

Highlighting Alameda Schools and Employee Spotlight: Wood Middle School

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Employee Spotlight

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*Where students prepare to be innovators
for the 21st century*

Introduction

Wood Middle School prepares students to be lifelong learners who competently navigate the changing demands of the 21st century to positively affect the world.

- One of our major goals is to allow students the opportunity to become independent learners who can be creative, innovative, and divergent thinkers.
- Grades are important, but a greater emphasis is placed on the enjoyment of learning:
 - **Observe** by looking closely,
 - **Envision** by imagining possible next steps,
 - **Understand the World** by learning about history and current practices,
 - **Engage and Persist** by embracing problems and developing focus to persevere,
 - **Stretch and Explore** by reading beyond one's capacities toward the opportunity to learn from mistakes,
 - **Develop Craft** in technique and practice,
 - **Express** by creating works that convey an idea, feeling, or personal meaning, and
 - **Reflect** by questioning, explaining and evaluating.
- We strive to provide brains-on engaging instruction and encourage students to think outside of the box.
- We work collaboratively to connect students' learning in the classroom with practical application to the real world and across disciplines.

Hands-on, Inquiry-based, Cross-curricular Projects at Each Grade Level



Supplemental Enriching Elective Life Skills Period

- ❖ Opportunity for students to explore their interests
- ❖ Teachers share their expertise and passion
- ❖ Students participate in a new class each trimester

- Robotics
- Engineering
- Golf
- Coding
- Gardening
- Chess
- Media Arts
- Creative Writing
- Drama
- Knitting
- Fitness
- Mock Trial
- & more ...



Robust Elective Program

- 6th Grade
 - Beginning Band
 - Wheel
 - Art
 - Computer Programs
 - Engineering
 - Service Learning Waste Reduction Project
 - Academic Support Classes
- 7th & 8th Grade
 - Art
 - Advanced Art
 - Guitar
 - Beginning Band
 - Advanced Band
 - Drama
 - Engineering



Teacher Collaboration & Integrated Learning Training



6th Grade Team Creating

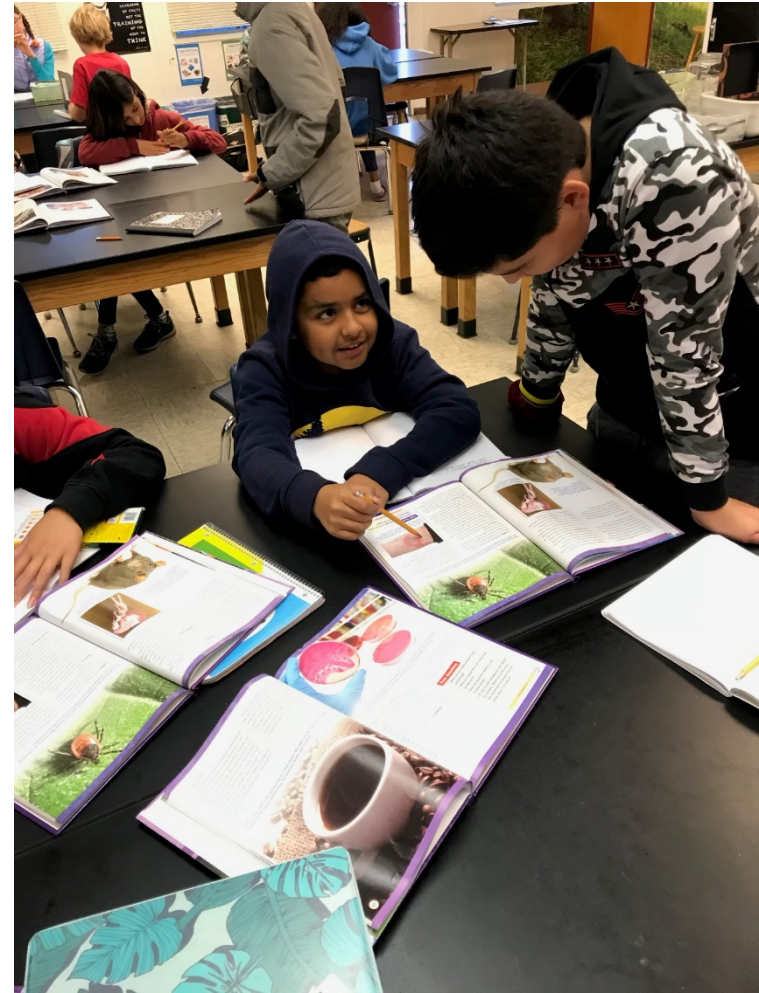


Professional Development

- 90 Hours of Integrated Learning with ACOE
- Authentic Assessment
- Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- Restorative Practices
- Project Based Learning
- Universal Design for Learning
- Common Core
- Brains On! Dr. Kenneth Wesson
- Facing History
- Making Learning Visible
- Inquiry By Design
- Systematic ELD
- STEAM Conferences



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Questions?