



Principals' Page



MAY / JUNE 2019 EDITION

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5th/6th Grade End of Year Awards



Fifth and sixth grade students will gather by team to recognize those who have reached Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll for each of the first three marking periods of the 2018-2019 school year. All parents are welcome to attend the appropriate assembly held in the cafeteria. For a schedule of days/times, please refer to the "Upcoming Events" portion of this newsletter. Select students will also be presented with "Citizenship" and "Scholarship" awards. Parents of those students will receive correspondence from their child's teacher regarding the award and assembly details. Congratulations to ALL students on a successful 2018-2019 school year!!!!

7th Grade End of Year Awards



As we have done in the past, students in the 7th grade will be honored by their teachers for academic and service accomplishments. This year's 7th grade awards assembly will be held June 14th, 2019 in the gymnasium. This assembly is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of all students and highlight some specific areas of achievement. Parents of students receiving an award will be getting a letter with details about the assembly including the type of award, where to sit and what time to arrive.

Collection for Open Door

Great News! Nurses week is coming and once again SF Nurses are collecting needed items for Open Door. This year we are collecting Paper products! (Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues). If you are interested in participating see the [attached flyer](#), and have your student(s) bring their donations to my office between May 1st and May 10th. Thanks you in advance for your support!

Upcoming Events

5/6	5th Grade Concert, 7:00	6/5	5th Grade Philadelphia—Colonists
5/7	MS Choral Concert, 7:00	6/6	5th Grade Philadelphia—Patriots
5/8	6th Grade Concert, 7:00	6/7	7th Grade Mermaid Lake
5/6-10	7th Grade Book Fair		5th/6th Grade Field Day
5/13	Current 4th Grade Parent Transition Night, 7:00	6/10	7th Grade Mermaid Lake—Raindate
5/20	7th Grade Activity Night, 7:00		5th/6th Grade Field Day—Raindate
5/21	No School—In-service Day	6/11	Explorers Awards Assembly, 9:15
5/22	MS Spring Band Concert, 7:00		Settlers Awards Assembly, 2:30
5/23	5th/6th Grade Art Show		Current 6th Grade Parent Transition Night, 7:00
	5t/6th Grade Book Fair Family Night	6/12	Colonists Awards Assembly, 9:15
5/27	School Closed		Trailblazers Awards Assembly, 2:30
5/28	6th Grade Hershey Park— Trailblazers	6/13	Patriots Awards Assembly, 9:15
5/29	6th Grade Hershey Park—Pioneers		Pioneers Awards Assembly, 2:30
	7th Grade Honors Social	6/14	Student Last Day
5/30	6th Grade Hershey Park—Settlers		7th Grade Awards, 8:10
6/4	5th Grade Philadelphia—Explorers		

May Health Tip: Ticks

How Can I Protect My Kids From Ticks? After kids play outside, check their skin and hair — especially the scalp, behind the ears, around the neck, and under the arms. When playing in wooded areas, kids should wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and tuck pant legs into their socks. Avoid tick-infested areas.

How do I remove a tick? Use tweezers to grasp tick firmly at its head/mouth, next to the skin. Pull firmly until the tick lets go. Release tick into a jar or zip-locked bag in case you want to identify it later. Wash the site of the bite.

When Should I Get Medical Care? Call your health care provider if: The tick might have been on the skin for more than 24 hours, part of the tick remains in the skin after attempted removal, a rash of any kind develops (especially a red-ringed bull's-eye rash or red dots on wrists and ankles), the bite area looks infected (increasing warmth, swelling, pain, or oozing pus), or Symptoms like fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck or back, or muscle or joint aches develop.



Thank you from the Nurses

The 5/6/7 nurses would like to thank all parents who have made clothing and food contributions to the nurses' office over the past few weeks. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and want you to know that all donations will be put to good use.



Thank you again for your support and for helping to keep our students safe and healthy during the school day!

Teacher & School Nurse Appreciation

Teacher and School Nurse Appreciation Week is a special time for us to recognize all of the terrific staff here at the 5th/6th/7th Grade Center. We would like to acknowledge the staff's hard work and dedication during the week of May 6th—10th.

Teachers play a key role in student success and sometimes a simple "thanks" is all a teacher needs to feel valued. Take the time to celebrate your students' teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10.

Our nurse's work hard to keep us healthy and help us when we aren't feeling exactly 100%. They have a direct impact on the well being of both the students and faculty.



5th/6th Grade Center Festival of the Arts

Artomé is partnering with Spring-Ford's 5th/6th Grade Center for a spectacular Art Show celebration! On Thursday, 5/23 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, every student will have their own masterpiece framed, on display and available for purchase. Framed artwork costs \$25.00 cash or check, benefiting the school! You don't want to miss this...amazing art, student musical performances, and a bake sale too!!



Warm Weather Dress



As warmer weather approaches, please keep the following in mind for your child's appropriate school clothing:

- Bare midriffs and bare backs are not permitted.
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, and spaghetti straps less than 1/2" wide are not acceptable.
- Dresses, skirts, and/or shorts must be in good taste and appropriate length. Appropriate length is defined as clothing that is not provocative or draws excessive attention.
- Undergarments should not be exposed in any way.
- Flip flops are discouraged in 7th grade and **not** permitted in 5th/6th grades due to recess.

Thank you!



5th Grade News



May Edition

LETTER FROM MR. ROGERS

May has quickly come upon us here in 5th grade. We have just finished PSSA testing and are now moving toward end of the year activities. Our 5th graders are amazing! We have students who work for charities, students who volunteer in various organizations, students who play music, write music, play sports and students who have won various competitions. I am so proud of the group of students that I first met 8 months ago and am looking forward to continue working with them in the years ahead!

In June, we will be traveling to Philadelphia for our field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution and the Academy of Natural Sciences. I will be meeting with students and teachers next week to discuss expectations and reminders for the upcoming trip. One of the items we will be encouraging is for students to pack a fully disposable bagged lunch to bring on the trip. This helps with clean up and does not require the students to carry around a lunch box for the remainder of the day. There are many exciting exhibits present at both of these museums that will enhance the understanding of the Social Studies and Science curriculum that they have been working with throughout the year. We know the students are very excited for this trip.

In closing, students should be very excited for the end of the year and proud of what they have accomplished throughout the school year. However, students should remain as focused as possible to ensure they get to experience all that the end of the school year has to offer. Thank you, parents, for your continued support throughout the remainder of the year and I look forward to working with all of you in the years ahead.



Lessons Learned

ELA– Students are working on writing their personal narrative. This is their 5th writing piece. Students will be discussing theme and inference and how this is important when interpreting pieces of writing.

Social Studies– Students are beginning to learn about the tension that caused the beginning of the American Revolution. Today, I was in a Social Studies lesson in which students were discussing the difference between Patriots and Loyalists.

Math– Students are focusing on Unit 11, which covers the customary units of measurement. Students will measure objects and focus on converting their lengths. They will also focus on the Metric System.

Science– Students are beginning to study plate tectonics in Chapter 7 and will focus on how these plates impact the Earth.



Guidance Update

Some months ago, I wrote to you about our class Minute Meetings. Our guidance counselors, Mrs. O'Drain and Mrs. Noecker, undertook a major project to ensure that they checked in with each of the students in 5th grade. This is over 620 students!! They were successful in their effort and were able to establish a connection with each of the students. In fact, as a result of these meetings, they were able to discover a few areas in which the students were struggling and were able to help them find ways to cope with issues they were facing. Once again, thank you both for all that you do!!





6th Grade News



April 2019

Letter from Dr. Rinehimer

Hello 6th Grade Students, Parents, Guardians, and Families,

Welcome spring and warm weather! The sixth graders are doing a great job and gearing up to move to the next stage. I sent four questions to each homeroom and asked the kids to think about where they are headed and where they have been.

1. What are you most looking forward to in 7th grade?

Having several different teachers

Lockers!! And not walking in a straight line

Clubs, lockers, and foreign language

Playing for school sports teams, Phys. Ed. class more often

2. What is your biggest concern for 7th grade?

Having to travel to different classrooms and understanding when to go to your locker.

Lockers! And getting lost.

Making it to school on time.

Having 2-3 minutes between each class.

Not being able to find classes, not being able to open lockers.

3. What advice would you give for students coming into 5th grade/Intermediate School?

Don't get too excited and anxious. It's not as bad as some people make it to be.

Don't be worried about the size of the school. Have fun and be prepared. There is really nothing to do be overwhelmed or stressed about.

Don't worry about your old friends because you will make new friends along the way.

It is very different than elementary school! You need good study habits, to be organized, and to do your HW.

4. What was your favorite part of the Intermediate School?

Having cool teachers.

Making new friends, meeting new people. The field trips.

People ... most of the time.

Being able to sit where you want at lunch at the end of 6th grade.

We are planning several team meetings for students to talk about the transition to 7th grade. The counselors (5/6/7/8) will join me in June to practice lockers, answer questions, and do a tour of the 7th grade side. This, however, will not prevent a summer's worth of worry about opening lockers, finding classes and getting lost. I promise it will work out and within the first hour of next school year, everyone will be ok! On June 11th, at 7:00 p.m., we will have a parent night to discuss aspects of the transition and answer questions.

Warmly,

Jennifer Rinehimer



7th grade - here we come!



7th Grade News



May 2019

LETTER FROM DR. KOTCH

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

As the end of the school year is fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to genuinely thank the parents, staff, students, and community members who helped make this a successful school year. Next year, our students will have new experiences in the 8th Grade Center, along with even more opportunities for growth both academically and socially.

In addition to the academic work and learning we have left to accomplish, the next few weeks are filled with many opportunities and experiences for our students. They are looking forward to the 7th grade class trip to Mermaid Lake on June 7th, as well as our Awards Assembly on June 14th.

As always, I encourage you to take an active role in building relationships with your child, our staff, and school community. I thank you for your continued support of our efforts as we work together to provide the best experience for your child. As we move towards the end of the school year it's important that we stress to students the importance of a strong finish. In addition, please feel free to discuss your child's goals for the next school year and connect how the finish to this year can lead to a great start in the fall. The choices they make today have a large impact on the options that they have available tomorrow.

Warmest regards,

Kathie Kotch, Ed.D.

House Principal, Class of 2024

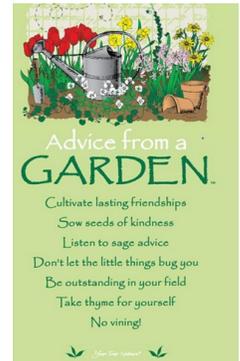
Students of the Month



Students were honored for their efforts in Math and special areas (Music, Art, Tech Ed, and Family and Consumer Science). Each student should be proud of their accomplishments.

Our kindness Corner ...

We continue to focus on spreading kindness throughout our school community. Every act, no matter how big or small, enhances our world and each other.



Women's History Month Winners



Congratulations to Akshar Gulati and Madison Hoang for matching the many faces of women in history with their biographies.

The contest highlighted the efforts of women in fields such as politics, science, sports, and entertainment. Great job Akshar and Madison!

MULTICULTURAL SPRING HARVEST



On April 12th, families and friends came to the 5/6/7 Center to share in a multicultural dinner as each family brought a dish representing their homeland. All ages joined together to bring a piece of their heritage to the Spring-Ford community. Music and games were some of the entertainment for the evening, along with fun photos and mapping one's ancestry.