CURRICULUM UPDATES …

Reading – We will continue reading short stories from our anthologies as well as novels. The current theme we are working on is “Finding a Way”. After that, we will begin reading about “Earth a Fine Balance”.

Writing – We will continue our literary essay unit where we will write in response to what we read.

Math – We will begin topic 6 where we will use models and strategies in order to divide decimals. We will estimate and find quotients involving decimals.

Social Studies- We will begin our second module where students will learn about factors that contributed to immigration and how immigration has influenced the political, social, economic and cultural development of the United States and Maryland.

SPECIAL AREA UPDATES …

Media- In library, we will use various databases to make connections to books in our media center. We will also continue checking out some great books.

PE- Students will be completing peer assessments to improve their golf skills.

Music- As the winter season rolls in, fifth graders will continue to earn belts on recorder, while learning about new music concepts by listening to, singing and playing festive songs!

Art- In art with Mrs. Parks, we will be working on an art lesson using the Art Elements and Design Principles. In Miss Enderson’s class, 5th - We are completing our yearbook cover contest designs and will be starting a painting unit.

DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES …

4th: Barnes and Novel Night, 5pm
9th: PTA Meeting & Reflections Awards, @7pm
12th: Winter Concert @FHS, 6:30-8:00pm
13th: HAC Update
13th: 12:30 Early Dismissal (Spirit Day- 80’s Day)
18th: 5th Grade Winter Celebration, 12:50-1:50pm
20th: 12:30 Early Dismissal
23rd-1st: Schools Closed for Winter Break

NURSES NOTES… The holidays are coming! Long breaks from school disrupt the routine.

· The number one way to control stress, anxiety, and those meltdowns: Establish a set bedtime.
· Talk it out. Being able to talk about events is a great way for the kids to work through their anxieties.

Health Suite Hot Topics:
The holiday breaks are a great time to schedule those wellness checks, hearing/vision follow up exams, routine dental checks.
You have questions? We have, or will find, answers! Call the nurses!!
If you have a question about any medications for use at school, call the nurses!
If you have a question whether your child should stay home, or when to return to school, call the nurses!
Just like the rest of the school staff, we want your child to be happy, successful, and healthy. Have a wonderful holiday season!!