

## HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICIATION

Communication between the home and school is essential to our child's success in school. We will provide information to you via your child's planner, memos, and our school's web site. Planners will be issued to students during the first week of school. Parents are highly encouraged to review his/her child's planner on a daily basis for homework assignments, upcoming events or projects, teacher's note, and so forth.

## ATTENDANCE

Students must be in school daily, unless he/she is ill or has a doctor's appointment that cannot be scheduled after school hours. A note is needed that explains the absence with your child when he/she returns to school. We strongly recommend that all appointments be scheduled after SFA Reading, Math, and Language time (8:00am-11:30am), if possible. Make up work for the day(s) missed will be given.

Children arriving after 8:00am are considered TARDY and must report to the office to get a TARDY SLIP before reporting to their homeroom class. As a reminder, students **MUST** report first to their homeroom teacher

## SCHOOL UNIFORM/PROPER DRESS CODE

School uniforms are mandatory to wear. They may be purchased at Gino's in the Agana Shopping Center. Students should dress neatly and appropriately for school. Shoes must be worn at all times. For health and safety reasons, students are discouraged to wear zories, open-toed sandals, and high-heels. Expensive jewelry should not be worn.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROCEDURES

Breakfast and lunch tickets are sold every morning by 7:00am in the cafeteria. Students need to arrive early enough to purchase their lunch tickets and/or eat breakfast. Please be aware of the changes in the price for lunch this school year.

### NON-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS COST

Breakfast .50 cents

Lunch \$2.50

### REDUCED-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS COST

Breakfast .30 cents

Lunch .40 cents

For more information, please see attached PDF document for GDOE Students Breakfast and Lunch Price changes.

## TRANSPORTATION

One of our priorities is to provide a safe environment for all students. If your child's transportation (i.e., bus rider, walker, pick-up..) should change within a given day, a **written note** must be sent to school.

## CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE GOALS

Lifelong success depends in part on self-discipline. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the basic competencies young people need is “to hold a decent job and earn a decent living.” Students will be encouraged to practice and apply the 5 Team Cooperation Goals on a daily basis. \*See Classroom Expectations below.

### Classroom Expectations

Cooperative learning refers to the set of instructional methods in which student work in small learning teams and in each team, they are responsible not only for learning the materials taught in class, but also for helping their teammates learn. The following are five team cooperation goals that we will introduce/continue to strive in class, and students will be ask to memorize and adhere to these goals.

## **TEAM COOPERATION GOALS**

PRACTICE ACTIVE LISTENING

EVERYONE PARTICIPATES

HELP & ENCOURAGE OTHERS

EXPLAIN YOUR IDEAS & TELL WHY

COMPLETE TASKS

## **M.A.S.E.'S BEHAVIOR EXPECTATION**

### **PBIS MATRIX**

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

Every student will be asked to remember our goals and expectations and display some positive examples throughout the school year. We ask that parents and guardians assist us in reviewing them at home. Thank you for your support!

### **MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORTS**

Every six weeks, progress reports will be sent home to inform parents/guardians of students' progress and/or need for improvement. It is also a step in addressing academic problems and ways to help the child improve in his/her studies. Furthermore, it is to inform parents of how well his/her child is doing in school.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be issued at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. There will be two Parent-Teacher Conferences for the school year, which will take place for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and report cards will then be issued to parents/guardians.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

These conferences are held during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the school year. It is pertinent that parents attend as it is an important part of their child's education. It is our hope that we will meet all parents during both conferences. If there will be any difficulties in the schedule, we would be happy to give an alternate date or time.

Please feel free to write, call, or schedule a conference if there is anything that is concerning your child's success in school. Communication between home and school is the key to your child's success in school. We will do our best to contact you immediately.

### **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/FUND RAISERS**

Notices of any special events such as field trips, school programs, school-wide activities, fund raisers, and so forth will be sent home via memo, planners, and/or school web site (click on "Fabulous Fifth Grade").