House**

April 11, 2019

6:00 pm at BMS, for all incoming BMS students, parents & guardians

- **Booster Club Meeting**

May 21, 2019

6:00 pm in the BMS Library, for all incoming BMS students

- **Sneak Peek**

August 28, 2019

Incoming 6th-grade students: 9:00 am–12:00 pm, in the BMS commons

Incoming 7th and 8th-grade students: 1–3:00 pm, in the BMS commons



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.

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