

January 7, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of 5th Graders,

It's already the second semester and our fifth-grade students were refocused today on the academic and behavior expectations for the remainder of the school year. The second semester incentive activities have been planned out and we wanted to share the expectations to earn each of them with students and families. The highlight of the events for our students are outlined below:

3rd Quarter

On January 29th, students will be provided with popcorn and a movie. The movie *Holes* will be shown and has a strong message for students about compassion, empathy, responsibility, and teamwork.

On March 6th, students will be afforded the opportunity to go skating from 10-12:30PM, at Spin Nation, students will need to fill out a field trip permission slip and there is no cost of admission, as this incentive was paid for through a generous donation to the fifth-grade team.

4th Quarter

On April 9th, from 2:25-3:40PM, students may earn a Dance Party. The dance will be in our cafeteria, there is no fee for this dance but refreshments may be purchased. Refreshments such as snacks and drinks may be purchased for \$1.00 each.

On May 20th, students may earn a field trip to Busch Gardens. This is a paid event and all fees for the end of year activities will go home closer to the 4th quarter of the school year.

On May 22nd, students will earn a team-building incentive with our 5th Grade Field Day. This day will be filled with team activities, relay races, surprises and much more!

On May 26th, students will earn free time to sign yearbooks and have pizza from 2:25-3:40 PM.

Please go over this letter and sign the second page of this letter with your child, as it is extremely important to ensure each child is dedicated to the second half of their fifth-grade school year.

Thank you,

Mrs. Bayless, Mr. Grey, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Neil, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Taylor, & Mrs. Wicklein

Behavior Expectations to Earn Incentives

Please remind your child that all students are required to meet the expectations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in students being exempted from some or all activities. Behavior on school grounds and outside of the classroom (for example Buses, Lunch, Recess and Specials) are included. As a team, we are working with students to ensure that they understand behavioral, attendance and academic expectations that will enable them the privilege of joining these incentive activities. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. The breakdown of consequences is below:

Students are given three chances before any activity is lost for each quarter 3rd and 4th. **If a student receives an official disciplinary referral and/or three half slips, they will automatically lose an incentive activity.** If the inappropriate behavior continues, they will have the three more chances before a second referral is received, and another activity is lost. Once more, the student will have three more chances before a third activity is lost. If a student receives a third referral, they will lose another activity.

Academically, students must actively participate and have no missing assignments. Missing assignments will be tracked weekly and students will be notified and given an opportunity to make-up their assignments. Students should not have no more than 3 absences to be on-track for the incentives. Teachers will work with students and families on a case by case if there is a serious illness such as the flu.

On the contrary, for students who display exemplary behavior and receive no disciplinary action, they will be rewarded on a weekly basis. The rewards will be different during each celebration. Our hope is that all students will be motivated to display positive behavior and follow our school wide rules so they can join in these rewards.

It is our wish for all 5th graders to be able to participate in the third quarter and End of the Year activities and take wonderful memories with them on to middle school. Students have been working hard all year and it would be the best gift to us, and to them, to end 5th Grade on a high note.

Please sign and date the bottom portion and return by January 14th.

Date: _____ Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____