

Hello everyone,

I wish you all a wonderful holiday. I am thankful for so much God has provided in my life. One important gift is the opportunity to teach your children. Each one of them brings so much joy to my life. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Now I want to keep you informed about important happenings in 5th grade.

## Overnight Fieldtrip Alert!!!

As promised, the 4th and 5th grades will be going on an overnight field trip this year and, no, we will not be returning to the Age of Sail☺. (We've already done that; therefore, new adventures are in our future). I promise more information is to follow but Mr. Hagan and I are planning "a big reveal" to both you and the children in the following weeks. But I want to contact you since your December billing statement will include the overnight fee. The fee is \$100 and it may be paid in full or over time. We wanted to give families an opportunity to budget for the trip but didn't want it to show up on your statement and have everyone wondering, "What is this?" The trip will be new and exciting and will integrate well into both 4th- and 5th-grade curriculum. More information to follow soon ... I promise!!!

## ... the Science Fair is Coming!!!

The 5th grade participates in the Science Fair in small groups of three to four children. The fair is not until February 9 but our preparation begins when we return from Thanksgiving break. I am beginning to form groups according to students' interests and Science Fair question ideas. Each group will need to have at least one parent to act as a liaison (somebody who is responsible for maintaining communication between the group members, their progress and me). Science Fair work will be done both in the classroom and at home; therefore the kids will need support planning times to gather supplies, delegating responsibilities and meeting to perform the experiments. I have found the most successful way for me to stay in contact with each group and ensure that every student completes this project with success is to have a parent that I check in with periodically about the progress of the group. I hope to have all of the groups formed the week following our return from break. Please contact me if you're interested in helping with Science Fair preparations. It's like most things in 5th grade: hard work, but a lot of fun!

There will be an information evening planned for early December (the date is still being secured), led by the County Science Fair coordinator. It's a helpful resource and I highly suggest attending the meeting for parents who have not been through the Science Fair experience.