At Cougar Mountain Middle School, we motivate our students to strive for academic excellence. Students and staff show their Cougar Pride by working hard and being safe, respectful, and responsible. Our students show a deep commitment to Cougar Mountain not just through learning and meeting high expectations, but through their commitment to and participation in the following programs: band, choir, orchestra, WEB Mentors, ASB and leadership, drama, technology, Battle of the Books, robotics, multiple clubs and athletics.

OUR MISSION
We will provide students with a purposeful and personalized experience preparing students academically and socially for high school. Our focus is:
- Academic growth and student success
- Strong instruction
- Positive relationships built with students, teachers and home
- Frequent communication with home

PARENTS & COMMUNITY
We always welcome parent and community volunteers at Cougar Mountain Middle School. You can often find our volunteers in the library, classrooms and front office, as well as serving as chaperones for dances and field trips. We have also introduced the WATCH D.O.G.S program into our building. WATCH D.O.G.S is an opportunity for dads, grandpas and uncles to spend time in our school by visiting classrooms, helping supervise our hallways and lunches, all the while making connections with students.

The Cougar Mountain Booster Club supports student events and programs at our school. As our greatest supporter, the Boosters financially support our student recognition programs, Cougar Pride Tickets and Cougar Club. Cougar Pride tickets are weekly prize drawings for students who show their Cougar Pride by working hard and being safe, respectful, and responsible. Cougar Club winners receive gift cards every couple of months.

If you are interested in volunteering at Cougar Mountain, or becoming involved with the Cougar Mountain Boosters, please contact the office. All prospective volunteers will need to fill out a volunteer application and submit to a background check.

SCHOOL SUCCESS
Cougar Mountain is known for raising the bar in education, in and out of the classroom. We recognize that when students feel safe at school, achievement rises. We have implemented Positive Behavior Instructional Support which teaches students what it looks like to work hard and be safe, respectful and responsible. As well, we offer an advisory program that gives all students a significant adult in which students can go to in the event of hardship and difficulty at school. We teach the Second Step Program to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. This program is a research based program teaching anti-violence and anti-bullying. These two programs have resulted in a significant decrease in students discipline and instances of bullying allowing students to feel safe and secure in each classroom.

WHAT MAKES COUGAR MOUNTAIN SPECIAL
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RAISING STANDARDS

Students and staff show their Cougar Pride by working hard and being safe, respectful and responsible. We believe that students, parents and staff must work together to ensure that each child has the needed skills and knowledge in order to be successful in high school and future schooling. At Cougar Mountain, we are raising standards by doing the following:

- Implementation of Making Middle Grades Work Key Practices help staff and students focus on our school-wide goals of student achievement being attained through high expectations and active engagement in each classroom.
- Teachers work closely together to make sure that classroom assessments and strong instruction relate to the required state and national standards.
- Extra math and reading classes are available to students who need extra help and time in these critical literacy areas. As well, students may stay after school for homework help on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m.

TOP-NOTCH STAFF

CMMS has 40 classroom teachers, of which 28 teach core academic classes. They average 12.3 years of experience and 77.5 percent have a master’s degree. Ninety-eight percent of teachers at CMMS meet the ESEA highly qualified definition. They are joined with wonderful support staff who have students’ best interest in mind in all that they do.

The Bethel School District began participating in Smarter Balanced Testing in 2014. At right is a summary of the academic performance on all available SBA and EOC subject tests.

For additional information about school performance, visit http://bethelsd.org/pages/bsd403/School_Board/Data_Dashboard or http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us.

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MORE INFORMATION: FACTS & FIGURES

About the Bethel School District

The Bethel School District is a dynamic district that covers about 202 square miles in southeast Pierce County. Over 18,000 students attend the district’s 17 elementary schools, six middle schools, three comprehensive high schools, one alternative high school, and online academy. In 2010, a skills center was built in partnership with six other districts.

Bethel has won numerous national awards in technology and communications, as well as state awards in professional development, energy conservation, and the arts.

Budget information

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