

5th Grade January News

Key Dates for January

14 Geography Bee Preliminary Round begins

15: Reading MAP testing

16: Butler Orientation visit from guidance counselors 12:05pm- Parents welcome

18: Geography Bee School Finals!!

21 and 22: No School for students

24: Milwaukee Tool Tour Field Trip

25: High School Music Demo (Band, Orchestra, Choir)

31: Planetarium Field Trip

Reading: Unit 4: Historical Fiction is about to begin

We are about to begin an in-depth study of Historical Fiction as a reading genre. Students heard about the novels that we will be studying from. We will use Historical Fiction Picture Books to get us familiar with the genre. We will be reading several of these books from different time periods in history. Our giant time line in the 5th grade hallway will soon be filled with information that we learn about the past from these books. It is a great visual representation of the key events and culture of the past.

Save the Date!!

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To the parent/guardian(s) of Fifth Grade Students:

Butler Middle School Counselors will be visiting each feeder elementary school January 14-January 29, 2019 to begin the course selection process and registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Please feel free to join us-our meeting should last about an hour. If you are

unable to attend, but have questions after your child brings home the registration materials, please contact us.

We will be at each elementary school on the following days:

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
Lowell	Monday, January 14	12:40 p.m.
Blair	Tuesday, January 15	1:00 p.m.
Meadowbrook	Wednesday, January 16	12:05 p.m.
Hawthorne	Friday, January 25	1:00 p.m.
Bethesda	Monday, January 28	11:30 a.m.
Summit View	Tuesday, January 29	12:45 p.m.

We look forward to working with your child as they transition to middle school.

Sincerely,

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Reading/Writing Workshop The Memoir Unit

Students are learning about the genre of Memoir. They are reading short memoirs that were written by famous authors about their childhood memories. They are also reading student created memoirs from middle school students to serve as examples. The 5th graders are now spending the first two weeks of the school year writing small stories related to the important people, places, objects, pets and experiences that have shaped their young lives. This is a challenge because they really have to think about WHY someone or something is important to them. They have to analyze a relationship for its most valuable qualities. The writing that is coming from these kids is pretty amazing! Ask your child about their memoir topics

and you may be inspired as well.

Math

We are full force into our Fractions Unit. This will be the first of two units where we study fractions, but they will continue to be used throughout the year. This unit focuses on converting improper fractions into mixed numbers, and back again. We are also learning how to find common denominators, add and subtract common fractions, as well as add and subtract mixed numbers. These skills will come in handy when we get to our Measurement Unit later in the year. The students are still expected to finish weekly Tenmarks lessons. They are assigned about two per week, and they are due one full week later. These scores are used as formative assessments to better guide my instruction with the class.

A Note about Charging iPads, Keyboards and Ipad cases.....

A number of students got new Ipad cases and keyboards for Christmas gifts. These are becoming highly coveted in the classroom by other students. If your child is asking you for one, please know that they are welcome to use them in the classroom but the kids are responsible for their purchase and care. Cases must be as durable as the ones the school provides.

Students are now being charged 100 Dollars if they do not have their iPads at school and FULLY CHARGED in the morning. We have had too many instances where students are not prepared with their devices for school. Please help them build a good habit of charging their iPads overnight EVERY night. Thank you!!