



# December 2nd Fifth Grade Newsletter

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Bethesda Elementary

## 5th Grade News...

### **Slam Poet...**

Gayle Danley, an artist in residence, will be joining the fifth grade classes starting next week. Each class has been assigned three forty-five minute poetry sessions. The week will end with an assembly that will display the students' poetry, which will be held Friday, December 16th at 1:35 in the APR.

A special thank you to the PTA , and especially Ms. Mack, for providing this opportunity for our students!

The students are also writing poetry in writer's workshop, and will soon create a Poetry Anthology. The students are working very hard to craft poems using poetry techniques and styles.

### *Massacre or Riot?*

Students are working on their essays about the Boston Massacre. We read and analyzed primary and secondary sources in order to determine reliability and form an opinion. We are following the writing process steps using Inspiration on the computer. Students will be graded for content for a Social Studies grade and language usage for a Writing grade. See the coming attractions to find out when your child's essay is due.

### **Science Fair News...**

Science Fair packets will be sent this month. Just like last year, all 5th graders will participate in the science fair. Over winter break would be a great time to start working on your student's science fair project. This year's science fair will be held on March 7th and 8th. For more information, feel free to attend the science fair information session during December's



### **REMINDERS...**

E-books can be used in school, however the school is not responsible for it, in the event it is lost or stolen. Bethesda ES is still looking for parent volunteers during recess to help with the organization of games/activities and wheels day. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping!

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### **Coming Attractions**

- **December 4th-9th Book fair**
- **December 5th—9th—Inclusion Week**
- **December 8th Lit Circles Meet**
- **December 9th—Spelling Test**
- **December 14th—Science Fair Questions Due**
- **December 15th—Lit Circles Meet**
- **December 15th—Boston Massacre Essay Due for Ms. Piemme's and Ms. Von Schwarz classes**
- **December 20th-Boston Massacre Essay Due for Mr. Zukoski's class**
- **December 16th—Slam Poem assembly 1:35**
- **December 22nd—Last Lit Circle Meeting**
- **December 22nd—Spelling Test**
- **December 23rd—start of winter break**
- **January 3rd—School reopens**
- **January 6th — Poetry Anthology Due**