

***COUNCIL  
TRADITIONAL  
SCHOOL  
PARENT MEETING***

Mrs. Bright | Mrs. Hernandez  
Mrs. Larkin



# Grades

- Please refer to your student's Schoology account to have a clear understanding of your student's grades. The weekly parent report provides only an overview.
- Paper-pencil or online tests may be viewed by appointment only.
- Formal progress reports are distributed at mid-quarter.



# Uniform Policy

- Jumper or skirt for 5th grade girls
- Girls' hair accessories and earrings should be school colors or neutral.
- Girls may wear wristwatches and stud earrings; no other jewelry.
- Boys may only wear watches – no other jewelry.
- NO Smart watches
- Nail polish may **only** be clear polish applied to the natural nail.
- Purses are kept in cubbies unless we are leaving the classroom for the restroom.
- Red sweater is the only outerwear allowed in the classroom except for sweatshirts (Friday's only).
- PE uniforms should follow Council's guidelines.



# Conduct

- 10 points possible per week
- Students must maintain quarterly conduct average of 80% (S) or better to participate in scheduled field trips or school events
- Methods used to manage unacceptable student conduct:
  - Privilege revocation
  - Buddy system intervention
  - Home reports
  - Detention
  - Office referrals
  - Suspension



# Work Related Skills

- 10 points possible per week
  - 5 points for responsibility [40%]
  - 5 points for homework [60%]
- Students must maintain quarterly average of 80% (S) or better in both responsibility and homework to be eligible for Honor Roll
- Students will receive detention at the third missed homework assignment of the week



It is our hope that all 5th grade students choose to follow school and classroom guidelines for a safe & productive school year. Should a student have difficulty maintaining proper conduct, it will be reflected in their conduct grade.

## Quarterly Honors Eligibility

Remember, Council is a school of advanced academics. Not only is the curriculum advanced, but so, too, are the standards. To be eligible for an Honor Roll award, the following conditions must be met:



## A Honor Roll

### Report card must have:

- A's in all academic areas & conduct
- An 'S' in P.E. & Spanish
- An 'S' in work related skills and an 'S' in homework

Please refer to your child's Schoology Grade Portal to see the breakdown of each category.

A student who earns any grade other than A's and S's does not qualify for A Honor Roll.

## A/B Honor Roll

### Report card must have:

- An A in at least one subject area
- No grades lower than a B
- An 'S' in P.E. & Spanish
- An 'S' in work related skills and an 'S' in homework

Please refer to your child's Schoology Grade Portal to see the breakdown of each category.

A student who earns all B's does not qualify for A/B Honor Roll.





## Work Related Skills G5: Section 501

▼ Yearly:8/7/23-5/24/24 (100%)

S

▼ Q1 Yearly 23 (25%)

S

▼ Homework (60%)

S

H-Aug 7-11 8/11/23 11:59pm

S

▼ Responsibility (40%)

S

R-Aug 7-11 8/11/23 11:59pm

S

> Q2 Yearly 23 (25%)

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> Q3 Yearly 23 (25%)

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> Q4 Yearly 23 (25%)

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> [\(no grading period\)](#) (0%)

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Course Grade: S

# National Elementary

## Honor Society (NEHS)

- The criteria for the N.E.H.S. are as follows:
  - Enrolled at Council for one complete semester
  - Cumulative grade point average 3.5 or higher (from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> semester)
  - Maintain a 3.5 in conduct
  - Have met all C.A.R.P. goals (quarters 1-2)
  - Teacher input regarding personal responsibility
  - Once inducted into the N.E.H.S., students must maintain their status in order to stay a member in good standing



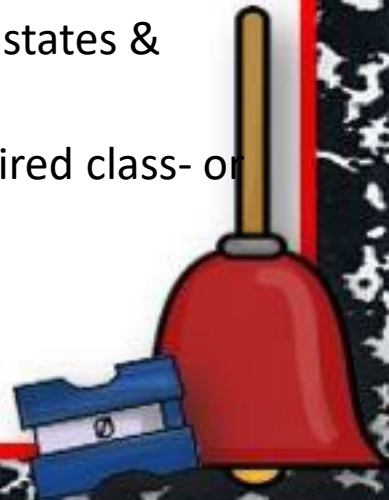
# Planners

- Purpose: student responsibility, organization, communication & time management
- Homework, tentative test dates, and reminders are copied from the board each day before dismissal from each class
- Project and test dates are highlighted when they are entered into the planner



# Retesting Policy

- Students will be permitted to retest once per quarter in each subject on the first major grade in which a score below 60% is earned.
- Retests will not be given in the following scenarios:
  - In-class writing assignments
  - Tests that require only effort, not ability (vocabulary tests, states & capitals test, etc.)
  - Tests in which the student chose to not complete the required class- or homework to prepare for the test
  - Projects assigned at home or at school



# Homework

- Students will receive a homework point if...
  - Assignment is not done at all
  - Assignment is incomplete (partially done)
  - Student writes random answers just to appear as if it was completed
  - Student fails to fulfill online HW requirements-there is a plan in place if you have a problem accessing technology from home.

Sending a note will not remove points except in the case of a **teacher approved** emergency. **Three HW points during a single week will result in an assigned detention.**



# Detention

- If your student has detention, a slip will go home on Monday
- Detention will be served the following Thursday from 3:15-4:15
- Students may be picked up in front of the office at 4:15
- In detention, students will be given skills review to work on. It is not a time to make up missed work or complete homework



# Projects

- Students complete many cross-curricular projects throughout the year
- All projects are given with ample time for completion
- If you have any need for clarification, notify your child's teacher the day the assignment is given, please do not wait
- Copies of project instructions will be available in Schoology

Questions/concerns/requests will not be addressed the night before a project is due. Late projects lose 10 points **daily!**



# 40 Book Challenge

**Students are challenged to read 40 books during their fifth-grade school year.**

The Challenge...

- is meant to encourage students & engage them with reading.
- is meant to expand students' reading lives, not limit/define it.
- is personal for each student, not a contest or competition between students or classes.
- runs hand-in-hand with student reading success
  - Any on-level book read during this school year may be used for the challenge
  - Information will be sent home soon





# Technology

**Council is a 1:1 school.**

## **Important Guidelines Include:**

- The student should only use their device to access relevant content at appropriate times as instructed by their teacher.
- The student takes full responsibility for his/her device. Students should not share their personal devices.
- Devices shall be charged prior to bringing it to school and shall be capable of running off its own battery while at school.
- Students should bring laptops, chargers and earbuds daily to school. A responsibility point will be issued if a student does not bring their fully charged device to school.



# *Birthdays*

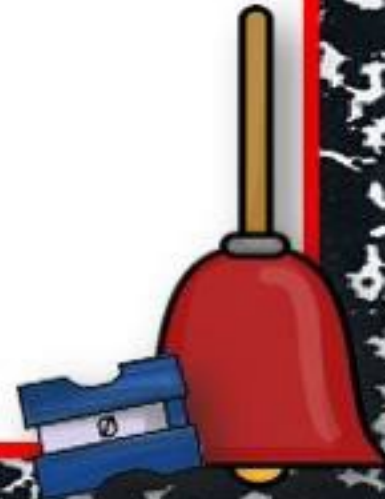
We are happy to celebrate your child's birthday!

- Please, however, be mindful that birthdays are not an event that would warrant a disruption of our instructional day.
- If sending snacks, please observe COVID protocols by sending individual pre-packaged items (Little Debbie's, small bags of chips, etc.)
- Snacks must be sent with your child in the morning, and we will distribute them at a point in our day that would be least disruptive.



# Science Lab / Science Fair

- Students will receive grades from their lab work
- Students will need a trifold board for the science fair
- Science Project paperwork will be due before students leave for the holiday in December and will count for a grade for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Final project boards will be due in January and will count as a grade in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- Look for important project information to come home via Mrs. Asberry.

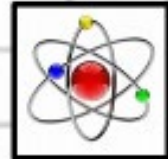




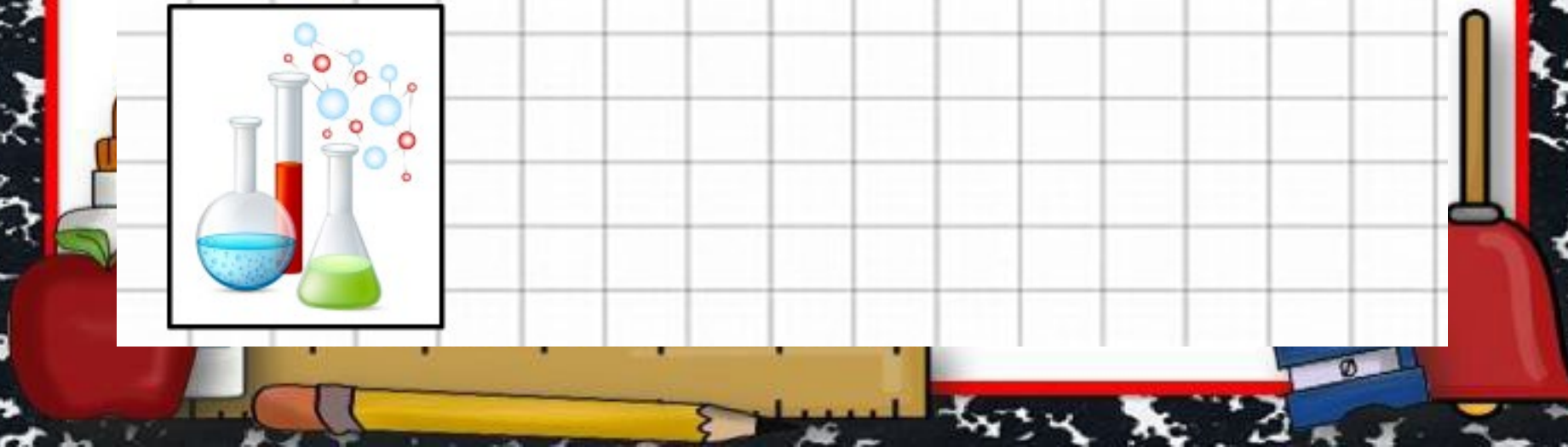
# S.T.E.M.

Hello! My name is Jennifer Asberry, and I am excited to be your child's S.T.E.M. Lab teacher at Council. In S.T.E.M. Lab, we will focus on the collaboration of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Students will learn to think like an engineer and implement the engineering design process to design and create solutions to real-world problems as well as participate in science demos and experiments. Science and Engineering Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Disciplinary Core Ideas from the Next Generation Science Standards K-12 educational framework will provide the blueprint for our lessons. Let's get in gear and engineer!!

# Council Traditional School SCIENCE FAIR



- Required of all 5th graders
- 2 minor & 1 major SCIENCE grade
- Science Fair will be held in February 2024
- More information will be sent out the 1st week of 2nd quarter
- Email [jaasberry@mcpss.com](mailto:jaasberry@mcpss.com) if you have questions



# PYP Exhibition

Primary Years Program

- Exhibition is a culminating student-led project that requires that each student demonstrates engagement with the five essential elements of the PYP program
- We have already begun frontloading Exhibition for this year
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Global Issues

## **Where We Are in Place and Time**

An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; home and journeys; the discoveries, exploration and migration of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.



# 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Celebration

- WHEN: last week of the school year
- COST: \$55 per student

Games & Activities!

5th Grade T-Shirt!

5th Grade DVD!

Food!



# 5th Grade Memories DVD

What a wonderful memento for the Class of 2024!

- Each parent is asked to submit digital photos of their child-one from grades PreK-5-for a total of 7 photos.
- Photos can be from school events/portraits, to family events, sports, birthday parties, anything!
- Photos should be emailed to Mrs. Larkin ([llarkin@mcpss.com](mailto:llarkin@mcpss.com)) **before we break for Christmas.**
- Please name each photo "Grade 1", "Grade 2", etc. so they are placed in the correct order in the DVD.

Please do not confuse these photos with the baby photo you may submit for the yearbook.





# Honors Day

WHEN: Last week of the school year

Please be aware that in order to allow teachers enough time to tabulate and order awards for Honors Day, we will take into consideration the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report cards and the Mid-Quarter report from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

**Please refer to the PowerPoint in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade informational Padlet for attire guidelines.**



# Rotation

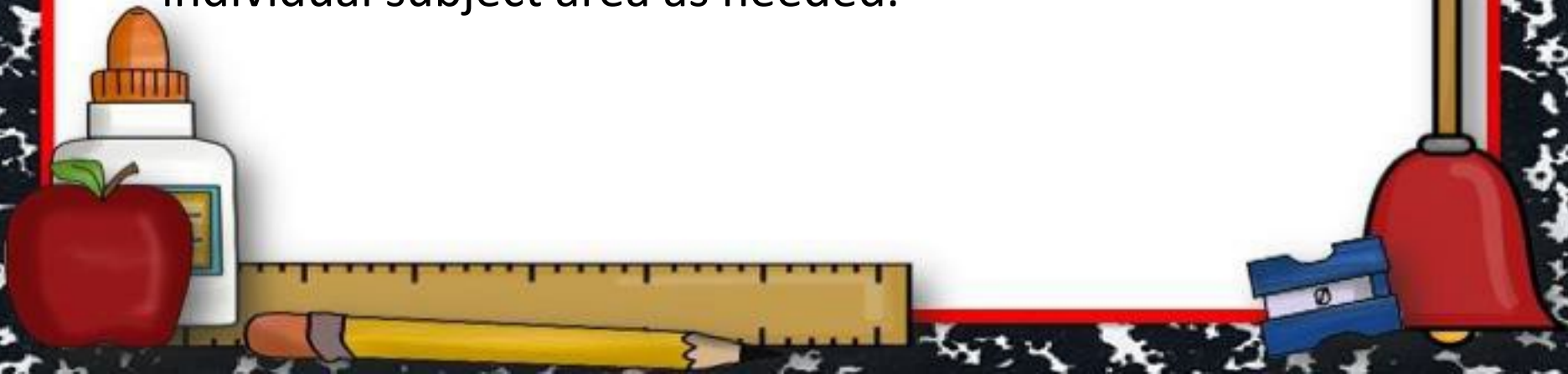
Students will receive instruction and grades from the fifth grade teachers in the following areas:

Mrs. Bright – math

Mrs. Hernandez – reading and English language arts (ELA)

Mrs. Larkin – science and social studies

Please be sure you have joined each teacher's designated Remind group so you can contact each teacher about their individual subject area as needed.



# Contacting 5th Grade Teachers

- **Best choice**: use the Remind text service that you enrolled in at the start of the school year.
- Email directly:

[llarkin@mcpss.com](mailto:llarkin@mcpss.com)

[sdhernandez@mcpss.com](mailto:sdhernandez@mcpss.com)

[lbright@mcpss.com](mailto:lbright@mcpss.com)

- Send a written note with child/sibling/neighbor
- Phone: 221-1139 –if you choose to call, please be mindful that a response will not be immediate as teachers cannot return your calls during instructional time

Use REMIND text service to send a message.



# Remind App

Remind is a text messaging/email system that enables teachers to send quick reminders directly to parents' cellular phones.

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to sign up using the directions provided by your child's teacher.

Please enable Push Notifications so you will immediately receive messages we send out.



# Conferences

**We want to work with you to ensure a successful year for all students. Please adhere to the following guidelines in respect for everyone involved.**

- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher prior to speaking to another teacher at CTS or administrative staff. We are glad to work with you to provide clarification and/or eliminate misconceptions.
- Teachers will send out a link to sign up for beginning of the year conferences.



# Conferences

- Planning periods:
  - 1:30 – 2:00 Larkin / Hernandez
  - 2:00 – 2:30 Bright
- Additional conference times may be scheduled upon written request to your child's teacher
- Please avoid these types of conferences:
  - Pop-ins (unscheduled) before, during, or after school
  - Carpool / Hallway / Parking lot
  - School-events (Open house, Field trips, etc.)
  - Grocery store / Restaurant / Ball game



# Questions

[www.tinyurl.com/5comets](http://www.tinyurl.com/5comets)

