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**AMAZING**

Fifth Grade  
Back to School Night!  
2026-2027  
Welcome!  
Please take a seat.

mistakes are  
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trying

It takes a big  
heart  
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minds.



# Meet the Teachers

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# Meet the Teachers

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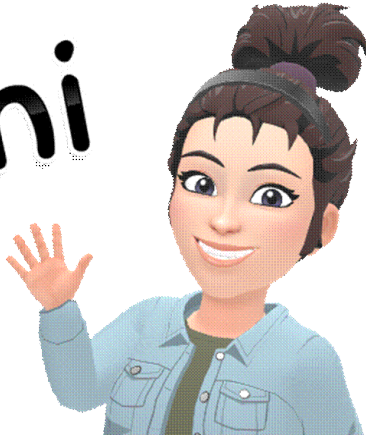
Ms. Harford

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Mrs. Kenny

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# Calendar

There are 13 days this year that are ½ days for students which means dismissal is at 12:15.

## Early dismissals:

|                                                                                                         |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                        |
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| <u>September 18<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees | <u>October 15<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees  | <u>November 4<sup>th</sup></u><br>Marking Period Ends - Work on Grades                              | <u>November 20<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees | <u>November 25<sup>th</sup></u><br>Day before Thanksgiving Break                                    | <u>December 14<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees |
| <u>December 23<sup>rd</sup></u><br>Day before Winter Break                                              | <u>February 12<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees | <u>March 12<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees | <u>April 7<sup>th</sup></u><br>Marking Period Ends - Work on Grades                                    | <u>April 30<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees | <u>May 28<sup>th</sup></u><br>Professional Learning<br>for teachers and identified CASE Employees      |
| <u>June 11<sup>th</sup></u><br>Last day for Students                                                    |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                        |

# Conferences

*Fall:* October 13<sup>th</sup> or November 6<sup>th</sup>

*Spring:* March 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Snow Date- April 6<sup>th</sup> )

We will send an e-mail  
with information closer to  
these dates!

**Parent**  
**Teacher**  
**Conferences**

Behavior  
Teamwork  
Grades

Communication  
Homework

Progress  
Goals  
Achieve

# Parent/Teacher Communication

- Taneytown Elementary School will not be using Talking Points.
- We will communicate by telephone or email.
- Please also check your child's folder for any papers that are sent home.





**B**e Kind

**E**mbrace Differences

**A**lways try

**R**espect Self and Others

**S**afety Matters

# Schoolwide Reward System

- Continuing this school year, our school will be using a school store.
- Students will earn paper tickets (Bears Bucks) for displaying BEARS Behaviors (**B**e Kind, **E**mbrace Differences, **A**lways Try, **R**espect Self and Others, **S**afety Matters).
- Bear Bucks can be handed out by all staff members. Every Wed. fifth graders can cash in their bucks to the school store.
- Items cost between 10 bucks- 200 bucks.



# Before/After School Care

## ➤ Kids After Hours- in the cafeteria

Monday through Friday  
before school 7:00-8:00am  
afterschool 3:00-6:30pm



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# Taneytown rewards students for 96% attendance.....

At the end of every marking period, students with 96% attendance or higher have their name displayed on the **Wall of Attendance Fame** outside of the school's cafeteria.

Those students will also participate in an end of the marking period attendance celebration party.



At the end of the school year, for students who maintained a 96% attendance rate throughout the school year, they will be invited to attend a field trip in recognition of their accomplishment.



# Advanced Academics/Gifted & Talented (AA/GT)



There are curricular extensions within the CCPS curriculum for advanced learners.



More information about the CCPS G&T/Advanced Academics Program is located on the Carroll County Public Schools website.



Differentiation/extensions can occur within the classroom or in a small group setting.



Our G&T/AA specialist is **Mrs. Carey Sneska**. She will provide more information in the coming weeks.



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# Fifth Grade Information

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# Fifth Grade Schedule

|             |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 8:00 - 8:30 | Breakfast/ Homeroom Time |
| 8:30-10:30  | Block 1                  |
| 10:30-11:25 | Block 2                  |
| 11:25-11:55 | Lunch                    |
| 12:00-1:00  | Specials                 |
| 1:00-1:30   | Recess                   |
| 1:30-2:00   | Block 2                  |
| 2:00-2:30   | WIN (What I Need)        |
| 2:30-3:00   | Block 2                  |



# Fifth Grade Specials Schedule

| TIME      | TEACHER       | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 8:30-9:00 | <b>Kucera</b> | Art    | Health  | Music     | PE       | Media  |
| 9:00-9:30 |               |        | PE      |           | Health   | PE     |
| 8:30-9:00 | <b>Manko</b>  | PE     | Music   | Media     | Art      | Health |
| 9:00-9:30 |               | Health |         | PE        |          | PE     |
| 8:30-9:00 | <b>Bortz</b>  | PE     | Art     | PE        | Health   | Music  |
| 9:00-9:30 |               | Media  |         | Health    | PE       |        |



# Technology



## Student Computers

- Kept at school (can be taken home for projects)
- Student Laptop Agreements (Online-check your email)
  - \*New Option to Decline
- No Virtual Snow Days this year

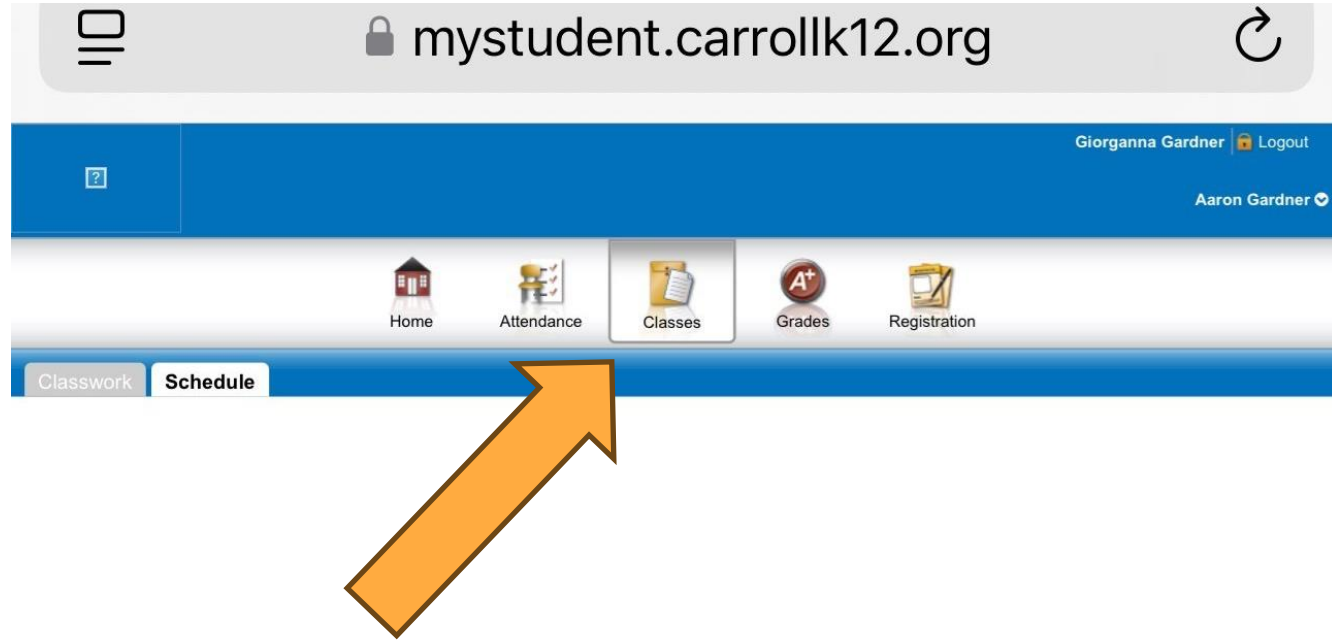
## Home Access Center

- Check Home Access Center biweekly to see updated grades.
- Home Access Center will also let you know if your child is missing any graded work.
  - If your child has any missing work, please communicate with the teacher to see how to best complete the assignment.



# Home Access Center

- How to check your student's grade in Home Access Center



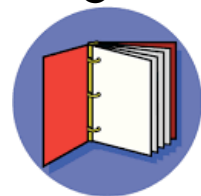
# Communication

## Data Binders:

- When the data binders go home 2x a quarter, please review the work in the binder.
- There will be a spot for you to sign before returning the data binder.

## Homework:

- There will be newsletters that will be sent home that tells you what unit your student is working on at school.
- Math- please work on addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts, end of unit reviews
- ELA encourage your student to read 20 minutes each evening



# Cell Phones/ Food

## Phones:

- Must be off and away in lockers from arrival to dismissal.
- Smart watches are treated the same as cell phones.
- If you need to contact your child, please call the office.

## Food:

- No treats may be brought into school by families.
- Any food items brought by teachers must have a parent permission slip and the nurse must be notified 10 days in advance.

# Fifth Grade Perks!



- **Field Trips**
  - **Reginald F. Lewis Museum- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Baltimore Museum of Industry- March 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Career and Tech Students to Visit- December**
- **5th Grade Showcase (End of May)**
- **5th Grade Picnic (June)**
  - **This is only for students**
- **5th Grade Promotion (June)**
  - **Date will not be announced until spring time.**

# Fifth Grade Families



- We will need a fifth grade committee of parents to plan the fifth grade picnic and the promotion ceremony.
- Our first meeting is usually Feb./March and one more meeting in May.

Please let your student's homeroom teacher know if you are interested!

We can't do this without you!



- Please join the PTO!

We organize fun family events, fundraisers that go directly back to students and teachers, and support our school in many ways!

If interested, please email the PTO at  
[tespto21787@gmail.com](mailto:tespto21787@gmail.com)

- PTO Meetings are on a Wednesday each month from 5:30pm –6:30pm. (9/9, 11/11, 1/13, 3/10, 5/12)

# Fifth Grade Humanities Curriculum

## ELA

### Reading

-2<sup>nd</sup> Year of  
Benchmark



### Advance

- Word Study
- Grammar
- Novel: Rolling Warrior
- Responding to text

### Writing Assignments

- Narrative
- Information
- Persuasive
- *Cursive!*



## Social Studies

Unit 1: Constitution and the Bill of Rights (1780-1800)

Unit 2: Challenges of a New and Expanding Nation (1800-1865)

Unit 3: Post-Civil War America (1865-1930)

Unit 4: Modern America (1900-today)



# Fifth Grade STEM Curriculum

## Math Units:

Unit 1: Place Value/Decimals

Unit 2: Whole Number Multiplication  
and Volume

Unit 3: Whole Number Division and  
Customary Measurement

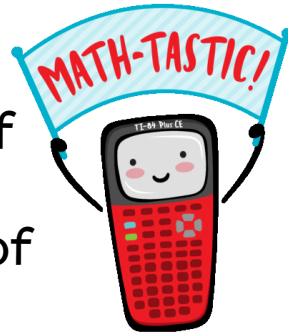
Unit 4: Geometry

Unit 5: Addition/Subtraction of  
Fractions

Unit 6: Multiplication/Division of  
Fractions

Unit 7: Multiplication/Division of  
Decimals

Unit 8: Algebra and Coordinate Planes



## Science:

-Earth Systems

-Survivor Unit

-Earth and Space



# Fifth Grade Assessments

- Reading

- Instead of MAP testing, Star Reading will be taken 3 times (Fall, Winter, Spring) on the computer
- Star CBM Oral Reading Fluency
- Pre and Post Benchmark Assessment and 3 writing assessments

- Math

- Midyear Benchmark
- End of Year Benchmark

- Science/Social Studies

- 3 science unit assessments and one social studies assessment

- **MISA- science assessment** taken in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (usually in March)

- **MCAP is now MSTAR-** for math and reading,

- more information will be coming
- usually taken in April or May