



## Welcome to 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade!

We look forward to having you in our school next year! Below is the school supply list for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, along with information about field trips for next year. On the other side, you can read about the teachers who teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you haven't registered for the 2016-17 school year, please be sure to do so as soon as possible! We strongly encourage you to register online. Go to [my.austinisd.org](http://my.austinisd.org) and click on the Student Registration tile. If you have trouble with the password, please call the front office before June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for assistance.

Students will be assigned to teachers in August just before school starts, and you'll be able to meet your new teacher at our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade School Supplies

*PLEASE DO **NOT** MARK SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME*

36	#2 Pencils, pre-sharpened
1	Package of Erasers, pencil top – no color preference
1	Crayola washable markers – 10 count
1	Crayola colored pencils – 24 count
5	Elmer's glue sticks
1	Fiskars scissors
3	Wide ruled composition notebooks – no color preference
3	Spiral notebooks, wide ruled – no color preference
1	Ruler with inches and centimeters
5	Vinyl/plastic folders with pockets & brads – 1 of each: blue, red, green, yellow, purple
1	Ziploc bags, sandwich size
1	Ziploc bags, gallon size
2	Copy paper
2	Notebook paper, wide ruled
2	3-ring binders, 2" – no color preference, but needs clear front
5	Dividers with pockets
1	Pencil bag
3	Kleenex tissues
1	Hand sanitizer
\$175	Field trip fee – for Camp Champions and other trips
\$5	Technology fee
1	Set of earbuds or headphones

Next year, students will take four field trips. The students will visit the Paramount Theatre, Earth Camp, Pioneer Farms, and Camp Champions (October 26-28, 2016). Total cost for the year will be \$175, which includes entrance fees and transportation costs. Scholarships are available for Camp Champions; info will be sent out soon with more details on that process.



## Say Hello to our 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Teachers!

Come meet them in person, drop off your supplies, and enjoy some ice cream at the Back to School Ice Cream Social on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

<p>SCOTT CARLSON</p>	<p>Mr. Carlson started his teaching career at THES three year ago, and he enjoys helping students explore and learn more about the world around them. His favorite thing about THES is that all of the teachers are passionate about their profession and love working with the students. Some of his favorite places that he's visited include Glacier National Park, the Canyonlands in Utah, Garner State Park, Big Bend National Park, Faro de Bucerias en Mexico, and Tikal in Guatemala. In his spare time, Mr. Carlson loves listening to music, playing soccer, and camping with his wife Annie and their son Samuel. Mr. Carlson wants his students to know that he wants them to be curious about the world so they can discover what interests and excites them so they can explore all the possibilities life has to offer!</p>
<p>HECTOR BUSTILLOS – Dual Language</p>	<p>Originally from Midland, Texas, Mr. Bustillos joined THES in 2015. Prior to coming to Austin, he was a bilingual classroom teacher in Denver. He graduated from Texas State University with a degree in International Studies with a focus on Latin America. During his college years, he volunteered and was trained at CASA of Central Texas to advocate for children and teens. The opportunity to help kids opened up a new world that led him to teaching. For Mr. Bustillos, children are first priority; the moment we begin to neglect our children is the moment we see our nation breakdown. He is a first generation Mexican American. From his parents, he learned valuable lessons around discipline, expectations, goals and belief in oneself, which are all traits he hopes to pass on to students at Travis Heights.</p>
<p>JENNIFER BYRD</p>	<p>Ms. Byrd has been teaching for 10 years, and this next school year will be her third one at THES! Last year she worked with 5<sup>th</sup> graders on reading and language arts, and is looking forward to working with 5<sup>th</sup> graders again this year on all subjects! One of her favorite things about teaching is figuring out what a student needs to be successful and she loves that THES is focusing on project based learning – it really brings out the creativity and critical thinking in her students! Her favorite color is red, and she loves that it's one of our school colors. She received her education at Cal State Northridge and the University of Texas at Austin. This year, she is sending her daughter off to college.</p>
<p>MAUREEN FREEMAN</p>	<p>Ms. Freeman started at THES 19 years ago as a sub before becoming one of our full time faculty members and has been here ever since! She adores her students and enjoys hearing stories about their lives and places they would love to visit. She loves being able to spark an interest in other cultures and countries, and her favorite thing about our program here at THES is the creativity it inspires. For Ms. Freeman, learning should be fun and engaging. She's traveled all over the world including Egypt, Austria, Paris, London, Loch Ness, Australia, and South America. She is an alumna of Texas State University, and when she was younger, she learned how to water ski on trick skis. Her favorite color is blue and she loves pandas!</p>