



# Fifth Grade Post

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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

### TUESDAY, 1/7

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### WEDNESDAY 1/15

Hallie Wells Middle School Parent Night

[5th Grade Parent Night](#) 6:00 - 7:30

### Thursday 1/16

Parent Promotion Committee Meeting at 6:45

### FRIDAY, 1/17

MEET UP ASSEMBLY

### MONDAY 1/20

No SCHOOL- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

### FRIDAY, 1/24

HALLIE WELLS MIDDLE IN SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR STUDENTS

### MONDAY, 1/15

No SCHOOL - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

### WEDNESDAY, 1/29

No SCHOOL- PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS

## Happy JANUARY Birthday to:

- 4 - Ela
- 7-Yusuf
- 7-Charlotte
- 10 - Journey
- 15-Maddie
- 22 - Sparsh
- 25 - Seyon
- 26 - Jayden
- 29 - Sriya
- 31 - Ellen

## Announcements

Let us know your [child's size for their 5th Grade T-Shirt!](#)

Here is a sketch of the winning t-shirt design. Please note that this sketch will be revised with color and digitized!

## LITERACY

### CKLA

Students will continue Unit 4: The Adventures of Don Quixote. The unit will focus on the essential question: How can people with various personalities work alongside each other to "right the wrongs in the word?". Throughout the unit, students will learn about character traits of different characters. Students will discuss plot structures, setting, dialogue, figurative language, and themes. In writing, students will learn about the structure of a persuasive essay and write a persuasive essay about how Don Quixote's intentions justify his actions.

### Enriched Literacy

**Reading & Writing:** This month, students will explore a variety of reading and writing lessons focused on both informational texts and literature. They will start with Westward Expansion, practicing note-taking and analyzing historical sources, including an optional video lesson. Students will also explore the theme of self-respect through the Junior Great Books selection In the Time of the Drums, which covers the resistance of enslaved African Americans. This will include pre-reading, shared inquiry discussions, and creative writing. In word study, students will learn about prefixes like contra-, ob-, and pro-, and apply them to texts like Population Explosion. They will also engage in nonfiction inquiry on honesty through Home Sweet Homestead, connecting to opinion writing. This month offers a rich mix of historical, literary, and linguistic learning to enhance students' reading and writing skills.

## MATH

### Eureka 5

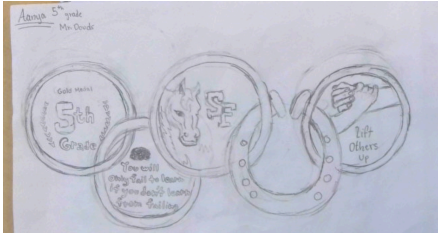
Students are beginning to study [Module 4](#): Multiplication and Division of Fractions and Decimal Fraction and will complete lessons from Topic A through Topic E. In Topic A students will learn to measure to the nearest  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch and analyze fractions on a line plot. In Topic B students will also learn how to interpret a fraction as division. In Topic C, students interpret finding a fraction of a set as multiplication of a whole number by a fraction. In Topic D, students learn how to evaluate expressions with parentheses, and in Topic E students are introduced to multiplication of fractions by fractions- both in fraction and decimal form.

### Eureka $\frac{5}{8}$

In Module 1, students used their existing understanding of multiplication and division as they began their study of ratios and rates. In Module 2, students complete their understanding of the four operations as they study division of whole numbers, division by a fraction, and operations on multi-digit decimals. This expanded understanding serves to complete their study of the four operations with positive rational numbers, thereby preparing students for understanding, locating, and ordering negative rational numbers (Module 3) and algebraic expressions (Module 4).



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## **Harmony Social Emotional Lessons**

This month we will focus on:  
[Unit 2 - Valuing Each Other](#)

### **Helpful Links**

- [HW board](#)
- [Instrumental Schedule](#)
- [Digital Consent Form](#)
- [MCPS Volunteer Training and Guidelines](#)

### **Science**

In upcoming science lessons, students will explore the concept of matter through hands-on investigations. They will start by analyzing data from experiments to understand chemical changes and the conservation of matter. In one activity, students will investigate how materials retain their properties even when crushed. They will also mix sugar and water to model how solids and liquids are made of particles, and later investigate how gases also consist of particles too small to see. As students observe the changes in properties and weight in a landfill bottle system, they will explore how matter is conserved in a closed system. In the final lesson, students will mix salt and baking soda to examine the changes that occur, helping them answer the driving question: "What happens to our garbage?" These lessons will deepen students' understanding of matter and its conservation.

### **Social Studies**

In social studies, we will conclude our study of Westward Expansion of the 1800s. One of the most significant issues that arose from Westward Expansion was the issue of slavery and whether new territories would fall under the category of "slave state" or "free state". This issue became so intense, it led to the Civil War whereupon northern states fought against their southern counterparts. 5th graders will cover this sequence of events and analyze primary documents in order to gain insight into the new, expanding nation.

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