

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

August 29, 2022

Dear 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. It is my hope that with your partnership and support, we will have a very exciting and successful year ahead. 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 and Science. However there will be a change in the instruction of ELA/Writing/Social Studies. In the absence of Ms. Grant, who will be away for the beginning of the year, will be Grace Kochanowicz. as in Ms. Kochanowicz and I will be using Class Dojo and Google Classroom to communicate with families. For many of you, I have already made contact through the Dojo system welcoming you to 5th grade. However, for those of you yet to receive an invitation, you will be contacted by Ms. Kochanowicz and myself. Mr. Beals may be reached at **[vhbeals@philasd.org](mailto:vhbeals@philasd.org)** and Ms. Kochanowicz may be reached at **[Gkochanowicz@philasd.org](mailto:Gkochanowicz@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](mailto:Charper@philasd.org)**.

For students receiving English Language Development Services, **Angela Pelosi** will be your ELD teacher. This will be Ms. Pelosi's first year at Kirkbride, however, she has been a teacher in the Philadelphia School District for many years. It is with pleasure that she welcomes your child to our community of learners. Please feel free to contact her with any questions or concerns you may have. Ms. Pelosi can be reached via email at [Apelosi@philasd.org](mailto:Apelosi@philasd.org). She looks forward to a wonderful school year filled with an abundance of learning!

### **Arriving at School, Absences and Emergencies**

Some important things to note for the upcoming school year:

- The school day will be from 9:00-3:39. Please ensure that your student is present in the school yard by 8:50 and ready for the day.
- Kirkbride's uniform policy will be in place this year. Students should wear a royal blue shirt with collar and black pants.
- Masks are required for everyone in the school building for the first 10 days of school. Please send your child with a comfortable mask that covers nose and mouth.

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

### **Supply List**

4 marble composition notebooks	1 pack of loose leaf paper
5 folders with pockets	1 pack of white copy paper
Pencils	1 pair of headphones
2 black dry-erase markers	T-34 Scientific calculator
1 pack of colored pencils	Box of tissues

**Optional shared classroom supplies:** disinfectant wipes

**Sincerely,**

**Mr. Beals and Ms. Kochanowicz**

