



**Public School 8, The Robert Fulton School**

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# 5th Grade Newsletter

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## Important Reminders

Please go to the 5th grade website, [5thgrade8.blogspot.com](http://5thgrade8.blogspot.com), and fill out the parent survey and contact information form located in your child's homeroom tab. See the list below to identify your child's homeroom teacher.

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## Upcoming Events

- September 12: Curriculum Night
  - 4:30-5:15: Round 1 of Curriculum Night Presentation
    - Ms Hayes & Ms Namaan in room 302
    - Ms Angie, Ms Plaza, & Ms Patty in room 314
  - 5:15: Middle school enrollment information for fifth grade families in 110
  - 6:00-6:45: Round 2 of Curriculum Night Presentations
    - Ms Hayes & Ms Naaman in room 302
    - Ms Angie, Ms Plaza, & Ms Patty in room 314
- September 18: Kids Cre8 Clubs start
- September 19: PTA Meeting, 8:30AM, auditorium
- September 20: School Photo Day
- September 26: Diversity Potluck @ 6:00PM
- September 30-31: School closed for Rosh Hashanah

## HUMANITIES



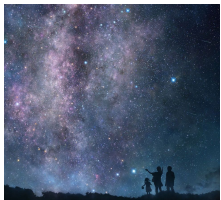
**Reading:** We are starting our interpretation unit this week, where kids are working on growing ideas about their books. We are working on:

- developing themes
- analyzing author's craft
- seeing how parts of the story relate to the theme
- comparing/contrasting story elements and themes
- writing about reading in a variety of ways

**Writing:** This week we are launching our first unit, personal narratives. We will be working on angling our stories to really get across what is important. The children will work on slowing down important parts and summarizing the less important aspects of the story. Stay tuned for our first publishing party!

## MATH/SCIENCE

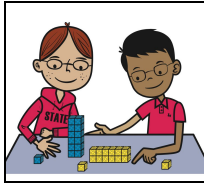
### Science - Patterns of Earth and Sky



In our first unit, “Patterns of Earth and Sky”, students will observe and investigate patterns in the sky. Mobile apps like Skyview are awesome for highlighting constellations and observable planets in the night sky.

Students will explore scale and distance in the universe and the effects of the spin and orbit of our planet on star patterns.

## Math - Expressions, Equations, and Volume



In our first math unit “Expressions, Equations, and Volume”, students will explore:

- Volume of rectangular prisms
- Strategies for multiplication of multi-digit numbers
- The ratio table and area model as models for multiplication & division

To get an overview of the skills students will be learning in this unit, please check out the [Unit 1 Bridges Parent Letter](#). If you are interested in a more in-depth overview of unit 1 strategies and concepts, please read the [Mathematical Background](#).