

Miss Garcia's Class Newsletter

Week of April 29th, 2024

1. Wednesday, May 1st Early Release

This Wednesday, May 1st is an **early release day**. Students will have a **1:00 pm dismissal**. This Wednesday we will have **Day 3 specials**. Click [here](#) to see the six-day schedule for the entire school year.

2. Book Fair on May 7th

On Tuesday, May 7th we will be visiting the Book Fair in the library. Your fifth grader should have brought home a flier with some of the books that will be on sale at the Book Fair. Proceeds from the Book Fair help support our school.

On Tuesday, if your fifth grader wishes to purchase items at the Book Fair, please have them bring money in an envelope or sandwich bag with their name on it.

3. Field Day Thursday - May 2nd

This Thursday, May 2nd is our Field Day. Field day is an all-day event for Fifth Grade. Our class color will be cream (the color of our class shirts).

Fifth graders can wear their class shirt or any cream shirt will be fine, but please no body or face paint - that includes hair.

4. Field Day Tips

- Students should not wear flip-flops, crocs, or sandals.
- No body or face paint (that includes hair).

- It will be sunny and hot on Field Day. Wear clothes that protect you from the sun and keep you cool.
- Apply sunscreen BEFORE coming to school. Students can also bring sunscreen to reapply later in the day if necessary.
- Some of the activities may get the students wet or dirty. Students can bring a change of clothing.
- Bring a water bottle with your fifth grader's full name labeled on it.

5. Work at Home Project

A reminder that the *Genius Hour* project is primarily a home-based project.

While we are working in class to guide students on how to create and present their projects, most of the work in researching and creating the display for their project should be done at home.

6. Project Due Date

Genius Hour projects are due Tuesday, May 14th. They will be on display in the Cafeteria during our 5th Grade *Genius Night* from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm on May 14th.



Our class field day team name is "Armie's Army!" This guy is going to be our class mascot.

7. Genius Hour Status Check Paper

Last Friday, your fifth grader should have brought home a status check paper for your review. On lined-paper they wrote down reminders about the Genius Hour project and noted where they were at on their projects. Please review and sign and return the paper by Wednesday 5/1. Thank you!

8. Genius Hour Project Due Tuesday 5/14

Genius Hour projects are due in two weeks. Students should bring their completed projects to school on Tuesday, May 14th.

9. Stop by to See the Projects!

Our class Genius Hour Projects will be displayed in the cafeteria on Tuesday, 5/14 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. You are invited to stop by and check out the work of our fifth graders - it will be impressive.

10. Problems or Questions about Genius Hour?

If you have any questions or concerns about your fifth grader completing their Genius Hour project by the May 14 due date, please e-mail me at augarcia@pusd11.net.

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter!

Assignments Posted in Canvas

Reminder: For the remainder of the school year, all assignments will be posted on Canvas only.

All assignments posted before 4/15 will still be available on the class website until the end of the school year.

Can't Get into Canvas?

If your fifth grader is using a device other than their school laptop, here's how they can get into Canvas:

1. Go to the district's sign-in page.
<https://launchpad.classlink.com/pusd11?loggedout=1>
2. Click "sign in with Microsoft".
3. Log-in using their student e-mail address
(studentusername@student.pusd11.net) and laptop password.

Checking Grades?

If you are checking your fifth grader's grades, please continue to use ParentVue. Students should use StudentVue. Here's the link to ParentVue:
<https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/209>

Helpful Links!

- Parent Square - I will be using Parent Square to send out most of my communications. If you do not have Parent Square, [click here to get registered](#). Note: to register, you must use the email address or phone number you provided to the school as part of your contact information.
- Class website! - You can find our class website by clicking [here](#) or at <http://bit.ly/garciafifth>
- Logging into ParentVue allows you to check your child's grades 24/7. Here's the link to ParentVue:
<https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/209>
- Email is the best way to reach me. My address is augarcia@pusd11.net