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GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

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Schoolwide Announcements

• Thank you to those who were able to join us out back on the first day to welcome our students and kick-off what will be a fabulous school year – a year with good vibes!
• Thank you for having a consistent dismissal plan for your student. If an emergency arises and you need to make a change the day of, please call the office by 3:00 so we can be sure to get your child in the correct location. If you know that you will be picking your child up early, please email your child’s teacher and front office staff.
• You will receive an updated list of staff and contacts.
• We are excited to welcome parents/guardians to our Back to School Night event on Tuesday, September 13th. Doors will open at 5:25 and the first session starts at 5:30. For parents/guardians needing to attend another grade level session, a repeated second session will begin after the first one. The event will end by 7:15.

Looking Ahead

9/5: No School – Labor Day
9/6: All PK students attend

Genre and Culture Focus of the Month

Realistic Fiction and Hispanic Heritage Month

Virtue of the Month

Unity- working and living together peacefully

Practice at Home

One person closes their eyes. The other person must give verbal directions to guide them to a spot. Discuss how the team was united for this activity.

Devices

Students should take devices home and bring back to school each day. Please charge devices at home so they are ready for use at school. Some homework assignments will require the use of the device. PK and K students are not yet doing this. Teachers will let you know when they will start.

Health Information

If you have any health/medical information to share and/or health questions, please call Nurse Box at 443-809-6041.
What We Are Working On

ELA - In Grade 5, Unit 1, students will read nonfiction texts about transformative ideas and how passion and persistence can help people achieve their goals, turn their ideas into action, and transform their world. Students read informational texts and will continue to quote, paraphrase, summarize, and infer based on evidence from the text. Students also explain the relationships and/or interactions between people, events, and ideas through the synthesis of multiple sources to explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support points in the text.

Ms. Denne’s Math Class – In this unit, students learn to find areas of polygons by decomposing, rearranging, and composing shapes. They learn to understand and use the terms, “base” and “height” and find area of parallelograms and triangles. Students will approximate areas of non-polygons. They will also represent solid figures with nets and find their surface areas.

Ms. P and Mr. Gromek’s Math Class - In this first unit, students use the study of volume to review and extend skills and concepts related to multiplication. Students are investigating and exploring different ways to arrange rectangular prisms to help think about the associative and commutative properties of multiplication while using expressions with parentheses. We will also find surface area of boxes to further develop an understanding of volume and how it is different than area. Throughout the unit, students will be using math kits and games to build multiplicative thinking to prepare them for our upcoming multiplication and division units.

Health – This unit will focus on mental, social, spiritual, emotional, and physical health. In this unit, students will learn and practice the skills of decision-making, self-management, interpersonal communication, advocacy and analyzing influences through the lens of personal wellness and nutrition.

Social Studies – This unit will focus on the geography of the colonial regions and how it affected their economic activity and the lives of the colonists.

Shout Outs

All 5th grade students for a PAWESOME first week!

It’s going to be a great year!

Birthdays

Molly M. 9/19
Brielle P. 9/28
Matthew S. 9/21
Jace A. 9/9
Andi I. 9/23
Lucas K. 9/5
Karen R. 9/24
Landon V. 9/11

Classroom Reminders

Remember to have your child bring a charged device and filled water bottle each day.

Ms. Ponatoki’s homeroom has PE Monday and Thursday, please wear sneakers!

Ms. Denne’s homeroom has PE Wednesday and Friday, please wear sneakers!