

Transition Times

Spring-Ford Intermediate School

April 2017

Transition Tips

Tips for parents to help with the upcoming change...

- Embrace this change as an exciting new adventure.
- Speak positively about the transition.
- Encourage your child to look forward to making new friends.

Preparing Your 4th Grader for the Transition to the Intermediate School

It is hard to believe that we are about to begin the 4th quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. That means it is time to start thinking about helping our 4th graders get ready for 5th grade. In the coming months, the *Transition Times* will provide you with helpful information and other relevant tips to help ease the transition to the Intermediate School. We look forward to working together to help make this transition a smooth and successful one.

Sincerely,

The SFIS School Counselors & School Nurses

5th Grade Expectations



4 Major Subjects — Your child will have Math, Science, English Language Arts (ELA), and Social Studies each day of the week. Math will be taught in one 80 minute block, Reading and Language Arts will be taught together as an 80 minute block, and Science and Social Studies will both be taught *every day* for 40 minutes each. Regularly logging on to Skyward with your child and checking his/her grades will help you and your son/daughter monitor his/her success in all four subject areas.



Homework — Homework demands change each year as your child gets older. Keep in mind that the 5/6 Center has four major subjects a day and your child may receive homework in each of these subjects. Every student will be given a homework book in which to record his/her daily assignments. Help your child get in the habit of recording assignments in his/her homework book, as well as, getting in the habit of showing you the homework book every night. This way you can help your child if he/she has questions and can be sure assignments are being completed.



Organization — Most children at the Intermediate School use binders or accordion folders to keep organized. Binders usually have one folder for each subject, a homework book, a homework folder, and a place for pencils and erasers.



It is a good idea to color coordinate and label folders for each subject. Also, each teacher will be using "Tuesday Folders" to send home documents, such as tests, assignments, or letters, on a weekly basis. Establishing an organizational plan now (i.e., keeping papers in subject specific folders, writing down assignments in a homework book, helping your child clean out his/her binder or backpack regularly, etc...) will help your child prepare for the increased demands of 5th grade.

SFIS Contact Information

2017-2018 5th Grade School Counselors - Mrs. Alisa Fleisher (A-L) & Miss Melissa Wobensmith (M-Z) - 610-705-6111
6th Grade School Counselors - TBD (A-L) & Mrs. Mari O'Drain (M-Z)
School Nurses - Mrs. Allison Eddinger & Mrs. Christine Robinson - 610-705-6113



Nurses' Notes

Communication is Key!



The Intermediate school has two experienced nurses on Staff. The school nurses serve as liaisons between school personnel, families, community and healthcare providers to advocate for health care and a healthy school environment.

The Intermediate School nurses' office is a busy place; the nurses have over 100 student visits daily! Care for students ranges from managing cuts and scrapes and administering daily medication to diabetic care (including insulin administration), tube feedings and catheterizations, and monitoring concerns of students with severe food allergies. Please contact the nurses' office prior to the end of your child's 4th grade year to discuss any medical concerns you may have for your child in 5th grade. Communication between home and the school nurses is key to a healthy and successful 5th grade year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eddinger, Certified School Nurse &
Mrs. Robinson, School Nurse

Upcoming Transition Events:

- ♦ Mrs. Fleisher and Miss Wobensmith are excited about visiting each Elementary School to give a presentation highlighting aspects of a day in the life of a 5th grader. They will also answer questions about the Intermediate School. It will be a fun and informative presentation that will help to get the students excited about their new school!



Oaks	Limerick	Spring City	Brooke	UPE	Evans	Royersford
May 4th	May 5th	May 8th	May 9th	May 10th	May 11th	May 12th

- ♦ Each 4th grade class will also be visiting the 5/6 Center to meet some of the staff and receive tours of the building on the following days...

May 22 nd	May 23 rd	May 24 th
Royersford & Spring City	Limerick, Oaks & UPE	Brooke & Evans

- ♦ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUR PARENT ORIENTATION AND PARENT TOUR OF THE 5/6 CENTER: **Thursday, June 1st** 7:00 P.M.**
This will be held in the 5/6 CENTER CAFETORIUM — Parents Only Please!

~ A Note from Mrs. Nuneviller ~

We understand that the transition to the 5/6 Center is a big one — for both students and parents. We work hard to make the transition as smooth as possible; however, we cannot accept requests noting a specific teacher name for your child to have when they arrive at the 5/6 Center. There are many variables that go into scheduling over 600 incoming 5th grade students from 7 different elementary buildings and all variables are considered thoughtfully before making placement decisions. Thank you for understanding.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nuneviller, 5/6/7 Principal