

5TH GRADE NEWS

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Welcome to
Autumn!

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CELEBRATING FALL

Wow! It's hard to believe that we're already more than halfway through the first quarter! We enjoyed meeting parents and guardians during parent-teacher conferences. We're also looking forward to the Halloween parade and party, Outside the Box Day, and Outdoor Lab! Our Quarter 1 PowerTest assessments will begin the first week of November. The Fifth Grade calendar will be updated as soon as dates are confirmed. As always, we're grateful for your support in and out of the classroom!

— The Fifth Grade Team

Halloween Reminders

On Monday, Oct. 31, we will continue the ASFS tradition of having a Halloween parade, weather permitting. The parade will begin at 1:45. Parties in the classrooms will follow the parade until 3:15. If you would like to contribute to the festivities, contact your room parent. Students are **NOT** to bring candy to school unless it is part of a bag lunch that you have packed for them.

If your child chooses to dress up, please follow these guidelines:

- Costumes need to be child-friendly, and the child must be able to put their costume on independently.
- The costume must fit in a bag, and the student will change into the costume before the parade.
- **Students are not to wear make-up, hair gels, wigs, artificial nails, false teeth, hair dye, or ANY part of their costume to school.**
- No frightening masks or costumes containing liquid such as: "blood"
- No sharp objects, play guns, or weapons are permitted.

Our goal for the parade is to enjoy dressing up for Halloween and celebrating together. If you prefer that your child not participate in Halloween festivities, please send a note to his/her teacher by Friday, Oct. 28 and an alternate activity will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/20 4th & 5th Grade Parent Coffee Chat
10/21 Picture Day
10/31 Halloween Parade and Party
11/1 PTA Meeting
11/8 No School
11/9 SCA Tasty Tales
11/10 Walk for the Homeless
11/11 No School
11/16 Outside the Box Day
11/17-11/18 Outdoor Lab (Ling & Brady)
11/21-11/22 Outdoor Lab (Nhan & Gallagher)

*Dates are subject to change.
Check the fifth grade website for updates.*

APS Technology Forms Due ASAP

APS Network and Computer Acceptable Use Agreements were handed out to parents during parent-teacher conferences. If you took one home to discuss with your child, please have him/her return it ASAP so that they can continue to use technology at school!

OUTSIDE THE BOX DAY NOV. 16, 9 - 11 A.M.

Join us for Outside the Box Day on Wed. Nov. 16 from 9–11 a.m.! We hope you will enjoy watching the students engage in one of the many children’s engineering projects that will be taking place at ASFS. The students will be presented with a challenge, the criteria they will need to meet, and the materials they’ll get to work with. Then they’ll brainstorm possible solutions, choose the best one, and execute it. You will be amazed by the children’s creativity!

Parents, please meet in the library at 9 a.m. before being dismissed to the classrooms. At this event, we ask that you not bring siblings as we want you to be able to fully participate with your child and his/her classmates in the classroom. Thank you!

Recyclables Needed for Outside the Box Day!

In order for the children to complete their engineering projects on Outside the Box Day, each grade level will need specific recyclables. *Fifth grade needs donations of styrofoam peanuts.*

Please send the recyclables in to your child’s classroom or Investigation Station as soon as you can. It is important for us to know how much we have/how much we still need early on. Thank you for helping to contribute to the success of Outside the Box Day!

WHAT’S NEW IN FIFTH GRADE?

The first quarter is nearing its end, but our students have been hard at work from the beginning. Read on for a sneak peek into what our students have been learning.

Science

Students are finishing a unit on Scientific Investigation and are beginning their studies of matter and chemistry. The properties of solids, liquids, and gases and the differences between mixtures and solids are being explored. Fifth graders will also be learning more about subatomic particles and studying the periodic table.

Math

Our fifth grade mathematicians are wrapping up review of number sense, including even/odd and prime/composite numbers. Number patterns, functions, and single-variable equations are next on the list. Teachers want to remind students to complete their homework regularly and to take advantage of Moby Max and Reflex Math at home.

Language Arts/Social Studies

Our literary scholars have been hard at work studying poetry and figurative language and have just begun diving into a nonfiction unit. Students are learning how text features and text structures help us comprehend nonfiction texts. Embedded in our reading classes are connections to social studies content, including a review of geography and map skills. To promote reading across genres and to encourage reading a diverse set of authors and settings, a quarterly Passport Reading Project was introduced.

The first writing project of the year had students crafting a personal narrative story focusing on a specific “small moment” from their lives. Encourage your students to share their stories with you!



The Fifth Grade team would like to remind parents of the ASFS policy on food. Birthday treats are not allowed in school. While we love to celebrate birthdays, we want to be mindful of allergies and other health concerns.

Please also remind your child that sharing food is *NOT* allowed. We have students with food allergies and other health needs, and so we want to be sensitive to those concerns. Thanks for your understanding!