

HANKINS' HERALD

Our vision is to strive to become the premier school district in the state. Our mission is to create a safe & respectful learning environment that gives all students hope for a better tomorrow by helping them reach their potential.

Mark your Calendar

Sept. 9-20 - Beginning-of-Year **iReady** Testing

Mon., Sept. 9 - **PTO Mtg** 6 PM

Tues., Sept. 10 - **Grandparent/VIP Day** along with Book Fair 7:30 - 8:30 AM

Thurs., Sept. 12 - 5th grade **Orchestra Demonstration**

Fri., Sept. 13 - Binder Fishing Day forms & \$3 are due; Spirit orders are also due.

Wed., Sept. 18 - **Fall Fundraiser** sales are due; 2-hr **Early Release**; dismiss at 12:45 PM

Fri., Sept. 20 - PTO **Hat Day** \$1

Tuesday - P.E.

Wednesday - Music

Thursday - Art

Friday - Library/Technology

Teacher Information

The best time to contact me is during my daily planning period from 9:15-10:00 AM. Please use the school office phone number at **(573) 659-3175**. You may also send email to:

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How's it going in 5th grade?

Well, after a long, enjoyable summer, your child has been in 5th grade a whopping four days. I must first mention how impressed I am with the willingness of this group to help out around the classroom and commend them on their eagerness to learn (especially to read). Now that we are back, I would appreciate it if you spent a few moments with your student iterating the importance of treating each other with mutual **respect** in order to make for a successful year together.

Second, I appreciate the quick turn around on the beginning of the school year forms. You made the burden light for my keeping track of all those pieces of paper. It also looks like we have several parents willing to volunteer for room parties, etc...plus there is





Spotlight Student

Atlas Alley

- Favorite Color: Turquoise
- Favorite Subject: Reading
- Favorite Food: Mac-n-Cheese
- Favorite Sport: Football
- Favorite Season: Summer
- Favorite Author: Rick Riordan
- Favorite Ice Cream: Extreme Moose Tracks
- In his free time, he likes to play the video game Clash Royale.
- Someday he wants to be an astronaut.



Character Plus Monthly Trait:

Self Discipline

The ability to make yourself do what you know you should do, when you should do it, whether you feel like it or not.

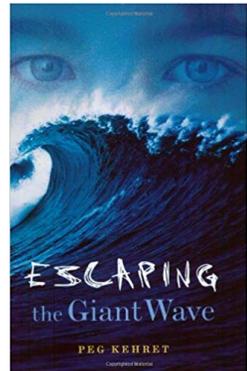
another opportunity to volunteer for *5th grade Fishing Day* at Binder Lake scheduled on Monday, September 30th.

Finally, I would like to take a moment in this first newsletter to thank everyone for stopping in at the Open House and being so supportive of your student's education. Home, school, and the community all play a vital role in providing your student with the best chance to achieve big goals & reach his/her fullest potential.

What's going on in our classroom this week?

Reading: Your student will be taking the iReady Reading Test next week. These scores, along with the beginning-of-year running records for each student, will be used to determine how our classroom Guided Reading groups will be set up.

We are already practicing some great strategies to promote book discussions: recording vocabulary, doing turn-n-talks with other classmates, and stopping and jotting thoughts about a text (we have also started our first classroom chapter read-aloud by one of my favorite authors Peg Kehret: Escaping the Giant Wave).



Writing: Our decorating party for Writer's Notebooks is Friday! I cannot wait to see how they turn out. This week we will discuss how 5th grade Writer's Workshop functions, including conferring with writing partners, responding to writing prompts, & participating in share time. First quarter writing craft focuses on *personal narrative stories*.

Math: We are off to a roaring start with our "GO Math" series. Our first unit covers *Adding & Subtracting Decimals*. These early lessons cover place value from the hundred million to thousandth positions. We will also be studying the relationship between place values, being based upon the power of 10.

Social Studies: We begin the year with a Map Skills unit, reviewing types of maps, applying cardinal & intermediate directions, and determining longitude & latitude.

