

# Prescott 5th Grade Team

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## Panther Pride News

***“What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson***

*When students reject us, they are testing to see if we will reject them back. By maintaining high expectations and staying in the relationship, we are teaching boundaries through words and actions of care. —From the BIST Newsletter*

As teachers, we work hard to build and maintain relationships with our students. Sometimes, this means changing their seat in class. Sometimes it means problem solving with them in a buddy room. Sometimes it means taking them out to a field and setting up games for them to play.



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*Our goal is not simply to get your student to pass 5th grade. Our goal is to give your student tools with which they can and will begin to build their future: Middle School, High School, College and the rest of life.*

## Our Schedule



9:00-10:05	Math
<b>10:05-10:45</b>	<b>Whole Group Reading</b>
10:45-11:35	Guided Reading
11:35-12:25	Specials
12:30-1:10	Recess/Lunch
<b>1:10-1:40</b>	<b>Intervention</b>
1:40-2:35	Unit Studies
2:35-2:45	2nd Recess
2:45-3:38	Writing/Literacy
3:38	Dismiss

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*Thought for the Month: "The only way to fail at life is to give up on yourself."  
Kale Riley*

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## From the Office of the President



PTO President, Jennifer Jorges , has these thoughts to share with families and friends of the 5th grade team:

Parents, guardians and families, please remember this important information: Waffleman is November 6th. Sell those tickets and email [jjorges@yahoo.com](mailto:jjorges@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer!

November 12th is the PTO meeting-come learn about our Makerspace!  
November 23rd PTO will organize a lunch for Staff Appreciation Day-watch for more info on how you can help.

If there are any 5th grade parents or guardians who would like to volunteer to help at any of the up-coming events or if you have questions about PTO events or proceedings or if you just have a general question about volunteering in 5th grade please email Jen Jorges, PTO President, at: [jjorges@yahoo.com](mailto:jjorges@yahoo.com).



Get an education... before birds take over!  
You know why Gulls live by the sea? Because if they lived by the bay... they'd be Bay-Gulls!

## Parent News:

Up-coming Dates:

**November 5th--13th ITBS & CoGAT**

November 6th—Waffleman @ Grace Lutheran Church 5:00pm

*November 11th—Veteran's Day*

November 15-20 American Education Week

November 16th—Grandparents' Day

November 20th—Prescott Talent Show 6:30pm

November 25-27—NO SCHOOL

November 30th—Professional Plan Day—NO SCHOOL

December 15th—Band/Orchestra Concert 6:30pm

December 22nd—End of 2nd Quarter

December 23rd - January 4—NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)



*Throughout the year there may be opportunities for parents and guardians to volunteer to help out in 5th grade classrooms and/or on field trips. If you would like to volunteer throughout the year please don't hesitate to give us a call or an email.*

# Teacher Tidbits

## From The Fifth Grade Team



Second quarter has begun and we have made some changes. First, our team website is finally up and running. You can find our website at <http://wp.lps.org/kriley/>

This quarter, instead of the students rotating for Unit Studies, the teachers are rotating. It is a change that cuts down on transition time and leaves the students in their comfort zone.

Challenges ahead! Be prepared!

That's right, the farther up the mountain we climb, the rougher the terrain becomes. But no one said getting to the top was easy. The only claim we've ever made is that our team of 5th graders can and will reach that peak.



Up first, we are still working on division in math. We have recently been learning about exponents as well.

Coming up the week of November 5th through the 13th we will be doing the Iowa Test of Basic Skills or ITBS. We will also be taking the CoGAT assessment. These assessments are designed to help us understand where our students are in relation to other 5th grade students across the country. It will be a strenuous climb that week. Please make sure your student(s) is/are ready for the trek. Please try not to schedule any appointments that week so that students are in school all week. Remind your student(s) to get plenty of sleep each night and eat well each day. In the evenings, take time to ask your student(s) about their day. Listen; let them vent about the testing so that they are ready to face it again the next day.



Once we get through ITBS Pass and over the CoGAT Crevice, the Fraction North Face is on the horizon. It is a tall, steep mountain wall that will take us December, January and February to climb.

Our team is working tirelessly to analyze data and improve our techniques so that we can provide our students with the Best Education Anywhere. In the coming weeks, you and your students may see some minor changes in how instruction is presented. If there are strategies you know work at home for your students, please don't hesitate to share them with us.



## This Day in History: November 1st

835 - All Saints Day made compulsory by Pope Gregory IV throughout Frankish Kingdom  
1210 - King John of England begins imprisoning Jews  
1512 - Michelangelo's paintings on ceiling of Sistine Chapel in the Vatican first exhibited  
1611 - Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Tempest" first presented  
1765 - Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies  
1800 - John Adams becomes the first US president to live in White House  
1894 - Nicholas II becomes the new Tsar of Russia after his father, Alexander III, dies.  
1913 - Notre Dame upsets Army 35-13, 1st to use forward pass effectively  
1917 - In WW I, the 1st US soldiers are killed in combat  
1936 - Benito Mussolini describes alliance between Italy and Germany as an "axis"  
1947 - Howard Hughes flies "Spruce Goose", a huge wooden airplane  
1950 - Puerto Rican nationalists try to kill Pres Harry Truman at Blair House  
1951 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site  
1955 - Time bomb aboard United DC-6 kills 44 above Longmont, Colorado  
1959 - Jacques Plante becomes the first goaltender to wear a mask during a NHL game  
1964 - KC Chief Len Dawson passes for 6 touchdowns vs Denver (49-39)  
1966 - NFL awards New Orleans its 16th franchise—The Saints (All Saints Day)  
1967 - "Cool Hand Luke", starring Paul Newman, George Kennedy, and Strother Martin, is released  
1969 - The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album goes #1 in US & stays #1 for 11 weeks  
1977 - US President Jimmy Carter raises the minimum wage from \$2.30 to \$3.35 an hour, effective from 1st Jan 1981  
1977 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site  
1979 - Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" premieres  
1979 - US Federal government made \$1.5 billion loan to Chrysler  
1981 - 1st Class US Mail raised from 18 cents to 20 cents  
1987 - New Orleans Saints shutout Atlanta Falcons 38-0  
1992 - NY Jet Al Toon becomes 10th NFL to catch a pass in 100 straight games  
1995 - "Tempest" opens at Broadhurst Theater NYC for 71 performances  
2012 - Google's Gmail becomes the world's most popular email service  
2012 - Acid is poured over a 15 year old girl by her parents after being seen talking to a young man in an "honour killing" in Azad Kashmir, Pakistan  
2014 - Bayern wins the 2014 running of the Breeders' Cup Classic



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*And the Winner is..... Margaret Crisp who turned in a correctly completed word search!*

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## For a Prize

It is always fun to give the parents a chance to get in on the excitement of school. We want to give you—the parents/guardians a chance to win a small prize. Complete the puzzle or answer the trivia questions.

Have your student submit your answer to Mr. Riley. Each month we will randomly draw one correct entry.

This month, Mr. Riley has created 10 trivia questions just for parents—questions about stuff our students haven't lived through—maybe some of you haven't either. :-)

# Parent Trivia... Questions for our generation!

We know you could google these... but see how many you can answer from memory; you may surprise yourself!

1. Their self-titled debut album was released in January, 1973. Their second album, titled *Get Your Wings* was released in March of 1974. Their most recent album, *Music from Another Dimension* was released in November of 2012. Often referred to as “the Bad Boys from Boston” who are they?
2. Which of the following songs was NOT released in 1995?
  - A. (Nice Dream) by Radiohead
  - B. Black Balloon by Goo Goo Dolls
  - C. Ancient Highway by Van Morrison
  - D. Blood Brothers by Bruce Springsteen
  - E. Colors Of The Wind by Vanessa Williams
3. This movie starring Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene and Rodney A. Grant was released on November 9, 1990.
4. “Set in 1950s and 1960s Milwaukee, this series tells the story of the Cunningham family - father Howard, mother Marion, son Richie and daughter Joanie...” Name this TV show.
5. On January 30, 2000 “The Greatest Show on Turf” won the Super Bowl defeating Tennessee 23 to 16. Who was their winning quarterback?
6. This movie won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1985.
7. Natalie Portman as awarded the Oscar for Best Actress of 2011 for playing “Nina” in what film?
8. Which of these lists the top grossing movies 1999 in order from #4 to #1?
  - A. Star Wars Ep. 1: The Phantom Menace; The Sixth Sense; Toy Story 2; Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me
  - B. Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me; Toy Story 2; The Sixth Sense; Star Wars Ep. 1: The Phantom Menace
  - C. Toy Story 2; Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me; Star Wars Ep. 1: The Phantom Menace; The Sixth Sense
  - D. Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me; The Sixth Sense; Toy Story 2; Star Wars Ep. 1: The Phantom Menace
9. Who were the three main presidential candidates on the ballot November 5, 1996?
10. Born January 8, 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi this American icon died in Memphis, Tennessee on August 16, 1977. An actor and singer, who was he?

**Green-Light a Vet!**

As Veterans' Day approaches, we encourage you to remember all those who, on any continent, served their country honorably as a member of the armed-forces. This year, there is a campaign to honor military veterans by lighting up a green light-bulb. Light up a green light-bulb and keep it lit through the month of November to show you support all military veterans. More information can be found at <http://www.greenlightavet.com/>

Whether you light a green bulb or not, do not forget Veterans' Day is November 11th.



Here are some more pictures of our students at Field Day and Nature Night



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*BIST Strategy/Goal for Life:*

*"I can be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to."*

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## BIST Bits...



BIST Philosophy: Letting kids know "You can never make me mad enough that I won't be in a relationship with you,."

One of our BIST inspired Goals For Life is: "I can be productive and follow directions, even if I don't want to." We are still focusing on this skill as we begin second quarter.

Following directions is not always easy. Especially if the directions are to do something that we know is or expect to be difficult. Remind your student(s) that the ability to be productive and follow directions is an essential life skill and something we all have to do. Make time to practice this skill with your student and remind him/her/them that being able to follow directions at school is key to success at school and in life.

*We welcome the opportunity to visit with you and answer any questions you have about BIST, the Safe Seat, our management practices or any other questions you may have.*

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