



Fifth Grade Post

April 2026

Month at a Glance

[25/26 Fifth Grade Calendar](#)

Monday, March 30th- Monday, April 6th- Spring Break, Schools Closed

Wednesday, April 15th- Early Release Day for Students

Thursday, April 16th- Spring Pictures

Thursday, April 16th- April Parent Promotion Committee Meeting, 6:30pm via Zoom

Friday, April 17th- Robinson Nature Center field trip, 9:40am-2:10pm

Tuesday, April 28st- Reading MCAP, Day 1

Wednesday, April 29th- Reading MCAP, Day 2

Thursday, April 30th- Reading MCAP, Day 3

Friday, May 1st- Boosterthon Fun Run

Other updates for this month will be provided by Mrs. Fortune and Mrs. Braymeyer, as information is released.

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**Happy APRIL Birthday to:**

- 2 - Aaron C
- 2 - Olivia
- 7th Kyla
- 9th Lesly
- 13th-Anvita K.
- 21 - Ryan
- 28th-Samarth S.
- 28th- Maddie N.
- 29 - Zaiya

## Curriculum Updates

### LITERACY

#### **CKLA and Enriched Literacy**

In April, students will continue Unit 7 which focuses on William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Students will read summaries and excerpts of the play. They will learn about structures of the play, character motivations, and character actions. Students will be able to engage in theatrical activities that are designed to improve their speaking and listening skills. For writing, students will write from the perspective of the characters working on the production of the play.

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MATH

Eureka 5

At the beginning of April we will be wrapping up Module 5 by drawing, analyzing, and classifying two-dimensional shapes based on defining attributes. Towards the middle of April, we will begin our last module of the school year- Module 6: Problem Solving with the Coordinate Plane. Students will start the module with Topic A, where they will construct coordinate systems on a plane and will name and draw coordinate pairs. In Topic B, students will have opportunities to practice generating coordinate pairs, plot points, and investigate relationships.

[Grade 5, Module 5 Tip Sheets](#)

Eureka 5⁵

In April, math 5⁵ students will finish with Module 4 and start Module 5. In Module 5, students work with two and three dimensional figures. Volume is introduced to students through concrete exploration of cubic units and culminates with the development of the volume formula for right rectangular prisms. The second half of the module turns to extending students' understanding of two dimensional figures. Students combine prior knowledge of area with newly acquired knowledge of fraction multiplication to determine the area of rectangular figures with fractional side lengths. They then engage in hands-on construction of two dimensional shapes, developing a foundation for classifying the shapes by reasoning about their attributes.

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### Science

Our 5th graders will dive into ecosystems and plant growth through hands-on scientific investigations. They will begin by observing plant and animal phenomena to develop a Driving Question Board and explore what plants need to grow. Next, students will examine a desert ecosystem, modeling food chains to understand how energy and matter



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Helpful Links

- [25/26 Fifth Grade Calendar](#)
- [HW board](#)
- [Instrumental Music Schedule](#)

move among living and nonliving components. Finally, they will track the growth of seedlings, analyze data using line graphs, and research crops commonly grown on Maryland farms. These lessons will deepen their understanding of ecosystems, energy transfer, and the interdependence of living organisms.

Social Studies

Students will explore how over time individuals, community members, institutions, and organizations have used tools of a democracy to redefine and expand freedom from the early 1900s to today.

Health

In health, students will learn about the difference between communicable and non-communicable diseases and identify modes of transmission. Students will learn how the body fights infection and how to keep the body healthy. Lastly, students will learn that HIV/AIDS is a communicable disease and understand modes of transmission. Students will learn how to prevent transmission of HIV. Please note that discussion of transmission through sexual activity will **NOT** be taught as it is not part of the curriculum.

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## **Other Announcements**

### **Fifth Grade Promotion Slideshow**

An important part of our fifth grade promotion ceremony is displaying a promotion slideshow that displays a baby and current photo of your fifth grader that'll be shown as they receive their fifth grade promotion certificate from their homeroom teacher. We would like all families to please send **BOTH** a baby and a recent photo of your child to [snowdenfarmpromotion@gmail.com](mailto:snowdenfarmpromotion@gmail.com). Include your child's full name and their homeroom teacher. A fifth grade promotion committee volunteer will access the email account, will copy and paste the photos into our promotion slideshow.

### **Promotion Donations via Zelle**

Hello 5th Grade Parents!

We're excited to be planning some memorable activities to celebrate our students as they approach promotion! Our fundraising efforts are underway, but we're still working toward covering a few important items — including student t-shirts, the end-of-year party, and decorations for the promotion celebration.

We know not every fundraiser fits every family's schedule or interests, so we wanted to offer another way to support if you'd like. For anyone who prefers, you're welcome to contribute directly toward the 5th grade promotion activities. Of course, participation is completely optional, but any amount — big



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or small — helps us create a special experience for the kids.

[The flyer](#) below includes the Zelle details for those who wish to donate.

Thank you for being such a supportive community and for helping us celebrate our amazing 5th graders!



## 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration: Change of Date

With the extension of the school year, we have decided to change our **promotion ceremony** to **Wednesday, June 17th**. Our **fifth grade celebration** at Snowden Farm will take place the day before on **Tuesday, June 16th**. Please add these new dates to your personal calendars.