

5th Grade Newsletter

Fifth graders are eager for their end of the year show, *Fifth Grade Presents: Revolution!* This is not a traditional talent show, but it will still highlight the diverse talents of our students. After Istep, students will put together the show, from practicing and rehearsing their parts to creating backdrops and organizing the stage effects for the show. They are excited to highlight their abilities as well as what they have learned this year!

*Perry Heights Cheerleading forms went home Monday. They are due by Wednesday, 4/26.

*Forms for Reitz girls soccer and boys basketball camps also went home Monday.

Reading

We will continue to learn until the last day of school and we want your child to know that we don't plan on stopping! We are working on reviewing concepts learned throughout the year to ensure all students grasped the fifth grade standards and skills. After Istep, fifth graders will be working on writing letters to their future selves and future fifth graders, creating essays over what they did and learned in fifth grade, and producing end of the year projects through the use of technology. It is sure to be an exciting time!

Math

We are at the end of our *Graphs & Data* unit. The test is on Thursday! We will not have traditional math class during the week of ISTEP, but will instead have interactive activities each afternoon. We will start the final unit on Tuesday, April 25. This unit covers all of the major standards from the year.

Science

Our science focus has been floating & sinking during this grading period. It has been mostly hands-on activities and challenges, apart from a few days to learn about reading a graduated cylinder, finding volume using displacement of water, and calculating density.

Social Studies

Our last unit has been over the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the three branches of government. After ISTEP, each social studies class will elect members to the Senate and House of Representatives as well as a president and vice president. They will introduce legislation, debate the merits, and vote on the bills to learn about the democratic process. Nance & Curl's HRs have a quiz Monday over the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. (Study Guide is up on Google Classroom, and will be offered a hard copy tomorrow)

ISTEP Information

The week of May 1 - 5 is our make-up week. Any ISTEP tests that are missed will be made up starting Monday, May 1st.

The ISTEP+ Part 2 testing will begin at 8:45 am each day.

Grade 5 will swap specials and lunch periods with grade 1 on Tues. Apr. 18, Wed. Apr. 19, Thurs. Apr. 20, Fri. Apr. 21 and Mon. Apr. 24.

Grade 1 will go to specials from 10:20 - 11:00 and lunch from 11:00 - 11:40.

Grade 5 will go to lunch from 12:00 - 12:40 and specials from 2:20 - 3:00

Honors Banquet Information

This is by INVITATION ONLY! The invitations were sent home today for some classes. It will go home with the others tomorrow. Fifth grade students will be asked to attend the Honors Banquet for meeting the following criteria:

*3.70 GPA or above

*Citizenship all three grading periods

*No suspensions/referrals

*No grade below a C on the report card

The RSVP form & money is due by May 1. If you are not able to attend, please let us know!

Library Information

May 1-May 5

ALL LIBRARY AND TEXT MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED

Please look around your house to see if there are any West Terrace library books!

The Important Dates

Apr 10-April 13 BOOK FAIR shopping days & times

Monday, April 10-Curl 1:30-2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11-Schefer 1:30-2:00 PM

Wednesday, April 12-Toelle 1:30-2:00 PM

Thursday, April 13-Nance 1:30-2:00 PM

**Book Fair will be open Thursday evening. It will remain open after school until 7:00 PM.*

Apr 12: 10:00am - 1:00pm Fire Wardens Field Trip

Apr 14: No School

Apr 18-April 24: ISTEP Testing

May 1: Principal's Day

May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6-12: Nurse Appreciation Week

May 9: 5th Grade Perry Heights Visit

May 9: 6:30pm - 8:00pm 5th Grade Honors Banquet - Gym (Invitation Only)

May 12: Field Day

May 15: Field Day Rain Date

May 15: 9:00am *Fifth Grade Presents: Revolution!* dress rehearsal

May 16: 6:00pm - 8:00pm *Fifth Grade Presents: Revolution!* Evening Performance - Gym

May 17: All Day- Blackcat Bash

May 18: 9:00am - 11:00am Recognition Day 5th Grade - Gym ("Graduation")

May 19: Last Day of School!

9:00am Final performance of *Revolution!* for the school

2:15pm Autograph Party

Change of Plans--DISMISSAL CHANGES (from the office)

All changes in transportation should be made in writing to the teacher. If there is an emergency and you need to change the way your child goes home, please call the office.

Emailing teachers, texting, or other means of communication are not reliable, and we request that no transportation changes be given to the teachers during the day. Too many times teachers are called out of the building, go home ill, have a substitute, are in meetings, and as a result the changes aren't received.

Finally, we keep record of last minute changes in the office so that we can be sure the communications are given and children are delivered safely, so please call the office.

We are in the home stretch now! We hope the end of this school year is a positive experience for everyone. We are so proud of their hard work this school year!

Sincerely,

5th Grade Teachers

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