



Five Points Elementary

Principal's Newsletter



September 2024

GREETINGS

Dear Parents,

First, I want to thank our entire Five Points community for a positive start to the school year. Our teaching staff, along with members of our support staff, worked tirelessly to ensure Five Points was ready for students on the first day of school.

Second, I would like to thank the parents and families for attending our back-to-school events for kindergarten, first, and second grades. Getting the students into the building prior to the start of the school year helped to ease anxiety and create a solid level of predictability for our students.

As the school year continues, we encourage parents to be partners in the educational process. Through hard work and persistence, I know each student will achieve personal greatness throughout the year. Together, we can build a foundation for success for every student.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cara McCormick

THANK YOU

The Five Points staff recognizes and thanks all the volunteers who assisted in getting students to their homerooms and onto their buses in the first week of school. The extra hands were greatly appreciated!

PARENT AM DROP OFF

If you are driving your child to school in the morning, students can enter the building at 8:10 a.m. Please try to have your child here no later than 8:25 a.m. This allows students to get to their homerooms and get ready for the day without rushing. This organizational and social time helps students be prepared for the day, especially if they are getting breakfast. Classes begin promptly at 8:30am. In addition, please adhere to the established traffic patterns. All parents need to pull into the front lane closest to Five Points Richmond Road and allow their children to exit the car out the passenger side door. Do not pull your car off to the side of the front lane as this can cause a safety concern for cars driving by.

PARENT PM PICK UP

If you are planning to pick up your child at the end of the day, or are on everyday parent pick-up, we ask that you send in a note with your child to alert the teacher and office staff. While a note is preferred, if you were unable to send in a note, please contact Mrs. Traute in the main office no later than 1:30 p.m. This allows her time to inform the teacher and prepare our lists for parent pick-up. Especially with students at this age level, it is important that we have time to inform all the adults involved in the dismissal process of those students participating in parent pick-up. In addition, when we need to make last minute changes, it slows the entire dismissal process for all students. Remember, you cannot arrive for parent pick-up until 2:30 p.m. We appreciate your understanding and adherence to the above guidance.

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In addition, if your child needs to be picked up prior to dismissal please send in a note with the time of dismissal and reason. Please do not send a message via Class Dojo as teachers may not have the opportunity to check their dojo messages during the instructional day. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

Please remember to have your child wear sneakers on the days when they have physical education class. Students will not be able to participate in the activities during class without sneakers. If possible, please practice shoe tying with your child. Being able to independently tie their own shoes will help during physical education class.

INTERVENTION PERIOD

Your students will begin rotation through intervention groups during the grade level sixty-minute intervention block. During this instructional period, students will have the opportunity to participate in activities that are tailored to each student's individual instructional needs. The goal of these skill specific intervention activities is to allow all students to experience progress and growth. If you have any questions regarding the skills your child is working on, please contact your child's teacher.

FALL STAR CARNIVAL

The annual fall STAR carnival will be held on September 27th during the students' related arts class time. Students will have the opportunity to turn in their STAR tickets earned for positive school behaviors to play the carnival games. We look forward to celebrating positive student behavior with our students during this fun event! Please dress your child in appropriate clothing for the fall weather on this date.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarteners have been learning the routines and procedures of being in school. They have been working on routines in the classroom like how to transition between activities, how to be a whole-body listener, and how to order lunch and move throughout the different locations in the school. Kindergarten students are also learning the dismissal procedure and how to find their bus for the afternoon. Keep up the great work!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The first Scholastic Book Fair of the year is scheduled for October 15th through October 21st. All kindergarten through second grade students will have the opportunity to attend the book fair during their scheduled library time. In addition, the book fair will be open during our October Family Fun Night on October 16th.

TRIMESTERS

For our parents who are new to the district, please know that our school year is divided into trimesters for the grade reporting of all kindergarten through sixth grade students. Therefore, students will receive a report card three times per year. This grade reporting cycle allows greater time for teachers to assess learning and progress. In addition, this grade level reporting cycle

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better aligns with our benchmark assessment cycle. Each trimester will consist of 60 school days. As a result, the end of the first trimester will be toward the end of November.

CLASS DOJO

Every teacher utilizes Class Dojo for communication. In addition, families can privately message their teacher through their Class Dojo account. Please understand that when there is a post from "Five Points Elementary School," it is an announcement with information. If you try to message "Five Points Elementary School," you will not receive a response. If you have a concern or question, please contact your teacher.

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS/CELEBRATIONS

Please do not send birthday party invitations to school unless you are inviting your child's entire class. Please see the Birthday Celebration Information sheet for additional information. Thank you.

PTO

What is the PTO?

The Parent Teacher Organization is a non-profit organization that works directly with the Five Points, Washington, and DeFranco elementary schools. Our sole purpose is to give parents and teachers an opportunity to work together to enrich the educational experience for our children. Through fundraising, we can purchase items for students, faculty, and schools. And by volunteering, we can put on successful events for our students and their families.

PTO Meeting:

The PTO would like to invite you to the first meeting of the new school year. The meeting will be held in the Five Points cafeteria on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! We will discuss upcoming events and fundraisers!

For more information, please use the QR code below.



UPCOMING FIVE POINTS EVENTS

August 30 - September 2nd

~No School for students – Labor Day Weekend~

September 5th

~Picture Day~

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September 23rd

~No school for students – Act 80 Day~

September 27th

~School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Fall Carnival~
(Rain Date: October 4th)

October 14th

~No school for students – Act 80 Day~

October 15th – 21st

~Scholastic Book Fair during Library~

October 16th

~Family Fun Night – 6-7pm~

October 17th

~Picture Re-Take Day~

October 25th

~Halloween Parade~