

# 5th Grade News



March/April Newsletter

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## What is your child learning?

### STEM

> **Math:** Students are completing Unit 5: Adding and Subtracting Fractions with unlike denominators. Then we will move on to multiplying and dividing fractions in Unit 6. Lastly, students will begin multiplying and dividing decimals in Unit 7.

> **Science:** Students are learning about energy efficiency, energy and water conservation, on-peak time, load shifting, distributed generation and renewable energy in our BGE Smart Energy Academy Unit! Then we will complete our adaptations unit learning about invasive plant species. Then we will move onto the Earth and Space unit.

### Humanities

> **Reading:** Students have begun reading scientific expository text in the Wonders anthology. By the end of March/early April, students will begin The novel, Chains which is supported with rich discussion. The text connects to social studies content.

> **Social Studies:** Students will continue to learn about events leading up to the Revolutionary War as well as the effects of the war.

> **Writing:** Students are writing opinion pieces using evidence from various texts to support their argument.

### Important Dates

**March 1st:** Quarter 3 interims. Check grades on Home Access Center.

**March 7-10:** MISA Testing

**March 11th:** Early Dismissal

**March 22-24th:** CBA Testing

**April 4:** End of Quarter 3– Early Dismissal

**April 11:** Report Cards go home

**April 15-18th:** Schools closed for SPRING BREAK!



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## Preparing for MCAP and MISA

Fifth graders will participate in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (formerly PARCC) test and MISA (Science) Test again this spring. These tests measure how well students have learned grade-level material in English language arts/literacy, mathematics and science. To learn more about the tests, and to view sample questions and practice tests, visit: <https://md.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

## Supplies

Please ask your child if they need any of their school supplies replenished. Consider pencils, erasers, highlighters, dry erase markers, scissors and glue. Donations of tissues to the class are always appreciated as well.

## How to help your child at home:

- ♥ *Math- Discuss real world adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions situations at home. When cooking, help students figure out the total amounts in the recipe.*
- ♥ *Start to give your child more responsibility at home to help prepare them for middle school.*
- ♥ *Humanities - Make and play vocabulary review games such as Pictionary.*
- ♥ *Social Studies— Discuss new vocabulary words with your child. Also, visit local historical landmarks related to the Revolutionary War such as Ft. McHenry, Philadelphia, Yorktown & Williamsburg.*
- ♥ *Science— Discuss your shadow throughout the day. Observe the night sky and look for constellations.*

