

August 28, 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians

Good Morning!

I am excited to introduce myself as your child's fifth-grade teacher. My name is Jody Dowler, and I am thrilled to be a part of your child's educational journey. This year will be filled with growth, new challenges, and exciting opportunities. I am committed to creating an engaging and positive learning environment where each child can thrive and reach their full potential.

The 2022/2023 school year is here! This year we are lucky to have four grade five classes with approximately 22 students each. Below is a quick outline of information to help start your child's grade five year.

Agendas

Each student has been assigned an agenda that they are responsible for bringing to and from class each day. The agenda will be used to communicate school events, homework requirements and occasionally information regarding your child specifically. *Please ensure to **check and initial** the agenda each night as new information may be added daily.*

PowerSchool

If you require support with Powerschool, you may contact our school office or look at [this link](#) for support. Please hop onto PowerSchool often to find updated grades and comments. PowerSchool will also be where you will complete all permission forms and payments that pop up throughout the year. **There is currently a Movie Permission Form waiting for your approval under the Forms and Fees tab.**

Homework

I understand that it can be challenging to fit homework into busy family schedules. However, if a student chooses not to use their time wisely the assignment will be sent home to be

completed. There will be occasions in which the students will be assigned a special assignment to complete at home, often requiring parent assistance.

Each student is strongly encouraged to read for at least 30 minutes every night, practice addition, subtraction, division and multiplication basic facts 0-9 weekly, practice weekly spelling words, and study for all quizzes and tests.

Devices

Students are encouraged to bring their own Chromebook, laptop or other device to school (No phones, please). The devices will be sent home daily to be charged. It would be appreciated if the charger came to school each day to allow for the device to be charged during the day if needed. Chromebooks will be available for students that do not bring their own device. They will be sanitized between uses.

Physical Education

Grade five students will attend Phys. Ed two days a week (Days 2 and 4). Students can change their clothes for phys. ed if they choose, please be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities and weather conditions.

Library

Our class will visit the library once a week (Day 1) . Two library books can be checked out on these days. Please take one book home to read in the evenings and leave the other book at school for silent reading during class time.

Lunch

Students are expected to remain in their seats and in the classroom while eating lunch. While packing lunch, please keep in mind that there is no access to a microwave.

Reusable water bottles are strongly encouraged and can remain at the students' desks.

Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker inside the classroom.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me through email at jodylee.dowler@gshare.blackgold.ca. I can also be contacted by phone at the school at 780-986-7888. Please check the school website at www.blackgold.ca for the school newsletter.

Grade five is an exciting year! Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure your child has a successful and memorable school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jody Dowler

Does your child have any medical concerns that the teacher should be aware of? What is the course of action if this situation occurs?

Does your child have any allergies? Please note if your child has environmental or food sensitivities that need to be restricted within the classroom.
