



## ***Hindley School 5th Grade End of Year Activities***

March 23, 2015

Dear 5th Grade Parents,

Can you believe that in a few short months, your child/ren will have “graduated” from Hindley? Let the celebrations begin! Each year there are several events and special activities that the 5th graders participate in leading up to the promotion ceremony. This packet explains these events. Please review this packet carefully and return all requested items by **April 10th**.

Below is a condensed list of events:

Saturday, May 9 - Hindley Happening. At the silent auction there will be two opportunities for 5th grade families to bid on two reserved front row seats to the Promotion Ceremony. These seats are in addition to the two tickets given per family (see below). By winning the auction, your other two tickets do not “upgrade” to the front row.

Tuesday June 2, 8:45am - 4:00pm - The entire 5th grade will be visiting West Point and Boscobel in New York. See attached **BLUE** flyer and return the permission slip by April 10th. The Hindley PTO will cover the cost of this trip.

Friday, June 12, 7:30am - 8:20am - All 5th graders are invited to attend a breakfast hosted by the 5th grade committee to be held in the library. A longer version of the slide show from the promotion ceremony will be shown at that time.

**Monday, June 15, 9:00am - 11:00am** - 5th Grade Awards and Promotion Ceremony to be held in the Common Room. Two tickets will be issued to each family for first-come first-served seating in the Common Room, with overflow seating available in the gym to watch the ceremony on a live feed. (see attached explanatory letter from Mrs Ferri).

Monday, June 15, post-ceremony - Immediately after the Promotion Ceremony, students will return to their classrooms to change out of their dressy clothes (if they want to) and receive their yearbooks. They will then go to the playground for a student-only pizza and ice cream party and yearbook signing. In case of rain, the children will have their pizza party in their classrooms.

**We are asking for \$20 for each child to cover the costs of the Pizza Party and Breakfast.**

Other activities:

5th Grade T-shirts - For safety reasons, all students will receive a Hindley Class of '15 t-shirt to be worn on the West Point/Boscobel trip. T-shirts will be distributed the morning of the trip. We need to order them in advance, so please complete the **YELLOW** flyer by April 10. The t-shirts are paid for through money raised from the school store.

Baby Board - The 5th Grade Committee will again create the "Guess the Graduate" bulletin board at the end of the school year. The 5th graders will fill out sheets trying to match the baby pictures with each 5th grader, and on the day of the Promotion Ceremony, a copy of their yearbook picture will be placed next to his/her picture for everyone to see. Everyone gets a kick out of seeing our graduates both in the past and present!

**We need a baby picture for each child.** Please submit a photo that is no smaller than 3x3 and no larger than 4x6 in size. Place your child's photo in an envelope labeled with his/her name and please do NOT put a name on the back (as the kids are wont to cheat!). Please note this photo will not be returned to you.

We look forward to a fun, festive and memorable end of year experience for your child/ren. It will be here before you know it! Please help us by participating in the events you can, and by returning the necessary information by **April 10**. Feel free to contact one of us if you have questions or need additional information!

Dorinda Bonanno, Vikki Campbell, Laura Devens, Angela Riley  
5th Grade Committee Co-Chairs

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**CHECKLIST**

Please complete this checklist and return as the first page with the following requested items in ONE ENVELOPE to school no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 10th.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attached:

Letter from 5th Grade Committee N/A

Letter from Mrs Ferri explaining ticketing for Promotion Ceremony N/A

List of events N/A

Letter from 5th Grade teachers about Field Trip N/A

Permission Slip for West Point/Boscabel Trip (BLUE flyer) \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size order form (YELLOW flyer) \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 cash or check made out to Hindley PTO for Pizza Party and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Baby Picture (in envelope, NO name on back, will not be returned!) \_\_\_\_\_

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**T-Shirt Size Order Form**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Youth Medium (10-12)
- Youth Large (12-14)
- Youth X-Large (14-16)
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large

March 2015

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

There are many activities and events scheduled for your fifth grade child during the next few months **(and more may be added)**. We hope you will jot these tentative dates down on your calendar:

<b>Wed., April 1</b>	<b>MMS Parent Orientation</b>	<b>7:00 pm/ MMS Auditorium</b>
<b>Tues., April 7</b>	<b>Middle School Tour</b>	<b>9:30 – 11:30 am/ MMS</b>
<b>Wed., April 8</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Panoramic Picture</b>	<b>8:45 am/ Hindley</b>
<b>Sat., May 9</b>	<b>Hindley Happening</b>	<b>Hindley Fields</b>
<b>May 11-15</b>	<b>AIDS Book Preview – Parents</b>	<b>All week in Health Office</b>
<b>Wed., May 13</b>	<b>Development Video Preview – Parents</b>	<b>8:00 am/ Computer Lab</b>
<b>Fri., May 15</b>	<b>Development Video/Presentations</b>	<b>2:00 pm/ Classrooms</b>
<b>May 18-22</b>	<b>AIDS Book Presentations</b>	<b>Classrooms</b>
<b>Fri., May 29</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Share</b>	<b>9:00 am/ Common Room</b>
<b>Mon., June 1</b>	<b>Blue Ribbon Science Fair District Quiz Bowl Tournament</b>	<b>9:15-10:30/Common Room After School at MMS</b>
<b>Tues., June 2</b>	<b>West Point &amp; Boscobel Field Trip</b>	<b>8:45 am – 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Wed., June 3</b>	<b>Hindley Spring Concert Rehearsal Hindley Spring Concert</b>	<b>1:00-3:00 pm/ DHS 7:00 pm/ DHS</b>
<b>Mon., June 8</b>	<b>Hindley 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day</b>	<b>9:00 – 12:30/ Playground</b>
<b>Wed., June 10</b>	<b><i>RAIN DATE</i> Field Day</b>	
<b>Fri., June 12</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast</b>	<b>7:30 – 8:20 am/ Library</b>
<b>Mon., June 15</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony &amp; 5th Grade Ceremony</b>	<b>9:00–11:00 am Promotion Common Room</b>

Your Partners in Education,  
**Mr. Basta, Mrs. DiFederico, Ms. Gale, Mrs. Grau & Mr. O’Neill**

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Throughout the year, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade studies early American history. A major focus of this study has been on the Colonial and Revolutionary time periods. This letter is to make you aware of a related field trip that we will be taking to West Point Military Academy & Boscobel Restoration – both on the Hudson River in New York.

On Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, all fifth graders will be traveling to New York for the day on two double-decker coach buses. The buses will split for our tours and meet up for lunch (then each bus will take the remaining tour). **We will arrive back at school after regular dismissal, probably close to 4:00 pm.** For this trip, we ask that each student bring a healthy snack for the bus ride and a “brown bag” lunch (non-perishable). **Electronic devices other than cameras are PROHIBITED from this trip.**

At West Point, we will experience the West Point Story tour. This tour is a combined bus and walking tour with a guide on our bus, which tells the story of West Point, its role in the Revolution, its famous history, along with stories about graduates who shaped our nation. The tour will bring the long gray line to the present as we learn of the cadet experience and West Point’s continuing role in training the leaders of tomorrow.

Boscobel House was originally built from 1804-1808. The project was conceived and initiated by States Morris Dyckman, a Loyalist, who made his fortune working for British quartermasters during the Revolutionary War. States died in 1806 with only the foundation for Boscobel in place. The project was completed by his wife, Elizabeth Corne Dyckman, who lived in the house until her death in 1823. The house is a fine example of period architecture. Currently, Boscobel is home to one of the nation’s leading collections of furniture and decorative arts from the Federal period. At Boscobel, we will rotate in small groups through 3 programs: Mansion Tour, Nature and Landscape, and Now & Long Ago.

Two volunteers have already been identified as chaperones for each class. Please note that, unfortunately, we cannot take in excess of two chaperones per class due to bus space limitations. The PTO has generously funded this trip entirely, so no payment is due.

Due to the fact that we will be arriving back at Hindley after regular dismissal time, **it is necessary that you make arrangements to either pick up your child personally or arrange to have your child go home with another adult (Children may NOT walk home).** Either way, we need to know how your child will be going home from Hindley on the evening of this trip, so please be sure to fill out the form below and return it as part of the PTO End of Year packet to the Office by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

We look forward to your child’s participation in this enriching event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call one of us.

Your Partners in Education,  
**Mr. Basta, Mrs. DiFederico, Ms. Gale, Mrs. Grau & Mr. O’Neill**

**FIFTH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO NEW YORK – TUESDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2015**

Please return this slip no later than Friday, April 10

On the afternoon of Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, my child will go home from Hindley School in the following manner (please check and complete one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I will personally pick up my child, \_\_\_\_\_, from Hindley at approximately 4:00 pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child, \_\_\_\_\_, will be picked up from Hindley at approximately 4:00 pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child, \_\_\_\_\_, will be unable to attend this field trip.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date