

# Carrolltowne Elementary

October 2011

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## *Our Vision:*

Carrolltowne Elementary is committed to ensuring each student acquires the skills and knowledge base necessary for life-long success. Individual student success will be achieved through hard work, collaboration, networking, differentiated instruction and the support of the school community.

## *Our Mission:*

The mission of Carrolltowne Elementary is to support and motivate students to become confident and responsible learners.

## Principal's Corner :

**Happy Fall!** It is hard to believe we are finished with the first month of school! It has been a great start. Students and staff have begun to settle into the routine of the school year!

What makes Carrolltowne such a great school are all of the people: parents, teachers, support staff, and volunteers who work together every day to make sure our students are learning, growing, and enjoying themselves while they are here at CES.

One group of people who are a wonderful addition to our Carrolltowne community are the Teacher Interns from Stevenson University. This year you will see the following interns in the building working with our students and learning how to become outstanding teachers:

### **Sophomore Interns:**

*Mackenzie Calhoun*

—with Barb Campion

*Brianna Furness*—with Judy Parrish

*Carrie Johnson*—with Nicole Heinlein

*Kalyn Schneider*—with Ruth Schnauble

### **Senior Interns:**

*Amanda Craig*—with Pam Parkhill

*Christina Gilliam*—with Beth Sherwood

*Theresa Golden*—with Judy Griffith

*Nicole Harris*—with Julie Hinton

*Megan Shenk*—with Kelly Newcomb

*Courtney Hayes*—with Amanda

Blustein

*Samantha Robinson*

—with Jenna Badeker

*Kaitlyn Stuck*—with Yvonne Gambrell  
and Gina Mussari.

A couple of areas that I wanted to clarify for parents is our “Kiss and Go” in the morning, visiting for lunch, and volunteering throughout the day. We love for our parents to be involved in their child’s day!

For those new to the building, CES has a “Kiss and Go” area in the morning to help with that morning separation (which can sometimes be hard) and to give our students that sense of independence and responsibility as they begin their morning routines.

If you would like to have lunch with your child, we ask that you sign in and out at the front table. Unless you have made prior arrangements with the teacher to be volunteering or visiting the classroom, we ask that you say good-bye at the end of lunch to help the students transition back into the learning environment.

We love having volunteers to help but simply want to remind you that everyone must be volunteered trained every year. We know that different procedures are sometimes confusing to parents but much of what we do is for your child’s protection and safety as well as documentation in case of a fire or emergency.

Thank you for your help in these matters!

Finally, one last thing I want to bring to your attention is a parent information night on October 6th. We will be meeting from 6:00-7:00 to share information about the Common Core standards. Following this meeting will be volunteer training at 7:00 and then the PTA meeting. We hope you will be able to attend!

*Vicki R. Winner,*

*Principal*

*and*

*Shavon T. Showers,*

*Assistant Principal*

## **Dates to Remember:**

**Oct. 3—Early Dismissal 1 p.m.**

**Oct. 4—GT Parent Orientation  
Eldersburg Elem. 6-7pm**

**Oct 6—Common Core Parent  
Information Meeting 6-7pm**

**Oct 6—Volunteer training 7:00  
prior to PTA Meeting**

**Oct 6—PTA meeting**

**Oct 13—FluMist**

**Oct 18—Parent/Teacher  
Conferences 4:45-7:15  
—teacher requested**

**Oct. 21—SCHOOLS CLOSED,  
PROFESSIONAL MTG DAY**

**Oct 24—Volunteer Training 7:00**

**Oct. 25—Ident-A-Kid**

**Oct. 27—Nov. 4 Book Fair**

# CARDINAL CAFÉ COMMUNIQUE

aka Cafeteria News

## BORROWING POLICY

Students are allowed to borrow for lunch if they forget their money or bagged lunch, so please check with your child periodically to see if they owe the cafeteria money. I will make every attempt to contact parents when their child has borrowed and not repaid it. Students who owe lunch money may not purchase snacks until they have paid back what they owe. If you are unsure of how much your child owes or are wondering if he/she has any prepaid lunches left feel free to call me at school and I will be happy to assist you.

## Did you Know?

If your financial situation has changed you may qualify for free or reduced lunch. Applications are given to each student at the beginning of the school year and are accepted throughout the school year. Children receiving benefits from last year maintain that status until October 12, 2011. Unless you are direct certified you will need to submit a new application for this year before the October deadline to maintain your current status. Once approved, your child's status is strictly confidential. Once approved for the current school year students will not lose eligibility if their parent's financial situation improves.



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## Important Dates

October 12, 2011— Healthy Kids Are Happy Kids Pencil

## PREPAID LUNCHES AND BREAKFASTS

Students may prepay for lunches and/or breakfasts any time during the year. The cost of breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.00. The price for reduced breakfast is \$.30 and \$.40 for reduced lunch. Purchasing prepaid meals helps avoid unnecessary borrowing; saves time; and is convenient. Please be sure to indicate on your check or envelope if you are purchasing breakfast or lunch tickets. If it isn't specified it will be assumed that it to purchase lunches.

## SCHOOL BREAKFAST

### Give your child a healthy start!

Mornings can be rushed, but it is important to make time for breakfast.

Children can benefit from the School Breakfast Program! Studies show that school breakfast can improve test scores, make kids more alert in class, and improve classroom behavior. Make sure your kids start the school day with a healthy meal.

## Asbestos Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County to prepare and make available all asbestos management plans. The building asbestos management plans are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations, located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157.

Asbestos management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos containing materials (ACM), if any are located in the school or building.

### Counselor's Corner

It's hard to believe another summer has come and gone though I am looking forward to an exciting and productive school year! For those of you new to the school, my name is Mrs. Kristina Barsoum and this marks the start of my second year as the school counselor at Carrolltowne. I have earned a Master's Degree in School Counseling from Loyola University Maryland and my Bachelor's Degree from Johns Hopkins University in Social Sciences. In addition to state certification, I also hold a certificate as a National Certified School Counselor. In most of our monthly school newsletters, I will post a column called, "Counselor's Corner." Please take time to read this in the newsletter. It includes many timely parent tips that will help you understand your child and work through typical problems that confront children in the school setting. You can also check out the new School Counselor section of our school website. It will soon be updated with many links including parent and community resources. In the month of October, I will be teaching my guidance lessons on: personal space (kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade), using our manners (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and organization skills (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade). My hope is that my lessons are educational, engaging and entertaining so they will bring the information home to share with you. Please know that I am always available to take calls or meet with you about any concerns you may have about your children academically, socially, and emotionally. I work closely with teachers and the administration so we can help you and your child have the best possible school experience! I look forward to working with your children this school year!



Kristina Barsoum

School Counselor

### PBIS Updates

We are continuing to use banana blast yellow rulers. In the next newsletter we will have a total number of rulers handed out to students.

The RULER store will open for grades K, 1, and 2 on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:45.

The RULER store will be open for grades 3, 4, and 5 on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

We still have openings if you would like to volunteer to help.

Our first quarter PBIS Celebration will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30. This is to celebrate all of the positive behaviors the students have shown.



### Congratulations to the following students or classes that were "Caught!" making good choices this month:

- \* Ms. Newcomb's kindergarten class was caught walking in the hallway like 1<sup>st</sup> graders!
- \* Ms. Casey's class was caught: "The best first grade line! Quiet, hands at sides, and single file!"
- \* Ms. Gury's class was doing an outstanding job of walking back from lunch!
- \* Caitlin Grosch walked a friend up from the daycare van every morning to help her get to the lobby!
- \* Ms. Schnauble's class did a great job walking back from specials in a quiet line!
- \* The chorus group was caught walking quietly waiting in the hall for Mrs. Saxton!
- \* Mrs. Hopkins-Fisher's class walked to the Health room in an excellent, Cardinal RULE line!
- \* Ms. Cowherd's class was caught doing a great job of walking in the hall quietly!
- \* Ms. Dorsey & Ms. Newcomb's classes waited quietly and patiently to get their school pictures taken!
- \* Mrs. Copley's class caught Mrs. Sherwood's class walking in a quiet; straight, "Cardinal" line in the hallway!
- \* Mrs. Gambrell caught Mrs. Casey's class in the hallway and they were nice and quiet! Go Mrs. Casey's Class!!!



## Ident-A-Kid

The IDENT-A-KID Child Safety Program will be at our school on 10/25/2011 to PHOTOGRAPH, FINGER-PRINT, WEIGH and MEASURE children. To participate, please fill in the Application Envelope which will come home with your child and have your child return it to school. Applications are also available on line at [www.identakid.com](http://www.identakid.com). It is recommended that each parent keep a card with them at all times and additional cards should be given to anyone who regularly cares for your child. Participation in the program is at the individual parents' option. An eKid ID is the electronic Ident-A-Kid card sent to your cell phone via text/picture message and is free when ordering multiple cards. The cost per child is \$8 for one card, \$10 for two cards (includes eKid-ID), and \$13 for three cards (includes eKid-ID).

Please feel free to contact your local program director, Donna Aversa-Smith at [daversasmith@identakid.com](mailto:daversasmith@identakid.com) or at (443) 275-1543, with any questions.

## Party Invitations & Lockers, Backpacks

Please be sure that all invitations to private outside events (birthday parties, etc.) **are delivered outside the school setting**. Delivering invitations within the classroom is not allowed due to the interruption to classroom instruction and, due to the disruption caused by students upset over not receiving an invitation. Teachers and staff are not allowed to provide address or phone number information. Thank you for your understanding!

Students should not have backpacks with wheels in kindergarten, first, second, fourth and fifth grades due to the lockers. Backpacks with wheels will not fit in the lockers. Students in third grade may have the option of the backpack with wheels as they do not have lockers in the portables.

## Parent Opportunity

The Judy Center will be holding **Come Learn with Me Groups** at Carrolltowne Elementary School this year. These groups are for children ages 0-5 and their parents. The groups focus on activities and information that promote school readiness skills using the MMSR as a foundation. This is a **free program**.

If you are interested in joining a program for you and your child ages 0-5, join us at...

**Come Learn with Me at Carrolltowne Elementary School**

(first portable to the right of the front door as you approach the school)

Spots are still available on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45PM

Free to Carroll County Residents

Call 410-751-3596 for more information.

Registration required.

Copy of immunizations required for registration.



## PE News

Hello to everyone from the Carrolltowne Physical Education Department. We are very excited about the great start that we have had with the students this year and the exciting events to come.

In October the classes will be continuing several exciting units. Ms. Rossi, Mr. Jensen, and Ms. Remmell's classes will be doing units in "Soccer Skills" and "Frisbee Activities." Mr. Brecker's classes will be participating in "Dance and Rhythm Activities," "Pedometer Fitness" (Grades 4-5), and "Bowling and Rolling." Mr. Brecker's outstanding student intern Ms. Wantz will be designing the Dance/Rhythm and Pedometer units.

Students will get a chance to do most of the activities at some point during the school year; however, our department will "trade-off" on some units to maximize indoor and outdoor space.

Thanks again for your support of our Physical Education program. Please feel free to come in and visit.



## Health Class Happenings

From Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Remmell

The "Project ACES – Active Children Excel in School" physical activity challenge will take place for all students K-5 from October 3-16. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this award winning program! It encourages at least 60 minutes of total activity each day for all students in an effort to promote a healthy lifestyle. You should have already received the parent letter and purple booklet with the calendar inside to keep track of your child's activity time each day. Remember to write in the total activity time for each day and be sure to count recess time and P.E. class time. If your child is sick, they are excused for that day. Please sign and return the orange booklet during the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>. Even if your child did not meet the goal of 60 minutes per day, they should still turn in their signed purple booklet to get credit for participating. Students have the chance to win prizes and our school has the opportunity to earn money towards new PE and Health class equipment. We really appreciate the support of all of our excellent Carrolltowne families!



October is also when we observe Fire Prevention week. Second graders will participate in a program sponsored by the Carroll County Fire Department. The local Fire Department will be bringing their safety trailer to Carrolltowne for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to explore. We are excited about this learning opportunity!

## Volunteer Training

Parents and guardians interested in volunteering in the schools and classrooms and/or accompanying a student on a field trip need to be trained seven school days prior to the beginning date of volunteering and/or filed trip date—NO EXCEPTIONS. The next volunteer trainings at Carrolltowne Elementary will be on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 prior to the PTA meeting and Monday, October 24th at 7:00pm. Other volunteer trainings will be held at Carrolltowne Elementary throughout the year as well as neighboring elementary, middle and high schools. Please visit the Community and Media page on the CCPS website to keep updated.

<http://www.carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CCPS%20News/volunteer11-12.pdf>

## GT Parent Orientation Night

When: Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 7:00pm

Where: Eldersburg Elementary School Media Center

Hosted by: Ms. Walsh-Manelli  
GT Resource Teacher

The Orientation night is intended to answer questions such as....

- \* What are the characteristics of gifted/talented students?
- \* What does GT intervention look like?
- \* How might GT intervention services be delivered?
- \* How can parents become positive advocates for the program?

This presentation will be similar to information presented to parents last year.

**F.Y.I.****Gifted and Talented Program Information**

When students are screened for gifted and talented intervention, outstanding academic ability and certain characteristics and thought processes are observed and documented. Teachers look for students who possess a wealth of information about selected topics and/or are able to grasp information quickly and remember it with little practice. They observe students who are able to understand general concepts and make abstractions and connections between seemingly unrelated topics and ideas. If a student possesses some or all of these abilities, he or she can be screened for identification.

**Components of the Gifted and Talented Education Program Individual Student Profile**

All data in each of the following areas are rated as strong, moderate or weak evidence that gifted and talented services are needed or appropriate.

**Multiple Data Points**

Teacher Observation Checklist – includes characteristics of gifted students

Parent/Guardian Observation Checklist – includes characteristics of gifted students as seen by parent

Primary Education Thinking Skills (PETS) Individual Checklist – includes data from second grade thinking skills program

Content Specific Checklist – observations from teachers on content specific behaviors of gifted students

Production Data – work samples provided by teacher and/or parent

Cognitive Ability Test – aptitude test given to nominated students

Maryland School Assessment – achievement tests taken by 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

Academic Instructional Reading Level

Academic Instructional Mathematics Level

Report Card Grade and Work Habits

Once all of the data have been reviewed by the Gifted and Talented Referral and Review Team, one or more of the following recommendations are made in order to differentiate instruction:

ELA/Math Enrichment Services

Provisional Placement in ELA/Math Enrichment Services (reevaluation of placement to occur after each unit or mid-year)

Accelerated Mathematics (above-grade level grouping)

Differentiated Support Services (classroom teacher receives resources from GT resource teacher to help meet needs of student in regular classroom)

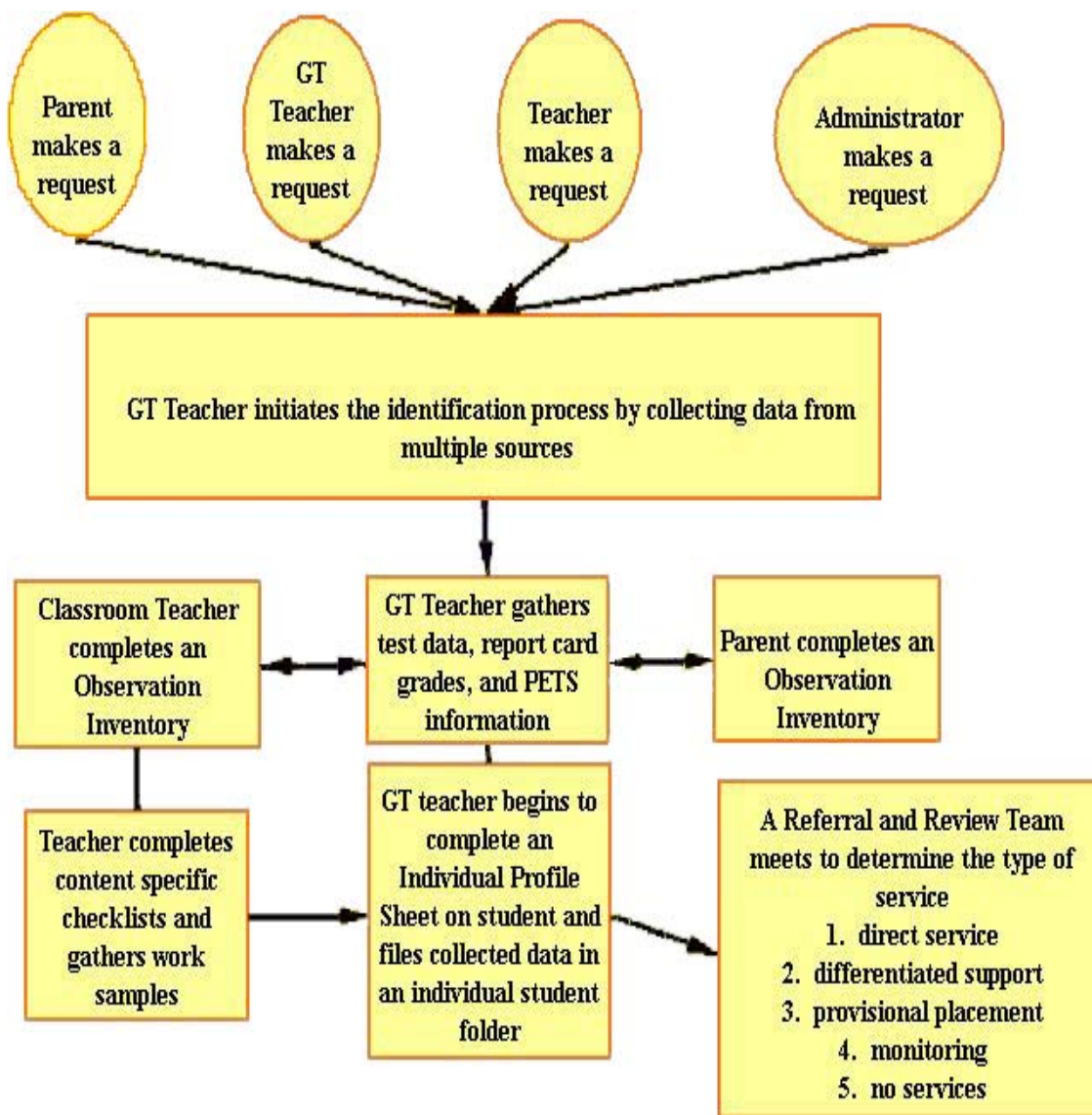
Monitoring and annual review (student is reviewed again mid-year and end-of-year or when new data is available)

No GT interventions needed at this time

The Referral and Review Team convenes 3 times a year – fall, winter, spring or as needed.

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## GT Program Referral and Review Team



**The Referral and Review Team consists of school based professionals, which may include an administrator, the GT teacher, a school counselor, and classroom teachers.**

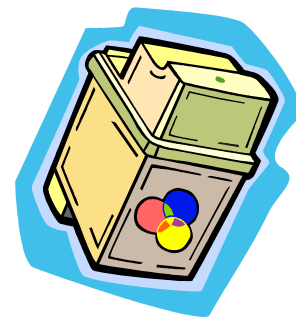
Evaluation for gifted and talented intervention begins in the spring of second grade and continues throughout the school year for grades 3, 4, and 5. The chart above illustrates the sequence of steps involved in the screening process.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact your school's Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher, Mrs. Walsh-Manelli.



# Help Us By Donating

Your Used Cell Phones  
and  
Empty Laser  
and Inkjet Printer  
Cartridges!



Funds generated from this recycling program will be used to purchase items to benefit Carrolltowne Elementary students.

Drop Off Location:  
Main Office  
Carrolltowne Elementary School

## CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca  
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Westminster, Maryland 21157  
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## TWO HOUR FORTY-FIVE MINUTE EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS FOR CARROLLTOWNE

(1:00 P.M. Dismissal)

### Schedule A:

October 3

November 14

December 23

March 5

June 14 — No Specials Classes on this day

### Schedule B:

November 3

December 9

February 10

May 11

Specials Schedule A

Specials Schedule

## **2 HOUR AND 45 MINUTE EARLY DISMISSAL LUNCH SCHEDULE**

Third Grade—10:30-11:00

First Grade—10:40-11:10

Fourth Grade—11:10-11:40

Kindergarten—11:20-11:50

Fifth Grade—11:50-12:20

Second Grade—12:00-12:30

## Daily Lunch and Specials Schedules

### Lunch Schedules:

Third Grade—12:50--1:20

Fourth Grade—11:40-12:10

First Grade—12:10-12:40

Kindergarten—12:20-12:50

Second Grade—11:35-12:05

Fifth Grade—1:00-1:30

### Specials Schedules:

Kindergarten: 9:30-10:30

Second Grade: 10:30-11:30

Fifth Grade: 11:30-12:30

Fourth Grade: 12:35-1:35

First Grade: 1:35-2:35

Third Grade: 2:35-3:35

*Don't FORGET!*

*Parents will receive phone alerts and/or e-mails from the CCPS AlertNow rapid communication system utilizing contact information from emergency cards.*

*Please check your information for accuracy!*

## **LATE OPENING AND EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULES**

Grade	1 Hour Late Opening	2 Hour Late Opening	1 Hour Early Dismissal	2 Hour Early Dismissal
ECSN/Prep A.M.	Schedule 10:15 - 11:45	Schedule 11:15 - 12:50	Dismiss as usual	Dismiss as usual
ECSN/Prep P.M.	Schedule 1:10 - 3:40	Schedule 2:10 - 3:40	Dismissal at 2:45	Canceled
Grades K thru 5	Schedule 10:15 - 3:45	Schedule 11:15 - 3:45	Dismissal at 2:45	Dismissal at 1:45

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**Over →**

**SPECIALS AND LUNCH SCHEDULES**

**FOR**

**SNOW/WEATHER RELATED DELAYS**

**TWO HOUR MORNING DELAY: Bell at 11:15, Instructional Day at 11:20**

<b>Rotation 1</b>	<b>Rotation 2</b>
11:20-12:20 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	11:20-12:20 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
1:00-2:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	1:00-2:00 Kindergarten
2:35-3:35 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	2:35-3:35 1 <sup>st</sup> grade

<b>Lunches for Rotations 1 and 2</b>
11:20-11:50 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade
11:45-12:15 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
12:00-12:30 Kindergarten
12:25-12:55 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
12:40-1:10 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
1:10-1:40 5 <sup>th</sup> grade