



# 5th Grade

## HERE'S THE NEWS



### Reading/Writing

We are presenting our Persuasive Author Projects, so perhaps your kiddo will have found a new author to read this summer. ☺ In addition, we are also presenting our Harris Burdick fantasy stories. I am so proud and amazed with our creative group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders as their Harris Burdick stories have been incredible. I believe we have some very talented future authors in our midst. Have a wonderful, safe summer! Thanks for sharing your kiddos with us.



### Science

Science STAAR is behind us! I am continually amazed at how hard our Kerr Comets work and I am so proud of them! We will be working on some 6th grade prep for the next few days and we will spend some time studying famous scientists.

### Math

In math, we will continue working on enrichment projects over various 5th grade concepts. Along, with reviewing over previous taught 5th grade concepts to better our understanding.

### Social Studies

We will explore WW II and the free enterprise system.

## Friendly Reminders

May 17<sup>th</sup> - **Movie in the Gym** – Kiddos can bring a blanket/pillow.

Students' **Red Communication Folder** gives information about your child's day at school and must be signed by a parent each night.

Students' **Thursday Blue and White Folder** will contain graded work. Please sign the folder.

Please call the office by 2:15 with any dismissal changes, and please call the school when your child will be absent.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony

May 21st – 8:15 to 8:45 am in your child's homeroom class. Please sign in at the front desk, and you can exit the door by the intermediate parking lot.

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# REMINDERS!!!



## *Our Fifth Grade Journey Comes to an End*



What a wonderful year it has been working together with supportive parents and a talented group of Fifth Graders. You should be very proud of your hardworking kiddos' accomplishments. We look forward to hearing amazing things about each and every Fifth Grader as they continue on their educational journey. Thank you so much for allowing us to guide them this year.

Best regards from your 5<sup>th</sup> grade team,

Mrs. Ashley

Mrs. Dority

Mrs. Hudspeth

Mrs. King

Mrs. Laurence

*Have a sensational, safe summer!*

## **IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER**

May 17<sup>th</sup> – **Movie Morning** – Kiddos can bring a blanket/pillow to enjoy a movie in the gym.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – **Kerr's Field Day** – Lunch Orders from Kerr Cafeteria Due May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Volunteer Breakfast 7:30 am – Thanks for volunteering at Kerr!  
**EOY Class Party during LUNCH**  
Kids can be signed out after Field Day is over at 2:00 pm

May 21<sup>st</sup> – **5<sup>th</sup> Grades Award Assembly 8:15 to 8:45 am in Homeroom Class**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Yearbook signing** during specials for the grade level!!

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – School **Yearbook signing day!** Bring Yearbook to school!  
2:15 Kerr Seniors Walk the halls

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

\*\*\*\***EARLY RELEASE (12 pm)**\*\*\*\*

Spirit Rally

9-10 Kickball Game – Staff vs. Students

Relay Races if inclement weather



# Kerr's FIELD DAY



May 20th

Kinder (with their 6th grade buddy) and 1st /2nd grades will enjoy Field Day from 8:30 to 10:30 am.

After our lunch break, Grades 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> will start Field Day at 12:00-2:00 pm.

## Student Reminders for an Enjoyable Day of Fun

1. Sunscreen to reapply throughout the day as needed.
2. Closed toe shoes that can get wet, and a change of shoes in case they get wet.
3. Towel, Sunglasses, and a Hat
4. **SACK LUNCH from home**-*School lunches must have been pre-ordered*
5. Water bottle
6. Bathing suit under school appropriate shorts and tops
7. Change of clothes and plastic bag to put everything in

# YOU'RE INVITED



## TO THE



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards!!!

**When:** Wednesday, May 21st  
8:15-8:45 am

**Where:** Child's Homeroom Classroom

**Please sign in at the front desk, and you can exit when the ceremony is over using the intermediate carpool door.**

***Please join us to help celebrate your child's wonderful accomplishments this year!***

# DID YOU KNOW...

Social Media apps have minimum age requirements? The reason why is it is a Federal Law. **A child under the age of 13 years (U13) is protected by the Children's Online Privacy Protect Act (COPPA).** Essentially, COPPA protects a child's personal information from being collected and shared. Creating an account for a child under 13, using a false date of birth, circumvents the Federal law intended to protect your child. The consequences... The social networks, and all the information your child provides it, are completely out of your control. If you know of a child under the age of 13 with an active profile, you may report the account to the social network and the account will be closed.

(<http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2013/02/4-reasons-parents-enforce-age-restriction-social-media.html>)

<b>App</b>	<b>Minimum age requirement</b>
Facebook	13+
Twitter	13+
Instagram	13+
Snapchat	13+
Tumblr	13+
Pinterest	13+
Vine	17+ (adult content)
500px	17+ (adult content)

If you would like to read more about Social Networking sites and how you and your child can stay safe online, please visit:

<http://www.netmums.com/teenagers/safe-surfing-on-the-internet/your-children-and-the-internet-social-networking-s>

## CARPOOL PROCEDURES



For the safety of our students and staff, cell phone use should not occur in carpool lines. ***Fifth grade parents should begin cueing up at 3:00 pm.*** Parents/guardians who pick their child up in the carpool lanes MUST have a carpool sign located in their front windshield/mirror. These were given to all families at the beginning of the school year. If you need a replacement, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. Cars without the carpool sign will have to park, enter through the front doors of the building, and show their driver's license in order to pick up their child. This is for the safety of ALL Kerr students. Thank you & we appreciate your support!



## BUZZ -IN PROCEDURE FOR VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS AT KERR

**Entrance procedures at Kerr.** Please be prepared for the following script to take place before you enter the building:

**“Welcome to Kerr Elementary. How may I help you?”**

Visitors give the following information: Name, reason for visit, child's name.

Example: “My name is John Smith. I am here to volunteer in my child's classroom. My child is Joe Smith.”

**“Would you please hold your I.D. up to the screen?”**

After you show your I.D. you will proceed inside to the receptionist desk to receive your name tag. If you do not have a picture I.D., you will not be permitted to enter the building.



# LUNCH NEWS

***Lunch/Forgotten Item Drop Off*** - A cart is placed right in the front entrance of the school where lunches and other forgotten items should be placed. Please complete the red slip and tape to the item. Deliveries to the classroom crates will take place around 11:00 am. Lunches will also be delivered to the cafeteria at this time. If you bring your child a lunch, please notify him or her before leaving for school to look for it on the desk in the cafeteria. If it is not in the class crate or cafeteria at their scheduled lunch time, the child will be instructed to purchase a lunch. To protect the integrity of the learning environment, calls will not be made to notify students of their forgotten item. As always, it is best practice to send your child off in the morning prepared with all needed items including their lunch. Thank you for assistance!

## **Friendly Reminders:**

Please send a napkin and utensils in lunches from home. This will alleviate students sitting and waiting for the monitors to bring them these items.

Also, please arrive a few minutes earlier than your child's scheduled lunch time if you are bringing their lunch as a special treat. If the parent is not on the stage waiting for the child, the student will be sent through the lunch line.

If your kiddo eats lunch on the stage with you on any school day, please make sure they are finished visiting so that they can join their class for dismissal to the trashcans and to line up. Too many students are coming and going from the stage to the serving line and/or are late getting back to class when lunch is over.

Absolutely no friends should be joining students on the stage if they are lunching with their family. If at all possible, we encourage lunch dates to occur Monday through Thursday.





# Absences & Tardies

**Please review the Allen ISD attendance policy. This policy is also on the Allen ISD student handbook.**

As you know, regular school attendance is vital to your student's educational success. It is important that we work together for the success of each student. As part of the process and procedure changes, please note the term "partial day absence".

## **Elementary Schools:**

- School hours are 7:50 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Students who arrive at school between 7:50 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. will be marked "late" by the office
- Students who leave school **prior to 2:35 p.m. without excuse** will be marked with a **partial day absence.**

If your student has an appointment, please get a note from the doctor or dentist for our records.

## **Parent's Note after an Absence**

On the day a student is absent:

1. Parent/guardian should call the attendance clerk of their school first thing in the morning on the day of the absence..

2. Upon returning to school, the student must bring a note, signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence and the date(s) of the absence. **After 3 school days, the absence will be considered unexcused if a note has not been received by the school office.** If they are **absent more than 5 days, the school requires a doctor's note.** Faxed notes or email a picture of your note may be accepted if they contain all the required information including the parent/guardian signature.

**\* \*\*Emails will not be accepted as an official note.**

Regular school attendance is essential for your child to make the most of his/her education – to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day, and to grow as an individual. The state requires our school to track absences. Each time your child misses school during any time of day, it is counted as missing a day or a partial day. If your child misses days or parts of days totaling 10 or more, you are in violation of compulsory attendance (truancy). With a leave totaling around 10 days, your child will exceed the 10 day truancy. Another component of that law is the 90% Rule, which states that a student must be in attendance 90% of the school year to receive credit for that year. Accumulation of 18 days of absences results in violation of this rule.

Any absence for three or more days for any reason other than illness or death in the immediate family must have prior approval. Because family vacations are considered unexcused absences, Mrs. Streitmatter cannot approve this type of request. If you choose to take your child on an extended vacation, understand that those days will be recorded as unexcused absences which may put your child at risk of being in violation of the 90% Rule. Upon returning to school, your child's teacher will need a parent to check him/her in at the office.

Teachers may assign activities for your child to complete during their absence; however, they are not required to provide work and/or test before a student leaves for vacation.