

## Your Last Months of Fifth Grade at Mabry... Here's What You Need to Know!

Hello fellow parents! Only two short months until our 5<sup>th</sup> graders leave Mabry and become middle school students...unreal! There is a lot happening for the students as they finish up their Mabry career so we have tried to communicate what to expect with this handout. Included is an "at a glance" calendar for reference followed by specifics for each activity / event listed. There is also a general information section with additional information for the remainder of the year.

We have done our best to include most of the information you need to know in this handout. However, if you have additional questions or need clarification on anything, please feel free to e-mail us and we will do our best to get the answers for you.

Thanks so much for all of your help in making this a great year for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

Sincerely,

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### April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter April Fools' Day	2	3 5:30 pm Art & Family Dinner Night (at Mabry)	4	5	6 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture - Please wear 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class T- shirt today!	7
8 Orthodox Easter	9	10	11 Walk to School Wednesday	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20 Relay for Life Robinson H.S.	21
22 Earth Day	23	24 Grade 5: FSA Math Testing Parts 1 & 2		25	26 Grade 5: FSA ELA Testing Parts 1 & 2	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
			Walk to School Wednesday	6 pm Mabry GMM Mabry Cafeteria		Cinco de Mayo
		<b>Grade 5: SSA Testing Parts 1 &amp; 2</b>				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Patrol Picnic (during school day for students in patrols)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day	<b>Biz Town</b> (during school day)	First Day of Ramadan	Rehearsal for Moving Up Ceremony (during school day)	<b>Epcot Field Trip</b> Meet at school at 6:45 am Return at 5 pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day</b> 9:45 am start 12:45 pm end	8:30 am <b>Moving Up Ceremony &amp; Clap Out</b> Mabry Pavilion	<i>Grade level activities and yearbook distribution &amp; signing will happen these days.</i>		<b>Last Day of School</b> 9 am – <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast Social</b> School out at 11:45 am	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Memorial Day					

## Event / Activity Details

### **Biz Town**

**Date:** Monday, May 14

**Time:** 7:00 am – 1:15 p.m. *(students will need to arrive to school by 7 a.m. for this field trip)*

**Location:** 13707 N 22nd St, Tampa, FL 33613, students will get there by bus

**Est time of arrival:** Students will leave from school by bus at 7:15 am and return by 1:15 for early dismissal. *Please make sure that your child is at school by 7 am.*

**Dress code:** Students will be advised by their teachers to dress professional (nice, business-like attire) for this field trip.

**Need to Knows:** Students start working on BizTown in April so there will be a lot of information coming from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. There is no fee for this event. Lunch from McDonalds is also included in this activity; however, your child can bring their own lunch if they prefer.

**Chaperone Information:** Chaperones are limited to 35 total, it is first come, first served – please let your HR teacher know ASAP if you are interested in participating. This is a working field trip with a one-hour training required that morning before students arrive. You will see your child (during breaks, lunch, etc.), however, you will not necessarily be with them all day. Dress is professional, work-casual for chaperones.

## 5th Grade Field Trip - Epcot

**Date:** Thursday, May 17

**Time:** 7:00 a.m., students arrive to school, buses leave at 7:15 a.m. Students arrive back to school at approximately 5:15 p.m.

**Location:** drop off (7 a.m.) and pick up at Mabry. Students spend day at Epcot.

**Dress code:** Comfortable and closed-toe shoes (sneakers preferred), 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shirt, sunscreen, hats if wanted.

**Need to Knows:** A lot of information came from teachers with the permission slip, sent home 3/23/18. \$35 will be due when your permission slip is turned in (DUE BY 4/6/18). All students MUST ride on the bus to Epcot. Small, carry-on coolers are allowed on the bus for snacks and your child will need to bring at least \$20 to eat lunch in the park. Students may bring their phones / camera's, sunscreen, as well as any spending money (no more than \$30) – just make sure that they have a safe, secure way to hold it for the day – chaperones and the school are not be responsible for personal belongings. They can also leave items on the bus (which is secured) while they are in the park. If they bring their iPod, phone, etc., they are allowed ONLY if used with headphones. Students can be “signed out” of school from the park to stay with their parents or they can ride the bus back to school.

**Chaperone Information:** Unlimited number of chaperones for this event, the more chaperones the better – let your child's HR teacher know if you can go. Teachers will assign groups of students to chaperones. Chaperones must drive themselves and will have a designated place (most likely near bathrooms outside entrance to park) to meet students once you get to the park (around 9:15 a.m.). You will need to pay for your own parking and entry in to the park (\$64).

## 5th Grade Field Day

**Date:** Monday, May 21 (*rain date: Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>*)

**Time:** 9:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Location:** Mabry Pavilion & Coleman Field

**Dress Code:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade t-shirts, shorts, comfortable shoes for field games, sunscreen

**Need to Knows:** Students will spend the morning doing fun activities in teams and will have a sweet treat to fuel them. Students will be fed lunch (PDQ, apple slices, and cake) served in the pavilion by volunteers. After lunch there will be a DJ Dance Party in the pavilion followed by a very special guest speaker (Hint: Go Bucs!)

**Volunteer Information:** There will be a sign up genius sent out to volunteer for this activity – many helping hands are needed. Chairs for this event are Kim Strayer (kimberlystrayer@yahoo.com) and Shana Logan (ShanaTLogan@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

**Date:** Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (*rain date: Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*)

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., *make sure that you arrive with plenty of time to find parking, which is typically a challenge for this event. Or better yet, use Uber or Lyft – a great option if you don't want to deal with parking.*

**Location:** Mabry Pavilion

**Dress Code:** Dressed up / nice clothes for ceremony. Students can bring their uniform to change in to after ceremony.

**Need to Knows:** Timeline for the morning: Ceremony will be 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. followed by the clap out from 9:30 - 10 a.m. There will be a reception (mingle and photo ops) with light refreshments at 10 a.m. This event is open to parents, relatives, etc. There will be about 450 seats for guests, first come, first served, but may be standing room only if more than 450 attend. ALL attendees will have to sign in / pre-register to attend the ceremony (with increased security, we are working on an efficient way to

pre-register attendees to ensure everyone is signed in by 8:15 a.m. – communications will come out once we have determined the best way of doing this). A professional photographer will be at the ceremony to capture students being recognized and walking across the stage. There will also be “photo op” banners staged in the pavilion for you to take pictures with your children during the reception. If you choose to sign your child out after the ceremony, please make sure that you do so through the front office – please do not take them off campus without signing them out.

**Volunteer Information:** There will be a team of 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents volunteering so that we can enjoy watching our children during this special event – please thank them if you see them. Chairs for this event are Abbey Brown (abbey.brown22@icloud.com), Simone Reddick (slpreddick@yahoo.com), and Paula Smart (sophia4paula@icloud.com), if you have any questions.

## **5th Grade Breakfast Social**

**Date:** Friday, May 25th

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. \*\*\* *Don't forget – School is released at 11:45 am on the last day!* \*\*\*

**Location:** Mabry Cafeteria

**Dress Code:** GLOW! or 5<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirts

**Need to Knows:** This is a FUN event / party for the students. There will be a DJ dance party, photo booths, snacks, slide show and gifts. It is a great party and a fun way for the kids to celebrate their last day together as elementary school students.

**Volunteer Information:** ONLY volunteers are allowed to go to this event. There will be a sign up genius sent out to volunteer for this activity – if you are not signed up to volunteer, you cannot attend. Chairs for this event are Celeste Perrino (celesteperrino@yahoo.com) and Brandi Seals (brandib@amalie.com) if you have any questions.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Testing**

See dates on calendars, all dates are subject to change. There will be testing make-up dates, your teacher will let you know if your child misses a testing day, however, it is best if they are able to attend school on the actual date of the tests. Important test day reminders:

- Make sure that your child is well rested and is nourished with healthy foods during testing – a healthy breakfast is especially helpful
- Your child can bring snacks (allergy free, individually packaged) and water to have in the class on testing days
- No volunteers / visitors are allowed on campus during testing
- Please do not sign your child out early on testing days – some tests may take place in the afternoon
- Feel free to write a special note to encourage your child on testing dates, you can give it to your child's HR teacher to give to them on the date of the test – or just slip it in their backpack, lunchbox, etc.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

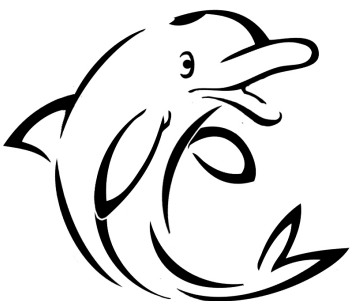
- Some items on the included calendar are not specifically 5th grade events, but are there as a FYI of school-wide events. These events include: Family Art Show & Dinner Night, Relay for Life, Walk to School Days, and the Mabry PTA GMM (General Membership Meeting). Information on all these events will come through the usual Mabry channels (mabrypta.org, Mabry PTA Facebook page, text messages, flyers, etc.)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture** – (April 6<sup>th</sup>, backup rain date April 13<sup>th</sup>) This is a group shot that we are taking of the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. **PLEASE make sure that your child is wearing their**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade t-shirt these days.** Copies of this picture will be on a thumb drive that your child will receive at the end of the year.

- **Patrol Picnic** - this event is for 5<sup>th</sup> graders who have served as safety patrol guards this year. Coach Broff will be taking these students by bus to a countywide patrol picnic on May 11<sup>th</sup>. There are a lot of outdoor activities so please make sure that your child wears sneakers and comfortable clothes as well as sunscreen. Chaperones are not needed.
- If your child did not attend Mabry for Kindergarten please make sure that you have sent a **KG picture** of them in to Mr. Sullivan ASAP if you have not done so already. This picture is needed for both the yearbook and for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade slideshow that our Dolphin Designers are working on.
- **Black & White candid photos of 5<sup>th</sup> graders** – for those who have purchased the 8” x 10” b&w photos of your child for the last five years of auctions.... Kellie Hero-Messano has graciously volunteered to come in and capture our 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their final year. These photos will be available on a thumb drive that your child will get at the end of the year. Make sure that you take a look – you can print out a copy to finish out your elementary school collection if you want.
- **#mabryclassof18 – Class Hash tag.** With the many events and activities planned for the end of the year we thought it might be fun to coordinate a hash tag for everyone to use on social media. If you take fun pictures of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders at any of the following school events – Talent Show, BizTown, Epcot, Field Day, Moving Up Ceremony, or the Breakfast Social – tag your photo(s) with **#mabryclassof18**. If your child plans on posting on social media with this hash tag, please remind them that the pictures need to be appropriate for others to view (you can always use the “only post things that you are ok with your grandparents seeing” rule). They should also make sure that their friends are ok with them posting the pictures.
- **Coleman Middle School orientation / “Cobra Camp”** – Rather than visiting Coleman during the school year, there will be a Cobra Camp this summer. The date and details have not been determined and communicated to us yet, however, once it has, we will make sure that the information is sent out to everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to absorb all of this information – it is a lot. A HUGE thank you too all of the teachers and volunteers who have worked so hard to plan these great events and activities for our Mabry 5<sup>th</sup> Graders as they finish off their elementary school career.

If you have any additional questions you can ask your child’s homeroom teacher or feel free to contact either Heather DePalma or Melissa Henderson.



**THANK YOU  
MABRY DOLPHIN FAMILIES!**

