



5th Grade Sharing the Planet

The fifth grade students performed fabulously in the musical Treasure Island. Congratulations! We want to give a big thank you to Miss Sarah for guiding the students through the process of creating this performance. Miss Marisol, our assistant also put a tremendous amount of effort into creating the scenery and the props. Also, thank you to all the parents for your support. We could not have done it without all of you!



Monday, May 3rd is the first day of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. There will be no homework during the Iowa Tests. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast and arrives to school on time. That will help them put forth their best effort each day.

This last unit, "Sharing the Planet" is the culmination of the Primary Years Program of the International Baccalaureate. This is the time when students demonstrate all that they have learned during their elementary school years. Parents will have a specific role to play throughout this unit. Students will be writing an in-depth research paper on an environmental issue and then create an action plan locally to help improve the environmental situation. We ask that you make it a priority to understand the purpose and requirement of the final exhibition, support and encourage your child during the process of inquiry, help him/her access resources and then celebrate their success.

From now until the end of the year, we will be studying geometry, measurement and probability. We will learn to recognize, describe and analyze the properties of two-dimensional figures and explore the concepts of congruency, similarity, symmetry and transformations. After geometry we will study measurement. Students will learn to find the perimeter, area and volume of a polygon. We will also study



appropriate measuring devices and units of measure to solve problems. Finally, we will learn to predict the probability of the outcome for a single event as well as create our own problems to solve on probability.

Important Dates:

- Iowa Test of Basic Skills May 3-May 11
- Noon Dismissal May 12
- Closing Ceremony and Way Cool Kid Ceremony June 15
- Last day of school June 18th