**August, 2023**

**WELCOME TO**

**5TH**

**GRADE!**

**Dear Parents/ Guardians of 5th grade students,**

**We hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer vacation! We have been preparing for next school year and wanted to share with you some important details about our schedule and program.**

**We will be departmentalizing for the 2023-24 school year, which is a different format than the self-contained classrooms that most students have experienced to date. All students will start with a homeroom teacher but will receive their direct instruction from different teachers as they rotate in the fifth-grade wing throughout the day. Additionally, AIS/remedial services will continue to be built into daily schedules as they have in the past, based on individual student needs.**

**Our building’s master schedule is still undergoing changes, so students will receive a detailed schedule to bring home with them on the first day of classes.**

**As of now, our tentative schedule for the year is as follows:**

**7:45- 8:10 homeroom/ breakfast**

**\*students are marked tardy after 7:55 a.m.\***

**8:15- 8:55 Specials (Art, Music, STEAM, Library, or PE)**

**9:00- 10:50 Two core classes (Math, Reading/ELA, SS, or Science)**

**10:50- 11:05 Interventions/ study hall**

**11:05-11:45 Specials (Art, Music, STEAM, Library, or PE)**

**11:45-12:15 Lunch block**

**12:15-2:05 Two core classes (Math, Reading/ELA, SS, or Science)**

**2:10 dismissal (over)**

**Our fifth-grade instructional team includes:**

**Mr. Tallman- Math Mrs. Reidenbach- 5th grade inclusion**

**Mrs. Novitsky- Social Studies Mrs. McCall- 12:1:1**

**Mrs. Grinnell- Reading/ELA Mrs. Livingston/Mrs. Browning- AIS Math**

**Mrs. Mack- Science Mr. French- AIS Reading**

**As a team of teachers will be providing direct instruction for all students and we will collaborate through planning sessions and meetings on a weekly basis. If you have any questions or concerns about your child/child’s progress in school, please contact his or her homeroom teacher to set up a meeting with the team. This approach will ensure a unified effort in identifying and supporting our students in all subject areas. Conference days will be December 8 and 15 in the afternoon. Sign-ups will be available at Open House on September 21st.**

**School supplies are being provided by the district again this year! We ask that you provide your child with the following:**

* **a backpack**
* **a pair of sneakers for PE everyday**
* **a refillable water bottle** 
  + **water only please!**
  + **spillproof top**

**There will be a student *Meet and Greet* on September 6th from 2:00-3:15. This is an opportunity for your child to find their classrooms and meet their teacher!**

**We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break, and look forward to a wonderful, enriching 2023-24 school year. See you in September!**

**Sincerely,**

**The 5th grade team**