

**Pleasant Hill Intermediate School  
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May 2022**

**Important Dates**

**5/3-13-22 - APEX/PTO  
Fundraiser**

**5/6/22 - Field Day**

**5/20/22 - 3 HR Early  
Dismissal, Last Day of  
School**

**5/30-22 - Memorial Day**

**5/31/22 - First Day of  
Summer School**

**5B TEAM NEWSLETTER**



If you are willing to donate these things, please let us know. We have 60 kids on our team. We will also be sending out a Survey Genius in the next week of items we are still needing.

**HELPING HANDS- 5B is needing donations of the following items, we appreciate anything you can give. Thank you so much!**

**Thank you to everyone who has sent items in for us!!! We appreciate you so much!**

-Mini candies( Zotz, smarties, chocolates, blow pops/ Tootsie Pops)  
-quart/gallon sized baggies  
-single serve mini snacks  
-plastic cups (think solo)  
Post-Its-any size or color  
Water bottle stickers

	<p><b>Fidgets to use as rewards, matchbox cars,</b></p> <p><b>*****A large need for dry erase markers for math- we are down to one box!</b></p>
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### Reward/study hall time

Each week we are hosting a reward time for our students who have been working so hard academically and have turned all of their work in for the previous week. This has provided another layer of positive reinforcement for our students. The kids know the expectations, and if they are missing the work they use this time to play catch up and ask questions on assignments they do not understand.

**Beginning of the Year Handouts will be linked below. Click on the labeled link.**

[5B Back to School 21-22 Information](#)

### REVISED STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

*Our fifth graders have been working on making good choices in our classrooms and beyond. We have had several discussions using appropriate group voices, working hard on their classroom assignments, being respectful to their peers, and practicing ways to include EVERYONE in our classes and at recess. We have also noticed that the students are struggling with taking care of their classroom supplies. Another issue we have noticed is the uptick of 5th grade "dating" and the gossip that goes along with this. We have spoken with the kids, but by partnering together we feel this issue may subside.*

*There has also been an uptick of off-task behavior in class (talking out, disrespectful talk, computer games, personal devices, note passing). If students have these behaviors and end up getting their name down for laps multiple times in one day, then students will be sent to fill out a think sheet and asked to bring this home. This is a written warning for them and if these behaviors continue, they will be assigned a detention. We appreciate your support with this.*

*When these expectations are not being met and we feel it necessary we are assigning recess academy with the kids. This is a time in which we will practice expectations, discuss alternative ways to handle things, role playing, etc.*

### RECESS INFORMATION

**With regards to recess, we have expressed concern for the students to have coats and appropriate winter clothing to be able to play outside at recess when the temperature is below 32 degrees. We want the kids to be able to play outside, but we also want to make sure they are safe and not in any concern with being cold or getting frostbite.**

**Health Room Reminders:**

**Please send students with their own chapstick, as we are running low on this in the healthroom.**

We have stock Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, and Cough Drops in the Health Room for those who have signed permission for us to give. ***Please do not send any medication to school with your child as this is a safety concern due to having loose medication floating around the school.*** If children are on antibiotics or any other medication that needs to be given at school, please check them in with the nurse. Thank you!

**We are easy to communicate with via email or phone. Below you will find a list of emails and phone numbers for each of the teachers:**

Mrs. Evans	<a href="mailto:jevans@pleasanthillschools.com">jevans@pleasanthillschools.com</a>	ext. 3506
MS. Murray	<a href="mailto:rmurray@pleasanthillschools.com">rmurray@pleasanthillschools.com</a>	ext. 3504
Mrs. DeVore	<a href="mailto:kdevore@pleasanthillschools.com">kdevore@pleasanthillschools.com</a>	ext. 3511
Mrs. Peters	<a href="mailto:lpeters@pleasanthillschools.com">lpeters@pleasanthillschools.com</a>	ext. 3503

**ELA and Social Studies--MS. Murray & Mrs. DeVore**

In social studies we are working on the Steps to the Revolution. We will be doing a simulation on the Boston Massacre. We will then finish out with the Boston Tea Party with a twist.

During ELA, the students have been working on their memory book pages throughout the year. We also worked on a couple last week during map testing. Parents, please look for a separate email from me on the project.

We will be working on the memory book in class until May 12. I need time to print them out and bind them.

NIGHTLY ELA HOMEWORK: THE KIDS SHOULD READ AT LEAST 20 MINUTES A DAY, to stay at the current reading level. 40 or more will push them to their next level. This can be done in 10 minute chunks. We are building our reading stamina. We will not have any more quizlets, so the students should be reading for homework.

[rmurray@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:rmurray@pleasanthillschools.com)

**Math--Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Devore**

We will continue our work with 2d shapes and will finish up the year constructing a city composed of 2d and 3d shapes!!!

Please make sure your child is completing their paper homework nightly. Homework will continue to come home for the remainder of the school year.

Also make sure they utilize their notes in their binder and their Google Classroom videos I have posted as extra help references.

I have been sending home scored exit slips a couple times a week, please make sure you are asking your child for these so you can see their progress in math and see if there is anything they might need extra practice with.

*Something that can help your child is signing their homework nightly. I would like to make sure that they are communicating with you and that you have seen their homework completed. You may sign in the upper corner when it is complete.*

*Make sure your students bring their math binder to and from class every day.*

*For extra practice please have your kids use their SUCCESSMAKER accounts, this is a new program we are piloting for the district. It can be accessed through their Pleasant Hill testing folder on their Chromebooks. Their username and a password are the first part of their email addresses-- all lowercase. An example would be: jessicaee29 -username & password! This is great practice for skills they might need help in as well as higher level skills they may be ready for in higher grade levels. They can utilize this resource anytime! :-)*

*If you need anything from me, please don't hesitate to email or call me! My email is [jevans@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:jevans@pleasanthillschools.com) or [kdevore@pleasanthillschools.com](mailto:kdevore@pleasanthillschools.com)*

**Science--Mrs. Evans**

We will be working on the digestive system, vascular system and respiratory system over the next couple weeks. We will finish up the year with a student choice project over one of these 3 body systems.

Also, please encourage your child to explore our library's non-fiction titles, as we have so many! This is another great way to connect what we are learning in class to the real world.

### **Mrs Peter's Special Education Classroom**

I look forward to continuing learning in the coming spring months. I have informed students of the importance of practicing reading and math skills at home in order to maintain and/ or increase their skills in all areas of instruction. I ask that students complete a reading activity for 20 minutes outside of class, through the use of EPIC, Raz-Kids or by reading their own book and logging it in their reader's journal. These activities will be beneficial in allowing them to increase their reading fluency and comprehension skills. These programs allow students to read at their individualized reading level and offer many high interest books of various genres. I have shared login and class codes for these programs with your students and they should be able to access them on their chromebook. Students should also be logging reading minutes in their intervention reading programs. These programs are called **Power-up** for 6th grade students and **Core 5** for 5th grade students and both programs are designed by Lexia. Students can complete these activities both at home or at school. They are designed to enhance student learning in all areas of reading that students need support in order to advance their overall reading performance. When your student logs in there will be the areas and the number of minutes that they need to complete for the week. Thank you for all of your help!

EPIC Login: <a href="http://www.getepic.com">www.getepic.com</a>	My Class Code: <b>nms8398</b>
Raz-Kids Login: <a href="http://www.raz-kids.com">www.raz-kids.com</a> (click on kids login)	Username: <b>Roosters2020</b>
Splash Learn (Math Skills) <a href="http://www.splashlearn.com">www.splashlearn.com</a>	Username: <b>JQCDSM</b> Password: <b>board48</b>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns or if your student is not able to access these programs at home.

Lacey Peters

Special Education/ Resource Teacher (5th and 6th grade)

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THANK YOU!