

## **\*\*5th GRADE ROOM PARENTS\*\***

There are a few special activities and events for 5th graders, and room parents will lead the way for all 5th grade parents to help and be involved in this milestone school year.

Please contact Track VP's with any questions or concerns.

### **FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR:**

#### **1. 5th GRADE ROOM PARENT MEETING**

5th grade room parents from all tracks should meet in early August to exchange contact information, discuss plans, and create a schedule for the activities that will take place during the school year. It would be helpful to have one or two Lead Room Parents, who will communicate info to the entire group, delegate tasks, and oversee the long-term projects.

#### **2. CLASS T-SHIRT DESIGN**

At the August meeting, room parents should collaborate to create a t-shirt design for all 5th graders. Coordinate with the 5th grade teachers to select a different color for each class.

#### **3. SERVICE PROJECT**

Room parents will organize a service project for their class. The 5th grade teachers will advise you on what type of project they would like their class to do, and when it should be done. Use SignUp Genius to gather materials and recruit parent volunteers.

### **SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR:**

#### **4. BABY PHOTO CONTEST**

In Winter/Spring, room parents will gather a baby picture from each student in their class. When gathering photos, please encourage parents to send copies, so that you will not have to return original photos during the last days of school. The contest won't take place until the end of the school year, usually after EOG's; consult with your teacher to determine the timing. To prepare the contest, you will display the photos on big posters in the halls of the school. Each photo will be labeled with a number, and 5th grade students will participate in a contest to guess who the babies are!

#### **5. 5th GRADE FUN DAY**

This is typically the day before the last day of school. Room parents will organize a two-hour event: an hour of outdoor games and activities (Mr. Miller can help with ideas) and an hour for lunch and dessert. Send out a few SignUp Genius lists to gather volunteers to help supervise the games, and to ask for donations of food and water.

#### **6. 5th GRADE CELEBRATION CEREMONY**

Room parents should collaborate across all tracks to choose and share designs and decorations for the celebration ceremony on the last day of school (June 4 & June 28).

A. Create programs

B. Create promotion certificates - Mrs. Cousins can print these and pass them on to Mrs. Brunson, to be signed before being given to the teachers.

C. Decorate the stage - Past classes have used a big banner and balloons in our school colors, blue and green.

D. Create a short video slideshow to be presented during the ceremony. Photos to be included should include the 5th grade year as well as pics of the students from grades K-4. Begin asking parents for photos half-way through the year, so that you have plenty of time to gather photos and craft the video.

E. Provide cupcakes and water for the bus loop after the ceremony, and ask 4th grade room parents to volunteer to set up and man the table.

#### Optional: MEMORY BOOKS

In the past, 5th grade room parents have created a memory book to be given to the students the end of the school year. It includes pictures and lists, such as students' favorite moments from 5th grade, future plans, superlatives, and inspirational messages from the faculty. Class funds were used to pay for this project, along with a contribution from the PTA. Since we no longer have class funds, and we have 8 fifth grade classes, we will have to figure out a way to create the memory books at a lower cost. Once the PTA budget is finalized and approved, we will know more about funding possibilities.