



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****September 7, 2021**Mrs. Chennault, Principal**A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

COVID Testing: Until pool testing has begun, we have partnered with Virus Geeks to have free COVID testing on campus on Wednesdays. The testing will be conducted in the LGI from 1:00-8:00 pm. Please use the gates on Curtiss for Ingress and Egress. Scheduling an appointment is not necessary. If you are going directly after dismissal please wait patiently in line at the entrance on Curtiss. Please line up along the sidewalk on Curtiss near the gate. Maintain social distance between families who are in line. Preregister to save time. Please go to my.virusgeeks.com/testreg?org=smfc or use the QR code to the right on this page.



Pool Testing: The District is planning to launch pool testing at school sites the week of September 20th. This will be an opt in program for students. More information will be shared by the District.

Fire Drill: We will have our first fire drill of the year this Wednesday. We will remind students that this is a drill and not a real fire, as it has been a long time since students participated in a disaster drill at school.

Picture Day: Picture Day will be on Friday, September 10. Please see the flyer attached for more information about Picture Day.

Free/ Reduced Lunch Application: All students may receive free meals at school during the 2021-2022 school year. However, if you are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, you may also receive additional benefits outside of school. (e.g. discounted internet) To apply, please complete the application at <https://smfcsd.rocketscanapps.com/>

Curriculum Corner.... A Word from 5th Grade: Each week the newsletter will feature curriculum from a particular grade level. In this manner the school will share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week our fifth grade team highlights what all fifth grade students are learning about:



During morning meetings, fifth graders are exploring the first unit in our social-emotional learning curriculum: Second Step. In this unit, students will learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research-based goal setting strategies to their social and academic lives. In math, fifth graders are learning mission 1 on Zearn. In this mission, students extend their understanding of decimals and fractions in sophisticated patterns of our base-ten system. Zearn digital lessons will be completed in class with teacher guidance. In social studies, students are learning about the development of our nation up to 1850. In Benchmark we are beginning to learn about our U.S. Constitution and why our laws continue to evolve. This year for homework, fifth-grade students are expected to continue practicing summary writing in their journals and complete the homework that corresponds to the daily Zearn lesson. In the near future, students will be expected to take home assigned novels and read nightly.

September 16 & 17: All students have these two days off school. The 16th is a recognized holiday and the 17th is a teacher learning day. Enjoy the long week-end.

Volunteers: We are still looking for room parents in the following classes.

- Kindergarten - Ms. Binene
- 2nd Grade - Ms. Rauch
- 2nd Grade - Ms. Pratt
- 2nd Grade - Ms. Yee
- 4th Grade - Ms. Frankel
- 5th Grade - Ms. DeLuca

A room parent's main task is to facilitate communication between other parents and the teacher, the class parent group, and occasionally school administration. For the most part, as a room parent you'll solicit donations (paper goods, supplies, decorations, etc.) from parents for classroom events (usually based on a list from the teacher), collect and organize teacher gifts during holidays and Teacher Appreciation Week in May, organize volunteers for the classroom for events or enrichment, and organize support for the teacher. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Amy Fickenscher at acfickens@gmail.com