

**Kirkbride Elementary School
Philadelphia School District
1501 S. 7th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147**



Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We hope your summer has been relaxing and you are ready to begin a new school year as 5th graders. Although we may be starting school in an unexpected way, we know that with your partnership and support all our 5th graders will have a successful year. In order to ensure a smooth start, this letter will provide you with important information. And in spite of any concerns you may have, we are committed to the goal of ensuring that your child has an exciting and fulfilling 5th grade experience.

Important Contact Information

In much the same way as 4th grade, your child will have two teachers this year. Mr. Beals will be teaching Math, Science and Health, while Ms. Grant, moving from 3rd grade, will be joining the 5th grade team teaching ELA/Writing and Social Studies. Also similar to 4th grade, Ms. Grant and I will be using Class Dojo to communicate with families. For many of you, I have made contact through the Dojo system welcoming you to 5th grade. However, for those of you yet to receive an invitation, you will be contact by Ms. Grant or myself. Mr. Beals may be reached at vhbeals@philasd.org and Ms. Grant may be reached at rgrant@philasd.org. If necessary, you can call the school as well at **(215) 400-7980** and someone in the office will be able to leave us a message. When we begin, I will provide a personal cell phone number where you may text me personally.

For students receiving Special Education services, **Ms. Harper** will be your 5th Grade Learning Support Teacher (LS). She is looking forward to building a relationship with you and your child. Please feel free to reach out to her at any time with any questions or concerns. You can email her at charper@philasd.org.

For students that receive English Language Development services, **Ms. Nakia Shoats** will be your ELD teacher. This is her 1st year at Kirkbride, however she has been a teacher in the School District of Philadelphia since 2008. It is with pleasure that she welcomes your child to our community of learners. Please feel free to contact her with any questions and/or concerns. She can be reached at nshoats@philasd.org. She looks forward to a wonderful school year filled with an abundance of learning!

Rules and Procedures

Poor behavior is not tolerated in our classrooms (whether in person or online) and excellent behavior is extremely important to maintaining a positive learning environment. A list of basic classroom rules is included on the back of this paper. Please read and review them with your child so you are familiar with the rules in our classroom.

Asynchronous and Synchronous Learning

Asynchronous learning is when you are completing independent work. Asynchronous learning will take place daily with an assigned due date. Synchronous learning is when you are participating in live instruction with your teacher. Synchronous learning will take place daily and you will receive your Zoom links with your schedule. All materials will be shared on Google Classroom

Arriving At School, Absences, and Emergencies

Arrival Time: Students will meet with your homeroom teacher each morning at 8:30AM in a Zoom Video Meeting. On-time arrival is extremely important to ensure that students are not missing important instructional time. Please have students arrive **at or before 8:30** using the appropriate Zoom link in the class schedule.

Absences/Emergencies During Remote Learning: If a situation arises that your child does not attend school due to an emergency or illness, please send a letter or a doctor's note.

We look forward to getting to know the students as well as meeting and collaborating with you throughout the school year.

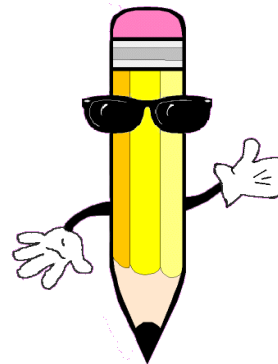
Sincerely,
Mr. Beals and Ms. Grant

Recommended Remote Learning Supplies

- 1 pack of high quality #2 pencils
- Students are expected to have 2 sharpened pencils each day
- 2 notebooks (Math/ELA)
- 1 personal whiteboard
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- Optional: dry erase board eraser

5th Grade Values

1. Always treat everyone with respect.
2. Work as a team.
3. Listen to others.
4. Be kind and helpful.
5. Be responsible.
6. Always try your best!



ONLINE expectations

Be prepared.

Join the Google Meet on time with the materials you need.



Be respectful.

Listen to the speaker. Be respectful of others in the Meet.



Be appropriate.

Use the chat for questions and comments only. Don't type silly comments. ?!

Be a learner.

Focus on the teacher. Participate during the lesson. Try your best!



Be in control.

Show control of your body while on video. Be calm if you need to ask for help.



Be patient.

We're all learning how to do online school! Be patient with others as we learn together.



using the bathroom during Google Meets.

If you need to use the restroom. Turn your mic and camera off. Then, please go!

