**Class News**

September 12, 2014

 The week has gone by in a flash, as the Fifth graders have been busy, busy, busy! We have had so many new routines to practice we are ready for the weekend! I have enjoyed our first solid week of school getting to know all of your wonderful kids and working together to start building a strong class community!

 I will try to send home a regular newsletter each week. I try to complete Class News for Friday, however if we have something come up in our schedule or we something like an early release, the Class News may not get sent out. If ever you feel like your are missing information or have a question please do not hesitate to contact me!

Here are some bits and pieces that you might want to know about our week and what is coming…

**Barrie Blitz!** The Barrie Blitz is back this year! Students should be bringing home pledge envelopes and information about our Barrie Blitz. Please begin collecting pledges now. The Blitz will take place on Friday, September 26.

**Obstacle Course Field Trip** We will be going to the Obstacle Course this Tuesday, September 16. The fifth graders will have a chance to work as a team to complete given obstacles. We will be eating lunch there- please remember to send a lunch if your child did not choose to take a school lunch with us.

**FAST PACE-** A concern that has come up for me, even as the teacher this week, is the fast pace in which our daily school day goes! I taught fourth grade last year and this is my first experience with fifth grade. There is a noticeable difference in the pace here in fifth grade compared to fourth grade. Your students have been given large amounts of responsibility just in these last two weeks here in our classroom. I want to ease that pressure and help guide your child through those responsibilities as much as possible. You can help by talking with your child regularly, remind him/her to get started on work right away in class time, get as much done during class as you can, and stay organized! One late assignment can add to daily homework loads that will just keep piling up. There will be regular math homework and frequent science homework. Late assignments need to be completed right away! I would hate for any student to miss out on Safety Patrol or any other opportunity because of late work.

**Safety Patrol-** Officer Courtier came to visit this week and give training on Safety Patrol. All fifth grade students have an opportunity to be a part of Safety Patrol. You child should have returned a sheet signing up for Safety Patrol, if he/she was interested.

**Orchestra/Band-** Our first orchestra lessons took place this week and went very smoothly! Every participant made it to their first lesson! Remember Band information and sign up will not begin until late October.

Please contact me if you are wondering anything or have concerns!

Have a great weekend!

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