



# Fifth Grade Eagle News

## January 2020

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### ELA Standards

In ELA, Students will be completing unit 4 of the Benchmark curriculum entitled "Recognizing Author's Point of View." Students are reading historical fiction texts in order to gain understanding of reading concepts. The writing task for this unit involves an opinion essay. Please continue reading at home every night for 20 minutes.

### STEM

In STEM students will be learning about light waves. We will be doing investigations with mirrors and flashlights to see how waves reflect and retract.

### Social Studies

In December students will continue to learn about the 13 colonies. They will be analyzing maps to determine how geographical location impacted the economics of a region. Students will evaluate the Plymouth and Jamestown communities to understand how colonists began to develop the United States. We will also be learning about the daily lives of the colonists and how life was different back then.

### ESOL – emerging multilingual students

Vocabulary all 5th graders will be learning – reckless, robust, varied, famine, voyage, differ, expressions

### WIDA ACCESS testing dates:

January 8th or 9th – Listening test

January 14 – Reading test

Speaking will be done one at a times this year after the 14th.

On January 10th and January 21st we will take the MAP test. This test is important to see student growth and progress. Please remember to make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before and encourage them to try their hardest in order to be successful.



### Dates to Remember

- Wed, January 1 **New Year's Day – Offices and schools closed**
- Tue, January 7 **PTA Meeting**
- Fri, January 10 **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients Kick-Off Assembly (Pre-K – 2nd)**  
**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients Kick-Off Assembly (3rd – 5th)**
- Mon, January 13 **Pennies for Patients Drive**
- Monday, January 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Offices and schools closed**
- Monday, January 27 **no school for students (teacher professional day)**
- Tuesday, January 28 **2nd Semester begins**



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### Math Standards

In math, fifth graders will be multiplying a whole number by a fraction and then moving on to multiplying a fraction by a fraction. Additionally, we will incorporate word problems in which students multiply fractions.

### 5/6 Math with Mrs. Vactor

Students will be able to interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem.



### Huddle - Caring Classroom

#### Focus

Huddle focus is centered around respectful behaviors in school. Students are asked to generate thoughts and ideas around behavioral expectations:)

### Volunteering

MCPS is requiring that all volunteers view an online training on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse and neglect prior to volunteering in any MCPS school.

Volunteers will not be able to assist in the classroom until the training is viewed. Confirmation of your completion of this course will be sent via email. Prior to volunteering, please bring the completion certificate to the Main Office. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Willis at 301-649-8051.

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