

## Important Dates:

- Sept. 1 - Labor Day, No School
- Sept. 3 - PTO fundraiser begins
- Sept. 4 - PTO Open House 5:30 - 7:30pm, classrooms open 6:30-7:30pm
- Sept. 15 - PTO fundraiser ends, orders due

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## Updates

### Welcome Back!

We are excited to start a brand new school year! Hopefully you have had a chance to read through the fifth grade handbook for our policies, procedures, and other important information. If you have questions about anything outlined in the handbook, please contact your child's teacher. Additionally, please make sure you read through the Unity West handbook, which includes information about pick-up and drop-off procedures, cellular phone policies, and other regulations. One item we would like to emphasize is the use of planners. We have the students fill out their planners *everyday*, we expect students to bring them home *everyday*, and have

parents/guardians sign off on them *everyday*. This helps students and parents know what homework needs to be completed when it needs to be completed by. It is also an excellent communication tool.

### Life Skills Training

Deputy Franzen will be delivering the *Life Skills* curriculum to fifth graders Tuesday afternoons beginning September 4. Along with the anti-drug message, he will be discussing important topics, such as bullying, assertiveness, communication, and self-esteem. We encourage parents to discuss these issues with students and ask that you please contact us if you have any questions about any of the topics. This program will

continue through December 16.

### Student Council

Ms. Brown will be the new Student Council leader this year! Elections are planned to be held the second week of September. More information about student council and elections will be coming soon!



## What's Coming Up In September

### Language Arts:

Grammar; sentence types and sentence structure

### Reading:

**6 AR points are due by October 17**

Reading strategies: summarizing, sequencing, cause and effect.

### Science:

Microscope; cells

### Social Studies:

Maps; early Americans

### Math:

Review of basic skills; place-value; multiplying two and three digit numbers

### Art:

Designing sketchbook covers and will begin favorite memory painting project

### PE:

TBA

### Music/Band:

TBA