

What's New in 5th Grade?

December 3, 2018

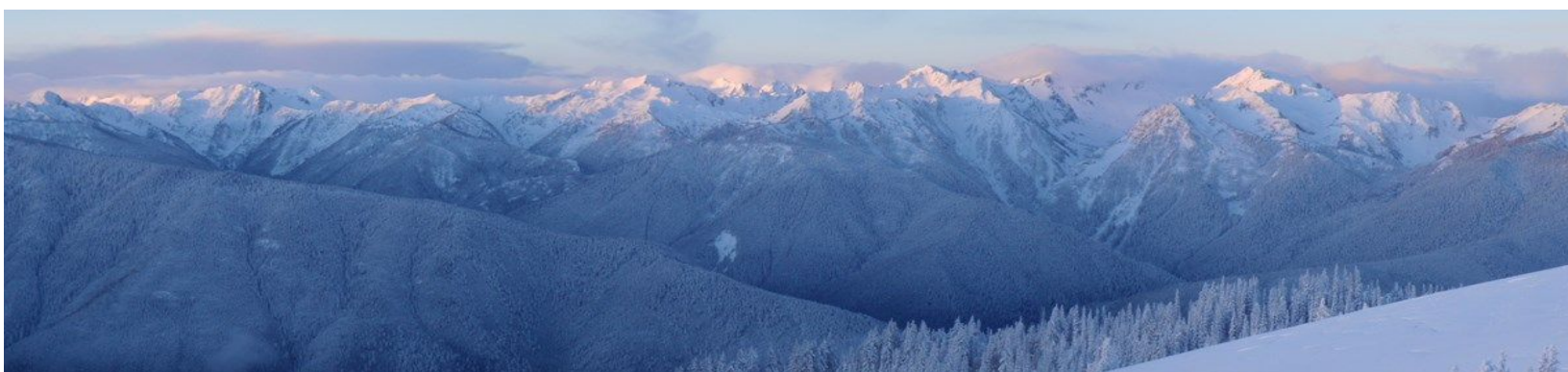
FastBridge

We will begin testing with FastBridge next week! FastBridge is an assessment used to screen the areas of reading, math, and social/emotional. Please refer to Horizon Happenings to learn more about FastBridge or contact Deborah Ricker, School Improvement Specialist, with any questions. Students in 5th grade will need their headphones during these testing days. Please check with your child to assure he/she has a working pair of headphones that can be used for testing here at school. We will test Reading on Monday, December 10th and Math on Tuesday December 11th.

ELA

Classes will start Unit 4 this week in Benchmark. Students will read and compare the different perspectives in selections to analyze point of view. This week we are comparing and contrasting the author's point of views in two poems: "I Hear America Singing" by Walt Whitman and "I, Too" by Langston Hughes. Also in Unit 4, we will continue to work on our grammar exercises and figurative language.

This week's greek and latin root is "tract" followed by "struct". Each week, students can study by logging into quizlet.com. This website creates online flashcards, a matching game, and other ways for your child to study.



Math

We are currently working on Topic 8: Numerical Expressions, Patterns, and Relationships. We will have a fun culminating activity on Order of "Operations" on December 13th where students will be performing "operations" in the surgery room.

Science



In Science we are continuing our Earth Science Unit. Students have learned about the different spheres, the ocean ecosystems and how weather changes landforms. This week we focus on how humans impact each of the spheres. Our textbook will also discuss alternative sources for energy.

Website: Did you know our Fifth grade team has a website? The link is attached. This will be where you can find key information about what is happening in Fifth Grade.
<https://www.usd232.org/Domain/234>

Key Dates

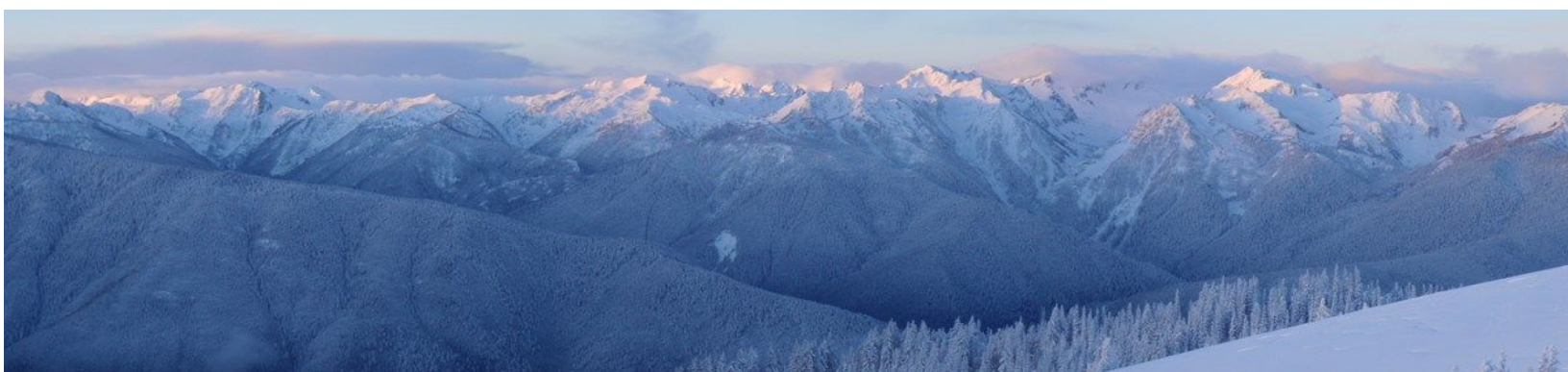
December 14th - Winter Class Parties

Winter Break Schedule

December 19 - Early Dismissal (half day) 12:10pm

December 20-January 6th

January 7-Return to school



Band Schedule:

The current band schedule is located on our Fifth Grade Website. Please refer to that site for information on the daily schedule. A copy of November is included on the next page.

