

TIGER NEWS

Midnimo Cross Cultural Middle School



**Upcoming Dates
No School For Students**

- PD for Staff August 13th -
- PD for Staff August 27th -

Welcome Back

Hello students and families! We are excited to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 academic school year! This first week of school has been a success. We are proud of the effort every student has shown and look forward to a year full of academic and personal growth.

DRESS CODE POLICY

Students should be in uniform every day.

Polo/Blouse Shirts

- White, Black, Grey, or any shade of Blue
- Must have collar
- Must have buttons
- No writing on them

Sweaters/ Cardigans

- White, Black, Grey or any shade of Blue
- No hoodies allowed

Pants/Skirts

- Khaki, Black, Navy Blue
- No shorts
- No sweatpants
- No jeans
- No leggings
- Skirts must be kneecap length

Hijab/Tights/Socks

- Navy Blue, White or Black, Grey

Charity Newsies

Charity Newsies is an organization that has been helping families with proper clothing. If you need assistance with uniforms you may call or make an online clothing appointment.

Phone number - 614-263-4300

Website - charitynewsies.org



Introducing New Building Leadership Team

Mr. Lloyd Knight, Principapal

Lloyd Knight began his career as a student teacher and has worked at nearly every level including classroom teacher, curriculum resource teacher and assistant principal. In his time at CICS Lloyd Bond, they achieved breakthrough growth in reading and math through the implementation of Daily 5, Math Daily 3, and a rigorous independent reading program. In two years CICS Lloyd Bond went from the closed list to the 4th Best Charter Elementary School in the City of Chicago according to Chicago Magazine. As the Lead Principal of NC for Charter Schools USA, he spearheaded the expansion of five new buildings and the largest portfolio of charter schools in the state of North Carolina. Lloyd Knight's journey then took him to Indianapolis' Thomas Carr Howe Community High School. At the beginning, it was the longest failing school in Indiana history. Through the implementation of The Academy Model they improved attendance and improved the overall culture but starting the day with what students' love. Additionally, we graduated over 90% of students in consecutive years but raised expectations and built strong bonds with community partners to assist. After two years, TC Howe left the closed list and finished with a "C" grade of the state report card. At Charles A Tindley Accelerated School, Mr. Knight led our school to the continued success they have experienced through the years. College or Die is the mantra and our students lived up to it daily. With a 100% graduation rate, \$14,000,000 in scholarships, and 100% of students graduating to four-year universities, we were the guiding light of excellence within Indianapolis. Mr. Knight is a trained peacekeeper, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Shaw University in North Carolina, and earned his Master of Arts degree in education leadership from DePaul University in Chicago.

Mrs. Maria Cortez, Community Liaison/ Administrator

Maria Elizabeth Cortez has a passion for advocating for underserved communities to bridge the gap in services. She does this daily through her work. Her career in direct services has included the YMCA of Central Ohio, working as a Community Liaison for Educational Academy for Boys and Girls, Community Project Manager for Mount Carmel Outreach and a Community Health Worker Instructor at The Ohio State University College of Nursing. These experiences have set Maria up for success, as she brings a unique perspective into the needs of the community. Maria says working with diverse populations has served as a catalyst for greater advocacy within her role. Maria knows her calling is to work with youth and families.

Maria puts the needs of the community first, constantly working to find solutions and services for those that are underrepresented. She is an expert in building partnerships which her clients, students and families. They have benefited from referral services and case management.

Outside of her work Maria volunteers with various organizations which work to empower, educate, develop and mentor Latinx, Immigrant, New American and Refugee community members. She is currently the President of the Prospanica Columbus Chapter. She is a graduate and a mentor of the Latina Mentoring Academy, serves on the New American Advisory Council for Franklin County Commissioners, serves on the Steering Committee for Festival Latino and is a member of the Board of Directors for PrimaryOne Health.

In her spare time she enjoys karaoke, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Originally from El Salvador and a first-generation immigrant in New Jersey, she currently resides in North Columbus with her husband and daughter. She earned a Bachelor's of Social Work degree from the Universidad de El Salvador and received her Community Health Worker certification from The Ohio State University.

Attendance Policy

School begins promptly at 7:45am. Our expectation is that every student comes to class prepared and ready to learn.

Please call the school office for any absence or tardy.
614-261-7480

Drop off and Pick Up

Drop off from 7:00am - 7:30am
Pick Up 3:10pm

Enter the school parking lot on Loretta Ave and exit on Greenwich St. Please wait in your car for your student to come out.

School Supply List

- Combination Lock (No Key)
- Earbuds or Headphones (preferred with microphone)
- 3 Ring Binders (4)
- Binder Tabs
- Pencils
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Erasers
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- Composition Book (need 3)
- Index Cards
- Box of Tissues (2)





Mr. Ivan -I am the social studies teacher here at Midnimo, your student will be learning financial literacy skills, geography, history, government, and current events in my class this year. The students will need the following items for my class; Index cards, a 3 in Binder, Binder tabs, Pencils or pens, and a Highlighter.

Hi, I am Miss O and I teach 6B and 7th grade math. I'm looking forward to helping everyone to try their best each day.If you are interested in being a role model and helping out our school, keep an eye out for applications for student council in the next few weeks

Hello students and families, my name is Ms. Marrali and this is my first year teaching at Midnimo! I am so lucky to teach 6B, and 7th grade ELA. In my class we will put an emphasis on building a strong foundation of our reading and writing skills. Our readings will include poetry, short stories, non-fiction news articles, and more! To help build our writing skills, we will learn how to structure a variety of writing prompts. I am so excited to work with all of the students and have a successful school year full of progress and growth!

Hello, I am Mr. Bravo and I teach 6th and 8th grade science alongside 8th grade lab. It's been a pleasure getting to see everyone come back to school and meeting our new students. I'm looking forward to a great year and being able to help all of you. If there's anything you need, you know where to find me!

Welcome to Midnimo! My name is Ms. Marrs and I teach ELA to eighth and sixth grade. In my classroom this year we will LEARN! Listen to Instructions; Enter and Exit Prepared; Always Try our Best; Respect Others and Ourselves; and have No Excuses!



Did you move or change your phone number? Remember to always update your contact information with the school office. Please fill out the attached contact sheet and return to your child's school.