

Fifth Grade Memo- UPDATED with ALL DATES!

Hello Parents and Guardians,

We are down to the last weeks and end of year events are coming up quickly! We will do our best to keep everyone informed through School Messenger and Newsletters. Please continue to read the weekly newsletters, as they will keep you updated about this busy time of year. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any questions/concerns, but please reference this email first as we hope to answer many of your questions here! Here are a few memos regarding upcoming events. Please note we are impatiently waiting to hear about our calendar as well. As soon as the school last date is set, we will provide exact dates. Thank you for your patience as you know just as much as we know at this point regarding the calendar!

- 1) **Howell Nature Center on May 23** – Students will need to pack a lunch and be prepared for the weather (sunscreen already on, bug spray already on, etc.) **Students need to bring signed waiver!** The fifth grade class t-shirts will be handed out first thing in the morning. We will be leaving promptly at 9AM and have a late arrival time between 4:30-4:45. Please plan accordingly. Students are **NOT** to bring electronic devices on this trip. Students are outside all day and do not have a place to keep belongings.
- 2) **Greenfield Village on June 4-** This is during school hours and students should wear their P2 shirts. Students will need to bring a sack lunch on this date and be prepared for the weather. Students may bring \$20 or less to purchase ice cream, candy, etc!
- 3) **End of Year Celebration on Thursday, June 13 at 2:00** – While not mandatory, parents who are able to choose to attend this event. This is Carpenter's Fifth Grade Ceremony, as students will be introduced by their teacher, shake hands with Mr. Weldon as they cross the stage, and sing a few songs they have prepared with Mrs. Simms. This ceremony concludes with cookies, lemonade and pictures, then fifth graders are free to leave with their families after the event. The celebration is definitely one of my favorite days of the year because of all the happy, proud faces I see on this day!
- 4) **End of Year Picnic date Monday, June 17 starting at 11:55** – Volunteers have started planning this event and are asking for extra hands in lots of different ways! We are asking for \$5 (or more) donations if you are able. Please have your child bring the money to your child's teacher by May 30th. Click [HERE](#) for the sign up genius to bring in food items or help with the food or an event. Please contact Amy Thebo ajthebo@att.net or Stephanie Benedict s_l_benedict@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping beyond the donations and sign up genius. We typically have many parents that volunteer and/or pop by throughout the day, but it is not necessary. This is similar to a holiday party with exception of it being a bit more special as it is their last picnic/"party" in elementary school!

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- 5) **Clap Out on Tuesday, June 18th at 11:45** - The exact time for this is TBD, but is shortly before dismissal at 12:05. Fifth graders walk the Carpenter Elementary halls for the last time with music coming through the school speakers. Teachers and students line the hallways to congratulate the fifth graders on a job well done! Parents typically line up outside or in the main hallway to snap some pictures of this fun, quick event.

Other items to note- This time of year is especially exciting for fifth graders as they are nearing the end of elementary. Some students are anxious, some are excited, and many are in between! Please remind your child how important the last weeks of school are for their academics and reputation. We have had a much higher number of behavior issues or incomplete work. Many students are also struggling to focus in class. Please make sure your child is getting lots of sleep and eating a full breakfast as summer draws near. We appreciate the at home support to get them through these last weeks successfully!

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy, but important email!

-Fifth Grade Team