

Dear 5A Families,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a relaxing Memorial Day Weekend.

A few end-of-the-year notes...

- Spring Concert TOMORROW – Students should wear nice clothes and be at school between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm. The show starts @ 6:30 pm!
- We're grateful and impressed with the support of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in our recent "penny drive." We reached 100% participation, so this Thursday will be Free Dress & Popsicles!
- Field Day (Wednesday, June 12th, starting at 12:00 noon) – Volunteers are needed, and this is a really fun event! To volunteer, please contact Bill Sauvage: bsauvage@stlukeshoreline.org.
- The St. Luke Library Used Book Sale will take place this week and next. Our class visits the library on Monday and Wednesday. Books are 25 cents each!
- Please bring in food for the End of the Year Food Drive, which runs through June 7th. We are trying to end the year with strong support of our food bank!
- Progress reports & Green Work Folders were recently sent home with each student. If you haven't already done so, please return the signed envelopes & folders as soon as possible. We'll need them again soon!

The class really enjoyed their Ben & Jerry's ice cream party today. It was a nice treat, and I was so impressed with how polite they were and how grateful they were for this special prize!

ELA – Book projects are due this Thursday, May 30th, and we are looking forward to trying out the games with the whole 5th grade.

We are continuing to write on-demand **paragraphs** and paragraphs that will be edited and revised. Our focus in our writing this week will be on **varied sentence starts and strong conclusions**. We will also have some in-class time to work on the written portion of the "Living Museum" artifact assignment.

In **Math**, students are continuing to work on **adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers**, using Least Common Multiples to find the Least Common Denominator. The Ramos/Boyle math class will have a test this Thursday.

We are continuing with our **IB** unit: **Chemical reactions enable us to make new materials by transforming the ones we have**. In this introduction to chemistry, the question, "Are magic potions real?" guided today's hands-on exploration as the class made predictions about which solutions might make tarnished pennies shiny again and why. Next, we will explore the particulate nature of matter, through activities that respond to the question, "Can we transform something worthless into gold?" followed by learning more about acids, reactions, and the properties of matter through the guiding question, "What would happen if you drank a glass of acid?"

Our Transdisciplinary Theme for this unit is: **How the World Works** - An inquiry into the natural world and its laws and how humans use their understanding of scientific principles.

Our Lines of Inquiry are:

1. Chemical and physical change
2. How humans take advantage of changing materials
3. How do chemical reactions affect our environment?
4. Conservation of matter

We will also be continuing to prepare for our **Living Museum** in early June, our culminating activity for our **Different Perspectives Can Cause Conflict** and **Liberties Come with Responsibilities** units.

In **Religion** and **Second Step**, we will be reviewing the big concepts from this year.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 29th – Spring Concert (Students should wear nice clothes and arrive between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm. The concert starts at 6:30 pm.)
- May 31st – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – For all of you wonderful volunteers!
- June 12th – NEW Date for Field Day
- June 14th – Report Card Day, Last Day of School, End-Of-Year Mass