

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend!

With testing week done, we are in the home stretch of the year! The students worked so diligently all of last week, I am very proud of them. As the year starts to come to a close, we are winding-up with activities in fifth grade- Genius Hour presentations, Family Life video, reading assessments, kinderthon, carnival, and promotion!

Information and Updates:

- **Genius Hour Presentations-** Presentations will take place this week. Students should have their slides completed by tomorrow, and their speech well practiced for their presentation date. Please refer to the rubric on the Writing Google Classroom page (attached to the Slides assignment). [HERE](#) is a link to the presentation schedule.
- **Harry Potter Library Event Tuesday-** Mrs. Molinos will have a Harry Potter Themed Party in the library for interested students. Fifth graders' turn is on Tuesday. There will be activities and a raffle (no food). She will announce the winner of the raffle on Friday.
- **Family Life Friday-** Family Life instruction will be at the end of day on Friday, May 24. Boys and girls will be in separate rooms to view the Family Life videos.
- **MBMS Technology Survey-** Parents, please fill out [this survey](#) in regards to your child's technology at MBMS.
- **F&P Testing-** Testing will be held the (short) week of May 27th. [HERE](#) is the link to the Sign-Up Genius. Students will be on minimum day (12:40 dismissal) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday dismissal will be at 1:30.
- **5th Grade Carnival-** Tuesday, June 11. More information to come!
- **5th Grade Promotion 6/13-** Thursday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. It's hard to believe, but promotion is less than a month away! I have received several questions about the day, so here are some answers!
 - **Schedule:** Students should arrive at school at the regular time and be already dressed for the big day. The teachers have several important activities planned in the classroom before the ceremony begins. The Promotion ceremony events will last the entire morning, and students will be dismissed at 12:40.
 - The **Promotion Ceremony** will be located on the EDP playground, and there will be plenty of seating for parents and friends. At 9:30, the program will start with a slide show of our students' years at Pacific School. Students will then present a program which is a dynamic mix of music and memories. Finally, students will receive their 5th grade promotion certificates.
 - A **reception** with a light brunch will be provided in the Pacific cafeteria following the program.
 - Students will have their traditional final **"Walk Through the Halls of Pacific"** at 12:15 before our 12:40 dismissal.
 - **Promotion Dress-** Recommended student attire: dresses, skirts, collared shirts (no logo t-shirts), nice pants or shorts. Students will be sitting on risers, so please wear bicycle shorts under dresses, especially if sitting in the front row. We discourage high-heel or high-platform shoes as we will be up-and-down and on-and-off the risers numerous times during the 1.5ish hour program. No hats please. We ask that students not wear leis or

flowers during the program. If you wish to give your student flowers, please do so after the program.

Reminders for the Week:

- **Monday-**
 - We have P.E.
- **Tuesday-**
 - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
 - Completed memory packet is due.
 - Optional Library event.
- **Wednesday-**
 - We have morning assembly. Remember to meet on the upper field.
 - All 5th grade teachers will be out at an articulation meeting.
- **Thursday-**
 - We have music.
 - We have P.E.
- **Friday-**
 - We have art class.
 - We will show the Family Life video.

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading & Writing-**
 - We will use *Storyworks* and *Scholastic News* stories to practice fiction and non-fiction reading and response skills.
 - We have started our fantasy book club unit. Fantasy novels teach readers to deal with complexity. Students will learn to navigate other worlds, think more metaphorically, deepen their understanding by turning to nonfiction, and apply these skills in other genres. Students have gotten into groups to read their own books, and I will read *The Thief of Always* to the class as our last core literature novel.
 - We are working to complete our 100 root words. The full 100 root word test date is coming up soon (I will let you know the exact date next week).
- **Math-** We are reviewing fifth grade math material from throughout the year.
- **Science-** We will work on a Scholars Speak assignment covering the human footprint on Earth. Students will complete the assignment during class time, and will present their topic of choice to the class.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: Students will take the Rocky Mountain/Plains states and capitals test tomorrow. Then we will move to the Pacific/Southwest states and capitals, and the quiz will be this Friday, May 24. The big 50 states/capitals test will be on Friday, May 31. As always, I will give students many ways of practicing online, as well as copies of the test to practice with. Students should practice accurate spelling on Quizlet, as spelling does count. We are now learning about the Westward Movement. In this unit students will learn how the United States acquired, explored, and settled land west of the Mississippi River.

- **Promotion-** Students will write 2-3 sentence "small moment" memories of each grade level at Pacific school- due by Tuesday. Each student will say a memory at the Promotion ceremony. We will also begin practicing the songs for the ceremony.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.