



# Fifth Grade Eagle News

## October 2018

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### ELA/SS Standards

In ELA, students will be continuing to work on using the 5 steps of the writing process and the RACES strategy for standard W5.5 to improve our essay and EBT response writing. We will begin focusing on opinion and informative writing: writing like a lawyer and writing like a reporter. Our language focus will continue to be on similes and metaphors.

In SS, students will learn about colonial America. We will analyze texts from different viewpoints to determine how the British felt at the time and how colonists felt.

### STEM

For October, STEM students will continue studying properties of matter and will be using what they learn to work on a NASA proposal in which they will develop a plan to determine a mystery substance from Mars. They will also be working with collaborative groups to research and build a hypothetical team of scientists that could help with this NASA proposal. STEM students will also be helping to maintain Glen Haven's "Green School" status by educating younger students and staff on ways to reduce energy, water, and paper use. Health topics will also be worked on as students learn about wellness and coping with problems.



### Huddle - Caring Classroom

#### Focus

Upcoming Huddle Topics for Oct include:

- Home School Connection
- Making School a Happy Place
- Developing Empathy
- Feelings and Challenges

### Dates to Remember

- 10/1- 10/31 Kids Helping Kids food drive
- 10/2 - PTA meeting 6:30-8:00
- 10/5 - Early Release day for students - 12:55 dismissal time
- 10/8 - Open House for Parents 9-11
- 10/12 Second Cup of Coffee and PBOM reading 8:45 - 10:15 AM
- 10/15-10/19 PTA Book Fair
- 10/18 - Fall Academic Night 6:30-8:00
- 10/22 - 10/26 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/23 - Picture Day
- 10/26 Fall Festival 1:45-3:15



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### Math Standards

Fifth grade mathematicians will start working on place value involving decimals. In math, fifth graders are working on building their multiplication and division skills in October. In order to best support students it would be helpful for students to practice basic facts at home. Even if it is just ten minutes a day. The students who have been practicing their fluency have been seeing gains during math class.

### 5/6 Math with Mrs. Jones

5/6 students will be multiplying fractions by fractions, fractions by mixed numbers, fractions by whole numbers, and determining the area of rectangles with fractional sides. Students should plan to spend 20 minutes each evening on Khan Academy.

### Parent – Teacher Conferences

Conferences are coming up the week of November 12. Sign ups and additional information will be coming out in the next few weeks on Dojo and the November Eagle Newsletter.

### Volunteering

MCPS is requiring that all volunteers view an online training on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse and neglect prior to volunteering in any MCPS school. Volunteers will not be able to assist in the classroom until the training is viewed. Confirmation of your completion of this course will be sent via email. Prior to volunteering, please bring the completion certificate to the Main Office. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Willis at 301-649-8051.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/chil-dabuseandneglect/>



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## Counselor's Corner

By: Rebecca Willis (School Counselor)

October is upon us. Where has the first month of school gone? This month we will be celebrating several things.

**Red Ribbon Week:** Red Ribbon Week will be held on October 22 – 26, 2018. We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by having a spirit week at Glen Haven. On Wednesday, October 17, 2018 you will be receiving a letter about Red Ribbon Week and a list of activities for the week. Please have your child participate in these activities. For more information about the Red Ribbon Campaign please visit: <http://redribbon.org/about/>

**Kids Helping Kids Food Drive:** Once again this year, Glen Haven will be participating in the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive. Please donate any non-perishable items (peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, rice, tuna fish, cereal, etc.) between October 1 - 31, 2018. The classroom that collects the most food (in items) will win an ice cream party. Food will be donated to families in Montgomery County, Md.

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**Special Programs for 5th Grade Students:**  
**Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC)-**  
online Choice Form needs to be submitted by  
November 2, 2018.

Open Houses:

Loiederman MS (Creative and Performing Arts)- October 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Parkland MS (Aerospace Technology)-  
October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Argyle MS (Digital Design and Development)-  
October 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**Magnet Schools-** No application. All Grade 5 students will be centrally reviewed for potential candidacy.

Eastern MS (Humanities and Communication)  
Takoma Park MS (Math, Science, and Computer Science)

Information Meeting for both programs will be held at Kennedy High School on October 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Monthly Parent Connection:**

Take charge. Children crave limits, which help them understand and manage an often confusing world. Show your love by setting boundaries so your kids can explore and discover their passions safely. ("Parents": 50 Easy Ways to be a Fantas